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‘Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz’ Records Participation of 28,876 Citizens

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 The online ‘Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz’ has witnessed an encouraging response, with total participation reaching 28,876 citizens as of November 13, 2026. The growing participation reflects increasing public engagement, particularly among young people, in the collective endeavour of building a drug-free India.

The quiz was launched on October 26, 2026, by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA). The initiative aims to promote awareness about the harmful effects of substance use and encourage citizens, especially



youth, to actively contribute towards creating a Nasha Mukt Bharat.

MY Bharat Quiz QR

A Senior Official in the Ministry said the quiz is being conducted from October 26 to November 25, 2026, and remains open to all citizens.

He said that interested participants can access the quiz through the MY Bharat portal and take part in this nationwide awareness initiative.

The Official said the interested citizens may click at the participation Link https://mybharat.gov.in/quizzes/yuva/detail/Url9dIlwCinQVSf8lwPB9w/

CBDT actively implements Special Campaign 6 for swachhata and administrative efficiency

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, achieved significant results under the Special Campaign 6.

Conducted across all field formations of the Income Tax Department, the campaign focused on institutionalizing Swachhata, streamlining record management and ensuring disposal of pending matters, in accordance with the guidelines of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) and as a continuation of the successful campaigns undertaken since 2021.

During Special Campaign 6, the Income Tax Department achieved remarkable progress across all key





parameters. Through systematic weeding out and space optimisation initiatives, the CBDT freed up 1.54 lakh sq. ft. of office space and earned revenue of ₹ 36.9 lakh from sale of scrap and obsolete materials. In the area of records management, more than 90,000 physical files were weeded out, while more than 24,000 e-files were closed. Cleanliness campaigns were conducted across all Income tax offices across India and also in various public places reinforcing Department’s commitment to cleanliness and sustainability.

From Safer Working Conditions to Improved Livelihood: A NAMASTE Success Story from Puducherry

PUDUCHERRY – 14 Nov, 2026 The journey of Ramasamy (name changed), a 56-year-old sanitation worker belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) community, employed with Oulgaret Municipality in Puducherry, reflects the role of targeted interventions in addressing occupational risks and improving the livelihoods of sanitation workers.

Through the NAMASTE Scheme, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment continues to promote safer working conditions, social security and dignified livelihoods, contributing to a more inclusive, sustainable and mechanised sanitation ecosystem.

Ensuring safe working conditions, occupational health and dignified livelihoods for sanitation workers, is an important step towards building an inclusive and sustainable sanitation ecosystem.

The National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)



Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment seeks to strengthen the safety, dignity and socio-economic well-being of sanitation workers through access to protective equipment, safety training and institutional support.

For several years, Ramasamy worked as a sewer and septic tank cleaner, often without adequate personal protective equipment (PPE), exposing himself to occupational hazards and associated health risks.

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda reviews institutional progress of Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), Najafgarh

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda reviews institutional progress of Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), Najafgarh.

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda today reviewed the institutional progress and development of the Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), Najafgarh, New Delhi, under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

During the review, the Minister was apprised of the progress made by the institution across hospital and patient



care services, diagnostic and support facilities, human resources, academic infrastructure, quality assurance and community-based healthcare delivery.

INDIAN DEFENCE FORCES CONTINGENT DEPARTS FOR INDIA–SRI LANKA JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE ‘MITRA SHAKTI 2026’

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 A 170-member Indian Defence Forces contingent departed today for Sri Lanka, to participate in the 12 th edition of India–Sri Lanka joint military exercise ‘MITRA SHAKTI 2026’. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted at the Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka, from 13 to 26 November 2026. The Indian contingent is drawn mainly from a battalion of the Rajputana Rifles, along with troops from other arms and services, and personnel from the Indian Air Force.

The exercise aims to enhance joint military capability of both armies to undertake Counter Terrorism operations in a semi-urban environment under a United Nations mandate.

Exercise ‘MITRA SHAKTI’ is an annual bilateral military exercise conducted alternately in India and Sri Lanka. The exercise provides an important platform for both armies to strengthen interoperability, exchange operational experiences and share best practices in the conduct of Counter Terrorism operations, while promoting mutual understanding and professional camaraderie.

The 14-day exercise will focus on enhancing physical fitness, refining tactical drills and improving coordination between the participating



contingents. The training programme will encompass joint planning, rehearsing tactical operations and specialised combat skills including road block operations, urban patrolling, vehicle convoy protection, area ambush, crowd dispersal and combined arms operations against fortified positions. The exercise will culminate in a comprehensive validation exercise, enabling both contingents to jointly apply the tactics, techniques and procedures practiced during the training.

Exercise ‘MITRA SHAKTI 2026’ will further strengthen defence cooperation between India and Sri Lanka, reinforce the longstanding bonds of friendship and mutual trust between the two nations and contribute towards regional peace, stability and security.

Nishant / Ashish

Ministry of Railways Observes Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas with Floral Tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 The Ministry of Railways observed Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas today by lighting ceremonial lamps and paying floral tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the great tribal freedom fighter and revered national hero at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi.

The dignitaries paid their heartfelt tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda and recalled his extraordinary contribution to India's freedom struggle and his courageous resistance against British colonial rule. They also remembered his unwavering commitment to safeguarding the rights, dignity and welfare of tribal communities.

The observance of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas serves as a reminder of the invaluable contributions of tribal freedom fighters and reinforces the spirit of national pride, unity and respect

for India's rich tribal heritage.

The programme concluded with a collective tribute to the ideals, courage and enduring legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

The ceremony was attended by Member (TRS), Member (Finance) and Member (Infra) of the Railway Board. Director Generals (DGs), Secretary, Railway Board, and other senior officers and staff of the Ministry of Railways were also present on the occasion.

Dharmendra Tewari/Dr Nayan Solanki/Manik Sharma

Sachin Tendulkar Joins Recykal's Mission to Drive Behavioural Change



CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 Towards Responsible Waste Management for a Billion People

Recykal, India's leading technology platform for waste management and circular economy, announces cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar joining as a strategic investor, reinforcing its mission to make responsible waste behaviour a national habit.

The association brings together one of India's most trusted sporting icons and the country's pioneering circular economy platform around a shared belief: that India's waste challenge is, at its core, a challenge of behavioural change. The association comes as an extension of Recykal's recently closed USD 23 million bridge round, and together, they aim to inspire a nationwide shift in how Indians think about waste, encouraging every citizen to see it not as something to discard, but as a valuable resource that can be recovered, returned and given a second life.

Talking about the association, Sachin Tendulkar, strategic investor, Recykal, said, "Throughout my career, I've learnt that lasting success is built on discipline and consistent efforts, however big or small. The same is true for building a cleaner India. What drew me to Recykal was seeing how technology was being used to solve an everyday problem. Recykal's mission to use technology to drive behavioural change across 1 billion people is what really connected with me, and I hope together we can encourage more people to make responsible choices every day."

As the strategic investor, Tendulkar will help champion a nationwide movement to make responsible waste behaviour an everyday habit, carrying forward the spirit of Swachh Bharat into its next chapter. With the association with Tendulkar, Recykal aspires to make returning waste, recycling responsibly and participating in the circular economy second nature for every Indian.

Speaking on the partnership, Abhay Deshpande, CEO & Co-Founder, Recykal, said, "Recykal was built on a simple conviction that the circular economy is fundamentally a technology problem. Deposit Return Systems are perhaps the clearest expression of this thesis, bringing together technology, logistics and behavioural change to transform how packaging waste is recovered. To have Sachin join us as a strategic investor is incredibly meaningful. For decades, he has inspired millions of Indians through his discipline, integrity and ability to unite people around a common purpose. Together, we hope to inspire a movement where doing the right thing for the environment becomes an everyday habit."



Rahul Akerkar, Simi Garewal and Vishal Bhardwaj Grace the Line-up for Vedanta Presents Jaipur Literature Festival's Landmark 20th Edition

JAIPUR – 14 Nov, 2026 Renowned restaurateur Rahul Akerkar, iconic actor and television personality Simi Garewal, and acclaimed filmmaker Vishal Bhardwaj are among the prominent names set to grace the line-up of the landmark 20th edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival, presented by Vedanta. Joining them are several distinguished voices from Mumbai, including poet and cultural theorist Ranjit Hoskote, celebrated singer Rekha Bharadwaj, author Jeet Thayil, actor Joy Sengupta, author and podcaster Shunali Khullar Shroff, Isheeta Ganguly, Namita Dubey, Mazda Turel, Kiran Manral, and Hindi author and storyteller Divya Prakash Dubey.

Celebrating two decades of bringing the world together through literature, ideas and dialogue, the Jaipur Literature Festival, presented by Vedanta, hosted a special preview of its landmark 20th edition at The Quorum, Mumbai. The evening brought together members of the literary, cultural and media fraternity for a glimpse into the forthcoming edition, scheduled to take place from 14-18 January 2027 at Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur.

Over the past 20 years, the Jaipur Literature Festival has evolved from a literary gathering into one of the world's most celebrated international literary festivals, creating a vibrant meeting ground for writers, thinkers, artists, policymakers and readers from across the globe. Rooted in the belief that literature and ideas should be accessible to all, the festival has consistently championed an open and democratic space for dialogue, discovery and the exchange of perspectives. Its journey has been defined by its ability to bring diverse voices, languages, disciplines and cultures together, fostering meaningful conversations that transcend geographical and intellectual boundaries.

From Nobel laureates, Booker and Pulitzer Prize winners to emerging writers, poets, historians, scientists and public intellectuals, the Jaipur Literature Festival has welcomed an extraordinary spectrum of voices over the years. Beyond celebrating literary excellence, it has expanded the scope of cultural discourse, engaging audiences with conversations spanning history, politics, science, philosophy, art, cinema, technology, climate and contemporary society. Its growing international presence and enduring engagement with readers have helped establish the festival as an important platform for global literary and cultural exchange.

The evening opened with a series of audio-visual presentations showcasing the journey and diverse cultural initiatives of Teamwork Arts, including the Jaipur Literature Festival, Jaipur BookMark, Jaipur Music Stage and TWA Voyage. A special presentation by The Quorum, the venue partner for the evening, was followed by remarks from Saloni Puri, Director of Programming at The Quorum, who welcomed the gathering.

Speaking at the preview, Sanjoy K. Roy, Managing Director of Teamwork Arts and Producer of the Jaipur Literature Festival, reflected on the festival's remarkable journey over two decades and its evolution into a global platform for literature, ideas and cultural exchange. He said, "Since its inception, the Jaipur Literature Festival has welcomed over 5 million visitors and brought together more than 8,000 writers, speakers and artists, reaching an estimated global audience of over 1 billion. What began as a gathering in Jaipur has grown into a global platform for literature, ideas and cultural exchange. As we mark our 20th edition, we remain committed to making literature and knowledge accessible to all and bringing diverse voices together."

The preview also highlighted the festival's Friend of the Festival initiative, offering audiences an opportunity to engage more closely with the Jaipur Literature Festival through exclusive packages and special experiences.

A special highlight of the evening was the launch of bestselling author Ashwin Sanghi's latest book, The Blind Fury. The book was unveiled in the presence of Ashwin Sanghi, author and podcaster Shunali Khullar Shroff, Sanjoy K. Roy and Saloni Puri.

The launch was followed by a literary conversation titled The Art of the Whodunnit, featuring Ashwin Sanghi in conversation with Shunali Khullar Shroff. The session explored the craft of crime writing, the art of building suspense and the enduring appeal of mystery narratives. Drawing on The Blind Fury, which follows a retired Mumbai police officer investigating a series of ritualistic murders, the discussion offered audiences an insight into the storytelling, research and inspiration behind the book, followed by an engaging interaction with the audience.



The Mumbai preview offered a glimpse into the celebrations planned for the landmark 20th edition, inviting readers, writers, students and cultural enthusiasts to join the Jaipur Literature Festival in commemorating two decades of literary excellence, cultural exchange and conversations that continue to shape the way we understand the world.

The forthcoming edition will feature an extraordinary mix of international and Indian voices, bringing together Nobel, Booker and Pulitzer laureates, celebrated writers, historians, economists, journalists, artists and thought leaders from across disciplines. The line-up includes acclaimed names such as Olga Tokarczuk, Sudha Murty, James Wood, Esther Duflo, Neil MacGregor, Claire Messud, Sir Paul Nurse, Akshata Murty and Mishal Husain, alongside an exciting range of distinguished voices. These include Pulitzer Prize-winning author Liaquat Ahamed; Edmund Richardson, winner of the 2026 Baillie Gifford Prize for his book Alexander: God, King, Man; Antonia Senior, finalist for the 2026 Orwell Prize for Political Writing; acclaimed Guardian culture writer Charlotte Higgins; Amitabh Kant, former G20 Sherpa and CEO of NITI Aayog; economist Michael Greenstone of the University of Chicago; and award-winning Bloomberg Businessweek journalist and author Matthew Campbell. The line-up also features internationally recognised chef Asma Khan, Chef Patron of Dubai's three-Michelin-starred Trèsind Studio Himanshu Saini, acclaimed Australian author Anita Heiss, poet and essayist Tishani Doshi, and award-winning writer and screenwriter Raam Mori, among others.

The 20th edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival, presented by Vedanta, will take place from 14–18 January 2027 at Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur. For programme updates and festival information, visit www.jaipurliteraturefestival.org.

Special Trains for Khanda Shasti Festival

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 Southern Railway has notified the following Special Trains to clear the extra rush of passengers during Khanda Shasti festival at Tiruchendur, as detailed below:

1. Train No. 06007 Chennai Egmore – Tiruchendur One-Way Superfast Special:

Train No. 06007 Chennai Egmore – Tiruchendur One-Way Superfast Special will leave Chennai Egmore at 16.10 hrs on 14th November, 2026 (Saturday) and reach Tiruchendur at 04.00 hrs, the next day (1 Service)

Coach Composition: 8 – AC Three Tier Coaches, 7 – AC Three Tier Economy Coaches, 3 – Sleeper Class Coaches & 2 - Luggage-cum-Brake Van

The details of stoppages of Train No. 06007 Chennai Egmore – Tiruchendur One-Way Superfast Special are as follows (Timings in hours):

Advance Reservation for the above Special Train opens at 18.00 hrs of 13.11.2026 (today)

2. Train No. 06008 Tiruchendur – Chennai Egmore One-Way Express Special:

Train No. 06008 Tiruchendur – Chennai Egmore One-Way Express Special will leave Tiruchendur at 22.30 hrs on 15th November, 2026 (Sunday) and reach Chennai Egmore at 12.00 hrs, the next day (1 Service)

Coach Composition: 8 – AC Three Tier Coaches, 7 – AC Three Tier Economy Coaches, 3 – Sleeper Class Coaches & 2 - Luggage-cum-Brake Van.

The details of stoppages of Train No. 06008 Tiruchendur – Chennai Egmore One-Way Express Special are as follows (Timings in hours):

Advance Reservation for the above Special Train opens at 8.00 hrs of 14.11.2026 (tomorrow)

3. Train No. 06010/06009 Tirunelveli – Tambaram – Tirunelveli Superfast Specials:

Train No. 06010 Tirunelveli – Tambaram Superfast Special will leave Tirunelveli at 23.00 hrs on 15th November, 2026 (Sunday) and reach Tambaram at 09.55 hrs, the next day (1 Service)

In return direction, Train No. 06009 Tambaram – Tirunelveli Superfast Special will leave Tambaram at 12.45 hrs on 16th November, 2026 (Monday) and reach Tirunelveli at 23.40 hrs, the same day (1 Service)

Coach Composition: 2 – AC Two Tier Coaches, 6 – AC Three Tier Coaches, 1 – AC Three Tier Economy Coach, 7 – Sleeper Class Coaches, 4 – General Second Class Coaches, 1 – Second Class Coach (Divyangjan Friendly) & 1 - Luggage-cum-Brake Van

The details of timings and stoppages of Train No. 06010/06009 Tirunelveli – Tambaram – Tirunelveli Superfast Specials are as follows (Timings in hours):

Advance Reservation for the above Special Trains opens at 8.00 hrs of 14.11.2026 (tomorrow)

Please Note:

☐ Bookings for Train No.06007 Chennai Egmore – Tiruchendur Special opens at 18.00 hrs on 13.11.2026 (today)

☐ Bookings for Train No 06008 Tiruchendur-Chennai Egmore Special, Train No.06010 Tirunelveli – Tambaram Special and Train No. 06009 Tambaram-Tirunelveli Special opens at 08.00 hrs of 14.11.2026 (tomorrow)

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SRMIST Chess Women's Team won the Bronze Medal at the South Zone Inter-University Chess Women's Tournament, organized by Woxsen University, Hyderabad, from 9th to 12th November

HYDERABAD – 14 Nov, 2026 SRMIST Chess Women's Team won the Bronze Medal at the South Zone Inter-University Chess Women's Tournament, organized by Woxsen University, Hyderabad, from 9th to 12th November 2026.

With this remarkable achievement, the team has qualified for the All India Inter-University Chess Women's Tournament, which will be organized by ICFAI University, Jaipur, from 21st to 24th December 2026.

SRMIST WOMEN'S PLAYERS LIST:

☐ M.DIVYA BHARTI (I-M.SC YOGA)

☐ POORNA SRI M.K (I-MBA)

☐ PRANAVA SRI.S (II-B. TECH)

☐ PADMINI.S (II-B. TECH)

☐ C.N. SWAPNA (IV-B.SC)

☐ YASH JYOTHI BIR (I-B.SC)

Coach - Natarajan

Manager - Dr. M. Senthilkumar

Final Standings:

Winners: Madras University Runners: KLEF University



Third Place: SRMIST Fourth Place: Bharathiar University

A total of 68 Teams Participated in the Tournament

All four top teams have qualified for the All India Inter-University Chess Women's Tournament, which will be organized by ICFAI University, Jaipur, from 21st to 24th December 2026.

Fairfax COO says IDBI has potential to be finest universal Indian bank with global reach

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 Fairfax Financial Holdings' Rs 52,878-crore acquisition of IDBI Bank, clinched with an offer that beat the government's independent valuation benchmark, is set to pave the way for the Canadian investor to transform the lender into a diversified financial services powerhouse spanning banking, insurance, investment banking and wealth management, sources said.

Fairfax, led by billionaire investor Prem Watsa, offered Rs 81 per share of a 60.72 per cent controlling stake against the government's benchmark valuation of Rs 75.99, in a global competitive bidding process, people with knowledge of the matter said.

The offer price represented a 56 per cent premium to IDBI Bank's regulatory book value of Rs 51.85 per share as of March 31, 2026, excluding revaluation reserves and deferred tax assets. It was also about 15 per cent higher than the bank's closing price of Rs 70.38 on May 18, the last trading day before final offers were invited, they said.

IDBI Bank shares on the stock market have, since the announcement of the bid, traded lower than the offer price as it moved towards the bank's fundamental value as uncertainty surrounding the disinvestment eased, they added.

The disinvestment, people said, followed a global, transparent and competitive bidding process conducted by the government through its transaction adviser. All prospective bidders underwent a fit-and-proper assessment by the Reserve Bank of India, followed by detailed due diligence for those who qualified.

The policy framework for IDBI Bank's disinvestment was outlined in the Union Budgets for 2016-17 and 2021-22, with the formal sale process commencing in October 2022. The move followed a prolonged period of financial stress at the lender, which remained under the RBI's Prompt Corrective Action framework from May 2017 to March 2021 and required repeated capital infusions from the government and LIC.

Kauvery Hospital and Airport Authority of India Organise Walkathon Ahead of World Diabetes Day

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 Kauvery Hospital, in collaboration with the Airport Authority of India (AAI), organised a walkathon at Chennai Airport ahead of World Diabetes Day, promoting the importance of an active lifestyle and regular physical activity in preventing and managing diabetes.

The walkathon was attended by Pallavaram MLA Kamakshi, Dr. Clive Fernandes, Director – Medical Services, Kauvery Hospital; Dr. Baraneedharan, Diabetologist, Kauvery Hospital, Alwarpet; Dr Rameez Raja Endocrinologist Kauvery Hospital Radial Road and Aruna Ayyalasomayajula DGM – Operations, Airport Authority of India,Md Tarique Jawed Rizwi, Assistant Commandant along with participants who came together to spread awareness about diabetes prevention and healthy living.



This Festive Season, Nissan Makes CNG Mobility More Accessible

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 26: This festive season, Nissan Motor India Private Limited (NMIPL) is offering families more choice for their everyday journeys by providing CNG retrofitment at no additional cost on select variants of the Magnite and GRAVITE. The limited-period offer makes the choice of CNG more accessible to families.

Under the offer, customers can receive CNG retrofitment valued at INR 74,999 on select variants of the Magnite and INR 85,999 on the GRAVITE.

Government-approved retrofitment kits include a third-party warranty of 3 years/1,00,000 km, in addition to the standard product warranty.

The Nissan GRAVITE features a segment-first smart twin-cylinder CNG solution (2 x 25 litres), designed to retain its full 7-seater flexibility and everyday usability.

The offer is available until 16 November 2026 on eligible non-turbo variants of the Nissan Magnite (excluding VISIA MT, VISIA EZ-SHIFT and VISIA+ MT) and eligible TEKNA variants of the Nissan GRAVITE.

The offer reflects Nissan's focus on making practical and economical mobility more accessible to Indian families. For the Nissan GRAVITE, this idea is reflected in the launch film, which celebrates the many strands of India's cultural fabric brought together through family and shared journeys. The film is available on Nissan India's YouTube channel: Presenting the All-New NISSAN GRAVITE



Sabari Special Trains

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 South Central Railway has notified the following special trains to clear the extra rush of passengers during the Sabarimala season as detailed below:

1. Train No. 07189/07190 Nanded – Kollam – Charlapalli Express Specials:

Train No. 07189 Nanded – Kollam Express Special will leave Nanded at 17.15 hrs on Sunday, 15th November, 2026 and reach Kollam at 07.55 hrs on Tuesday (1 Service)

In return direction, Train No. 07190 Kollam – Charlapalli Express Special will leave Kollam at 10.55 hrs on Tuesday, 17th November, 2026 and reach Charlapalli at 19.00 hrs on Wednesday (1 Service)

Coach Composition: 2 – AC First Class cum AC Two Tier Coaches, 1 – AC Three Tier Coach, 17 – Sleeper Class Coaches, 2 – General Second Class Coaches & 2 – Luggage cum Brake Vans

2. Train No. 07193/07194 Hyderabad – Kollam – Hyderabad Weekly Express Specials:

Train No. 07193 Hyderabad – Kollam Weekly Express Special will leave Hyderabad at 23.10 hrs on Saturdays from 5th December, 2026 to 26th December, 2026 and reach Kollam at 07.15 hrs on Mondays (4 Services)

In return direction, Train No. 07194 Kollam – Hyderabad Weekly Express Special will leave Kollam at 10.55 hrs on Mondays from 7th December, 2026 to 28th December, 2026 and reach Hyderabad at 18.30 hrs on Tuesdays (4 Services)

Coach Composition: 2 – AC Two Tier Coaches, 8 – AC Three Tier Coaches, 6 – Sleeper Class Coaches, 4 – General Second Class Coaches, 1 – Second Class Coach (Divyangjan Friendly) & 1 – Luggage-cum-Brake Van

3. Train No. 07180/07181 Charlapalli – Kollam – Charlapalli Express Specials:

Train No. 07180 Charlapalli – Kollam Express Special will leave Charlapalli at 23.45 hrs on Fridays from 20th November, 2026 to 25th December, 2026 and reach Kollam at 07.55 hrs on Sundays (6 Services)

In return direction, Train No. 07181 Kollam – Charlapalli Express Special will leave Kollam at 10.40 hrs on Sundays from 22nd November, 2026 to 27th December, 2026 and reach Charlapalli at 19.00 hrs on Mondays (6 Services)

Coach Composition: 3 – AC Two Tier Coaches, 5 – AC Three Tier Coaches, 10 – Sleeper Class Coach, 4 – General Second Class Coaches & 2 – Luggage cum Brake Vans

4. Train No. 07195/07196 Charlapalli – Kollam – Charlapalli Weekly Express Specials:

Train No. 07195 Charlapalli – Kollam Weekly Express Special will leave Charlapalli at 23.45 hrs on Sundays from 22nd November, 2026 to 17th January, 2027 and reach Kollam at 07.55 hrs on Tuesdays (9 Services)

In return direction, Train No. 07196 Kollam – Charlapalli Weekly Express Special will leave Kollam at 10.55 hrs on Tuesdays from 24th November, 2026 to 19th January, 2027 and reach Charlapalli at 19.00 hrs on Wednesdays (9 Services)

Coach Composition: 17 – AC Three Tier Coaches, 3 – AC 2 Tier-cum-3 –Tier coach, 1 – AC First Class cum AC Two Tier Coach & 2 – Luggage cum Brake Vans

5. Train No. 07197/07198 Charlapalli – Kollam – Charlapalli Weekly Express Specials:

Train No. 07197 Charlapalli – Kollam Weekly Express Special will leave Charlapalli at 23.45 hrs on Wednesdays from 30th December, 2026 to 13th January, 2027 and reach Kollam at 07.55 hrs on Fridays (3 Services)

In return direction, Train No. 07198 Kollam – Charlapalli Weekly Express Special will leave Kollam at 10.55 hrs on Fridays from 1st January, 2027 to 15th January, 2027 and reach Charlapalli at 19.00 hrs on Saturdays (3 Services)

Coach Composition: 3 – AC Two Tier Coaches, 5 – AC Three Tier Coaches, 10 – Sleeper Class Coach

4 – General Second Class Coaches & 2 – Luggage cum Brake Vans

6. Train No. 07199/07200 Charlapalli – Kollam – Charlapalli Express Specials:

Train No. 07199 Charlapalli – Kollam Express Special will leave Charlapalli at 22.40 hrs on Wednesdays from 30th December, 2026 to 13th January, 2027 and reach Kollam at 07.55 hrs on Fridays (3 Services)

In return direction, Train No. 07200 Kollam – Charlapalli Express Special will leave Kollam at 10.55 hrs on Fridays from 1st January, 2027 to 15th January, 2027 and reach Charlapalli at 19.00 hrs on Saturdays (3 Services)

Coach Composition: 3 – AC Two Tier Coaches, 5 – AC Three Tier Coaches, 10 – Sleeper Class Coach,

4 – General Second Class Coaches & 2 – Luggage cum Brake Vans

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Beyond the Claim: Why Your Health Insurance Is Useful Before You Need a Hospital

By Krishnan Ramachandran, Member of the Executive Committee, GI Council and MD & CEO at Niva Bupa

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026: For a lot of people, health insurance only comes to mind once something has already gone wrong, whether it is a hospital admission, a surgery, a sudden diagnosis or a hefty medical bill. That is the moment the policy papers are pulled out and the insurer gets a call.

If this is the only time you pay attention to your cover, though, you could be overlooking benefits that are useful well before any such event.

At its core, health insurance continues to be about financial protection when medical treatment is needed. That remains unchanged. The difference today is that many policies may also offer services that can be used even when there is no hospital stay or claim involved.

Depending on the policy you hold, these could include annual health check-ups, teleconsultations, wellness programmes, fitness-linked benefits or support for those managing chronic conditions. Not all policies carry every one of these, and the terms vary. But where such benefits exist, they give policyholders one more reason to engage with their cover through the year, and not just in an emergency.

The first step is a simple one: understand what your policy actually provides.

At the time of purchase, it is natural for most buyers to concentrate on the premium, the sum insured and the hospital network. Preventive and wellness benefits often get much less attention. After the policy has been bought, it is worth going back to it to see what is on offer, how frequently it can be used and whether any conditions apply.

Consider the annual health check-up. A benefit that is never used delivers little value. A teleconsultation can be handy when you need medical advice but may not need to go to a hospital. People living with diabetes or hypertension may also benefit from regular monitoring or health-management support to keep track of their condition.

Technology has made some of these services easier to reach. Through mobile apps and digital healthcare platforms, consumers may be able to book consultations, access health assessments, get reminders or use wellness services without leaving home.

This convenience can make a real difference for a working professional or a family balancing several responsibilities. At the same time, one should not assume that every service shown on an app automatically forms part of the insurance cover. Consumers still need to know what their specific policy includes.

It is also worth taking a fresh look at your policy every so often.

A plan that was right for you several years ago may not fit as well today, because your circumstances may have changed. You may be older, your family may have grown, or your health needs may be different. Existing medical conditions and lifestyle habits can change too.

A periodic review answers one straightforward question: is my current cover still right for me?

This is where the preventive aspect of health insurance comes in. Lifestyle-related health risks are getting much greater attention now, and many conditions benefit from early detection or management. Regular check-ups, timely consultations and closer monitoring of an existing condition may help people stay more alert to changes in their health, instead of waiting until a problem gets more serious.

Insurance can help with this, but the policyholder has a part to play as well.

Purchasing the policy should not mark the last point of contact until a claim comes up. Consumers can review the benefits on offer, make use of the ones relevant to them and check whether their cover continues to meet their needs.

All of this takes nothing away from the fundamental role of health insurance. Sufficient financial protection against medical costs continues to be the foundation. Preventive and wellness services are an extra layer on top of it and should not be mistaken for a replacement for adequate cover.

Viewed this way, the shift from protection towards prevention is not especially complex. It just means engaging more closely with your health insurance before you are faced with a hospital bill.

If your policy includes a health check-up, think about using it. If it offers consultations or support for managing an existing condition, find out how those services work. And every few years, ask yourself whether the cover you chose earlier still matches your healthcare needs today.

Health insurance delivers the most value when people know what they have bought and understand when and how to use it. Financial protection will continue to be its main purpose, but for many consumers, the relationship with their insurer does not have to start at the hospital.

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Ministry of Culture Convenes "Creative India: Collective Possibilities" at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 Ministry of Culture Convenes "Creative India: Collective Possibilities" at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; Invites Partners to Build India's Creative Economy Together.

The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, today organised " Creative India: Collective Possibilities ", a conference on collaborative models for India's creative economy, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Inaugurated by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Culture, the Conclave brought together representatives of the Central and State Governments, the Ministry's institutions, industry, philanthropy, the creative community and international partners, to explore how India's cultural wealth can contribute more fully to growth, livelihoods and India's place in the world.

" The creative power of India is its real power," said Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. "Ours is

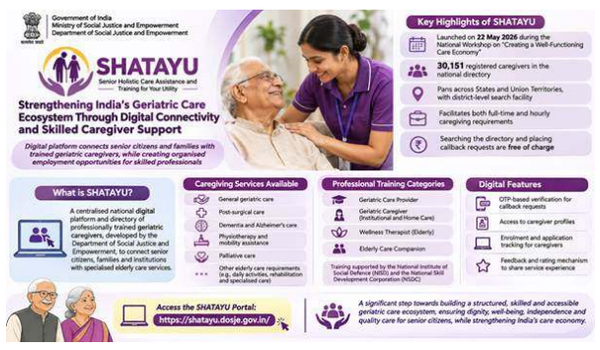


a living civilisation, whose creativity belongs to every region and every generation. As the world turns to an economy of ideas and imagination, our task is to connect this talent with opportunity, so that India's culture becomes a foundation of its prosperity and of its voice in the world."

Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility (SHATAYU)

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 The Ministry of Social Justice And Empowerment, is taking significant steps towards strengthening the geriatric care ecosystem and ensuring dignified, accessible and dependable care for senior citizens through SHATAYU (Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility), which is a digital initiative of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Ministry.

Launched on 22 May 2026 during the National Workshop on 'Creating a Well-Functioning Care Economy', SHATAYU has been developed as a centralised national Geriatric Caregiver Dashboard and Directory. The platform seeks to



bridge the gap between professionally trained geriatric caregivers and senior citizens, their families and institutions requiring specialised elderly care services.

English rendering of PM's address at the inauguration of COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium in Mysuru, Karnataka

MYSURU – 14 Nov, 2026 My Greetings to everyone!

Governor of Karnataka, Sudha Yadav Ji, Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar Ji, my Cabinet colleague, Nirmala Sitharaman Ji, Minister in the State Government, Basavaraj Rayareddy Ji, my colleague in Parliament, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar Ji, all the scientists, researchers, teachers, other distinguished dignitaries, and my dear brothers and sisters of Mysuru.

First of all, I respectfully bow to Tai Chamundeshwari. I am very happy to be here in Mysuru once again. Just a few months ago, I had come among you for the inauguration of the Viveka Smaraka. And today, we have gathered here to dedicate the COSMOS Planetarium to the nation. Both these occasions convey a profound message about India's values and our culture. Viveka Smaraka inspires us to look within ourselves and seek spiritual knowledge. At COSMOS, on the other hand, our eyes are lifted towards the sky. We are inspired to explore this vast universe and understand its mysteries. This is an example of how the traditions of spirituality and science in India have always progressed side by side.

Friends,

Our ancestors used to study the sky very closely. They understood the movements of stars and planets, prepared calendars and calculated the timings of solar and lunar eclipses. India was home to many great astronomers such as Aryabhata, Varahamihira, Bhaskaracharya and Nilakantha Somayaji. The advanced instruments and technologies that are available today did not exist at that time. Despite this, they made great discoveries and carried out even the most difficult calculations.

INS SAHYADRI CONCLUDES VISIT TO YOKOSUKA FOLLOWING MALABAR 2026

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 Indian Navy's indigenous Guided Missile Stealth Frigate, INS Sahyadri, departed Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, on 12 Nov 2026, following the successful conclusion of Exercise MALABAR 2026.

The Sea Phase featured a range of maritime operations and drills, including Anti-Submarine Warfare, Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) drills, Maritime Interdiction Operations, gunnery exercises, replenishment approaches and cross-deck landings. These engagements provided valuable opportunities to enhance interoperability, operational coordination and mutual understanding among participating navies.

The Harbour Phase witnessed operational synchronisation, cross-deck visits, sporting engagements and cultural activities, fostering camaraderie and strengthening bonds among participating



personnel.

The successful culmination of the exercise reaffirmed the shared commitment of participating navies to maritime cooperation and collective security in the Indo-Pacific, in consonance with India's vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions).

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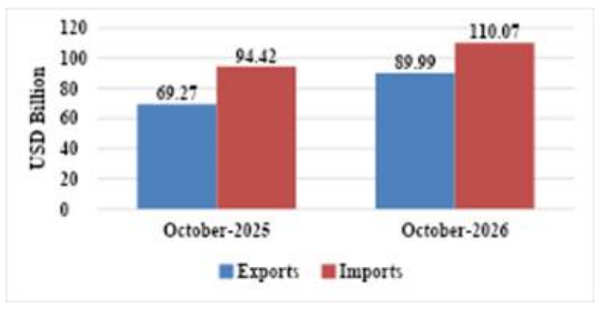
CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 The cumulative exports (merchandise & services) during April-October 2026-27 are estimated at US$ 568.84 Billion, as compared to US$ 487.59 Billion in April-October 2025-26, an estimated growth of 16.66%.

India's total exports (Merchandise and Services combined) for October 2026* are estimated at US$ 89.99 Billion, registering a positive growth of 29.90 percent vis-à-vis October 2025. Total imports (Merchandise and Services combined) for October 2026* are estimated at US$ 110.07 Billion, registering a positive growth of 16.58 percent vis-à-vis October 2025.

October 2026

(US$ Billion)

	October 2025	October 2026
Merchandise	69.27	89.99
Exports		
Imports	94.42	110.07
Services*		
Total Trade (Merchandise +Services) *		
Trade Balance		



* Note: The latest data for services sector released by RBI is for September 2026. The data for October 2026 is an estimation. (ii) Data for April-October 2025-26 and April-June 2026-27 has been revised on pro-rata basis using quarterly balance of payments data.

India's total exports during April-October 2026-27* are estimated at US$ 568.84 Billion registering a positive growth of 16.66 percent. Total imports during April-October 2026-27* are estimated at US$ 662.19 Billion registering a growth of 16.00 percent.

Department of Telecommunications Organises First All India Conference on Official Language 2026 in New Delhi



CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) organised its First All India Conference on Official Language 2026 today at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi, with the objective of promoting the progressive use of Hindi as the Official Language in official functioning and governance.

The conference commenced under the guidance of Manish Sinha, Member (Finance), Department of Telecommunications as the chief guest. The inaugural session featured the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the chief guest along with other dignitaries present on the dais. Member (Finance), Advisor(T), Advisor(O), Deputy Director General(C&A), Joint Secretary (Admin), CGCA addressed the gathering and highlighted the importance of promoting the use of Hindi in official work. The inaugural session was followed by the welcome of the distinguished speakers.

From Financial Hardship to Academic Excellence NFSC Fellowship Empowers a Research Scholar

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 The journey of Arjun Naik (name changed) from Narasinghpur, Cuttack district, Odisha reflects the role of targeted financial assistance through the NFSC in helping scholars overcome economic and social barriers to higher education.

Through the NFSC, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment continues to support educational advancement and create opportunities for Scheduled Caste students to pursue their academic aspirations.

Access to quality higher education and research opportunities can open pathways to academic achievement, professional growth and social contribution. The National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC), provides financial support to eligible scholars pursuing advanced studies and research.

Despite financial hardship and social challenges, he aspired to pursue higher education, build a career in research and teaching, and contribute to society through Anthropology.

Limited economic resources, lack of academic exposure and social marginalisation had created barriers to accessing quality higher education and research opportunities. These challenges also made it difficult to meet academic expenses and sustain research activities.

In 2017, Arjun began receiving assistance under the National Fellowship (SC). The support included a fellowship of ₹16,000 per month, along with House Rent Allowance (HRA) and contingency assistance. It helped meet his academic expenses, fieldwork requirements and research-related costs, reducing financial stress and enabling him to focus on his higher studies.

The fellowship addressed key barriers relating to financial resources, access to educational facilities, research expenses and academic continuity. It also enabled greater participation in academic activities and supported his research and professional development.

With the support of the fellowship and his continued efforts, Arjun successfully completed his Ph.D. in Anthropology. He is currently serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, where he is engaged in teaching, research and mentoring students.

His academic progress has translated into professional advancement and improved economic circumstances for his family. The fellowship also strengthened his confidence and enabled him to contribute to academic and social development through his work at the university.



Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addresses valedictory session of 31st CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam

VISAKHAPATNAM – 14 Nov, 2026 The Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, today addressed the valedictory session of the 31st edition of the CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

The Vice-President appreciated the remarkable development achieved by Andhra Pradesh under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.He noted that the State had attracted 714 investment projects worth over ₹22 lakh crore since June 2024, reflecting strong investor confidence and economic momentum.

He said that the State's vision of Swarna Andhra 2047 was aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Investments in green energy, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum technology, ports, aerospace and advanced manufacturing were positioning Andhra Pradesh as an emerging industrial and innovation hub.

Referring to the theme of this year's Summit, 'Navigating the New World Order – Trade, Technology and Trust', the Vice-President observed that geopolitical uncertainties, technological disruptions, climate change and evolving supply chains were reshaping the global economy. However, every period of uncertainty also presented new opportunities, and nations demonstrating adaptability, innovation and trusted partnerships would be best placed to shape the future.

He expressed confidence that India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was moving firmly towards becoming a developed nation by 2047. Emphasising India's growing economic strength, young and skilled workforce, vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem and expanding manufacturing and services sectors, he said that India aspired not merely to participate in the emerging global economic order but to play a leading role in shaping it.

The Vice-President highlighted the transformative potential of artificial intelligence, semiconductors, quantum computing, biotechnology, advanced manufacturing and digital platforms. He stressed that Atmanirbhar Bharat should not be understood as turning inward, but as building domestic capabilities, enhancing competitiveness and integrating more deeply with global markets.

Calling for a collective national endeavour towards Viksit Bharat 2047, C. P. Radhakrishnan emphasised that the responsibility of building a developed India could not rest with the Government alone. It required the active participation of industry, academia, entrepreneurs, young people and international partners, in keeping with the Prime Minister's call for Sabka Prayas.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium, India's first LED dome planetarium in Mysuru, Karnataka

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium, India's first LED dome planetarium, in Mysuru, Karnataka. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister extended his greetings in Kannada, and expressed his delight at returning to Mysuru to dedicate the COSMOS Planetarium to the nation just months after inaugurating the Viveka Smaraka. Pointing out that while the Viveka Smaraka inspires introspection and spiritual pursuit, the COSMOS Planetarium directs our gaze skyward to unravel the mysteries of the vast universe, he emphasized the profound cultural message conveyed by both landmarks. "This is an example of the fact that in India, the traditions of spirituality and science have always moved forward together," remarked Modi.

Recalling how ancient Indian ancestors minutely studied the skies, understood planetary and stellar movements, created calendars, and calculated solar and lunar eclipses, the Prime Minister highlighted the legacy of great Indian astronomers such as Aryabhata, Varahamihira, Bhaskaracharya, and Nilakantha Somayaji. "Advanced instruments and technology like today did not exist at that time; despite this, they made great discoveries and performed difficult calculations," noted PM Modi.

Highlighting Mysuru's rich tradition of fostering knowledge institutions,including the establishment of the University of Mysore under Maharaja Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and the Wadiyar royal family's pivotal role in laying the foundation of the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru to empower generations of scholars, the Prime Minister noted that Mysuru is adding a new chapter to India's scientific journey with the dedication of this state-of-the-art planetarium to the youth and citizens. Sharing that watching a show inside the LED dome was a wonderful experience in itself, he congratulated the nation on the milestone. "I felicitate the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, the University of Mysore, various departments of the government, and all the people associated with its construction," affirmed Modi.

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NLMC Announces E-Auction of Residential Flat in Kilpauk, Chennai

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 NLMC Announces E-Auction of Residential Flat in Kilpauk, Chennai; Pre-Bid Meeting Rescheduled to 28 November 2026.

The National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC), a wholly owned Government of India company under the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance, has announced the e-auction of a residential flat located at Poonamallee High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

The Request for Proposal (RFP), bearing No. NLMC/2026/01, was released on 5 November 2026 as part of NLMC's initiative for the e-auction of 12 residential flats located in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, and Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

The residential property at Kilpauk, Chennai, has a reserve price of ₹1.64 crore and offers prospective buyers an opportunity to acquire a residential asset in an established locality of the city through a transparent and competitive e-auction process.

NLMC has issued Corrigendum 1 dated 13 November 2026, revising the date of the Pre-Bid Meeting from 20 November 2026 to 28 November 2026 at 11:00 AM.

The Pre-Bid Meeting will provide prospective bidders with an opportunity to seek clarifications regarding the property, eligibility requirements, registration procedures, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), bidding process and other provisions of the RFP.

NLMC has clarified that all other terms and conditions of the RFP, including the remaining prescribed timelines, shall remain unchanged.

Key Details of the E-Auction

Particulars

Details

Property Location

Poonamallee High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Property Type

Residential Flat

Reserve Price

₹1.64 crore

RFP Release Date

Corrigendum Issued

Revised Pre-Bid Meeting

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)

Last Date for Registration and EMD Submission

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Opportunity for Prospective Homebuyers

Located in Kilpauk, one of Chennai's established residential neighbourhoods, the property offers an opportunity for homebuyers and interested investors seeking residential real estate in a well-connected part of the city.

Prospective bidders are encouraged to review the RFP and relevant property documents carefully. Interested buyers may also visit and inspect the property, subject to the arrangements and conditions prescribed by NLMC, before participating in the e-auction.

NLMC is undertaking publicity and outreach initiatives through newspaper advertisements, radio, digital platforms and other communication channels to ensure wider dissemination of information and encourage participation from prospective buyers.

Advancing Transparent Asset Monetisation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates, dedicates to the nation, lays the foundation stone and flags off various development projects worth over ₹15,600 crore in Bengaluru, Karnataka

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated, dedicated to the nation, laid the foundation stone, and flagged off various development projects worth over ₹15,600 crore in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister extended his greetings in Kannada and bowed in reverence to the city's presiding deity Goddess Annamma Tai and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, noting that today marks a day to give new momentum to the development journey of Bengaluru and Karnataka through projects spanning connectivity and energy security. “From projects connected with metro and rail to works of energy security, all these projects are going to give new strength to the infrastructure of Karnataka,” asserted Modi.

Emphasizing that infrastructure and improved connectivity generate new avenues for progress, employment, and industry that reach every section of society and strengthen the fight against poverty, as reflected in nearly 50 crore citizens escaping extreme poverty in recent years, the Prime Minister extended his best wishes to the people of Karnataka for the newly launched projects. “They will give new momentum to the building of a Viksit Bharat through a Viksit Karnataka, and at the same time further strengthen the identity of Bengaluru as a Tech City,” affirmed PM Modi.

Highlighting the dedication of the Bengaluru Metro's new Pink Line a short while earlier, the Prime Minister noted that the corridor will significantly improve connectivity to IIM Bengaluru, numerous educational institutions, and major business, technology, and commercial hubs across the city. “Lakhs of people of Bengaluru will not only have convenience in commuting, rather they will also be able to save their money and time,” observed Modi.

Recalling that yesterday marked the Punya Tithi of the late Ananth Kumar, who shared a deep bond with the region, the Prime Minister paid heartfelt tributes to the departed leader. “Seeing this metro line today, his soul too must have been delighted,” remarked PM Modi.

526 cleanliness campaigns conducted; 10,551 square feet of office space freed Scrap disposal generates ₹2.50 lakh

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 526 cleanliness campaigns conducted; 10,551 square feet of office space freed Scrap disposal generates ₹2.50 lakh; 100 percent PMO references disposed of.

Special Campaign 6, undertaken during October 2026 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs recorded significant achievements in reducing administrative pendency, strengthening record management and promoting cleanliness in government offices. The campaign focused on the disposal of pending references, redressal of public grievances, review of physical and electronic files, simplification of rules and processes, and management of e-waste.

Disposal of Pending References and Redressal of Public Grievances

As on 31 October 2026, 736 public grievances were redressed, 448 references from Members of Parliament were disposed of, and 100 Percent PMO references were disposed of. In addition, seven Parliamentary Assurances were addressed and one State Government reference was disposed of.

These activities formed part of the campaign’s efforts to reduce pendency and promote responsive administration.

Review of 25,070 Files to Strengthen Record Management

A total of 25,070 files were reviewed, comprising 16,217 physical files and 8,853 e-files. The exercise supported systematic management of official records and identification of files for retention or disposal in accordance with applicable procedures.

526 Cleanliness Campaigns Conducted; 10,551 Square Feet of Space Freed

During the campaign, 526 cleanliness campaigns were conducted to promote cleaner and better-organised workplaces.

Disposal of scrap and obsolete materials, along with weeding out of old files, freed 10,551 square feet of office space, making it available for more effective utilisation.

Scrap Disposal Generates ₹2.50 Lakh

The campaign generated ₹2,49,656 in revenue through disposal of scrap, including e-waste. Of this amount, ₹40,036 was generated through e-waste disposal.

E-waste management activities covered 77 units, supporting efforts towards responsible disposal of obsolete electronic materials.

Four Rules and Processes Identified for Simplification

As part of the drive to improve administrative efficiency, four rules and processes were identified for simplification.

Special Campaign 6 reinforced the importance of integrating cleanliness, timely disposal of pending matters and systematic record management into routine office functioning. The campaign’s achievements reflect continued efforts towards efficient use of public resources and responsive, citizen-centric governance.

English rendering of PM’s address at the laying of the foundation stone and inauguration of various development projects in Bengaluru

BENGALURU – 14 Nov, 2026 English rendering of PM’s address at the laying of the foundation stone and inauguration of various development projects in Bengaluru.

Greetings to My Brothers and Sisters of Bengaluru! Governor of Karnataka, Sudha Yadav Ji, Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar Ji, Minister in the State Government, Krishna Byre Gowda Ji, and my colleague in the Lok Sabha, who have sent a brilliant young leader from Bengaluru, Tejasvi Surya Ji, other distinguished dignitaries present here, ladies and gentlemen.

This is the first occasion on which I have had the opportunity to share the stage at a programme with our Governor, Sudha Yadav Ji. Perhaps the people of Karnataka are not yet fully familiar with her. But I would certainly like to speak about her life. What does service to the nation mean? What does dedication to the nation mean? We can learn this from the life of Sudha Ji and her family. When the Kargil war was being fought, her husband was martyred in the war. Even after that, in the memory of her husband, she has continued to uphold her resolve to serve Mother India and has been working with a spirit of service to this day. Having served in Parliament for many years, she guided the nation on several important issues. And today, from the land of Karnataka, she is contributing towards the happiness, peace and prosperity of the people of Karnataka. I extend my very best wishes to Sudha Ji.

First of all, I respectfully pay my obeisance to Annamma Tai, the presiding deity of Bengaluru, and to Nada Prabhu Kempegowda Ji. This day is going to give a new impetus to the development journey of Bengaluru and Karnataka. Projects worth more than Rs. 15,000 crore, related to connectivity and energy security, are being launched from here today. From projects related to metro and railways to initiatives for energy security, all these projects will give new strength to Karnataka's infrastructure.

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Ministry of Rural Development’s NRIDA Selected for Prestigious U.P. Medal 2025 for Innovation in Road Technology by Indian Road Congress

CHENNAI – 14 Nov, 2026 Ministry of Rural Development’s NRIDA Selected for Prestigious U.P. Medal 2025 for Innovation in Road Technology by Indian Road Congress.

National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA) under The Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, has achieved a significant recognition in the field of sustainable rural infrastructure, selected for the prestigious U.P. Medal for Innovative Technology in Roads for the year 2025. The award recognises NRIDA's initiative in promoting the innovative use of steel slag in rural road construction under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

The award will be presented during the Indian Road Congress Annual Function of the 85th Annual Session on November 19, 2026, at Hyderabad, Telangana.

For this prestigious recognition, the Ministry of Rural Development and NRIDA submitted a nomination highlighting the innovative use of steel slag in the construction of PMGSY-III road works in the State of Jharkhand, sanctioned during 2022-23.

The project covers a substantial road length of 381.57 km, demonstrating the adoption of steel slag as an alternative construction material in rural road infrastructure. The initiative has helped achieve a 26 per cent reduction in overall construction costs. The proximity of industrial steel plants has also contributed to optimising transportation costs.

The initiative demonstrates the effective utilisation of steel slag, an industrial waste material, as an alternative resource for rural road construction, thereby promoting resource efficiency and sustainable infrastructure development.

MoRD and NRIDA's Commitment to Sustainable Rural Infrastructure

The Ministry of Rural Development and NRIDA have so far sanctioned 1,81,923 km of road works using sustainable technologies, of which 1,39,901 km have been completed.

This recognition reflects NRIDA's continued commitment to encouraging the use of locally available, marginal and waste materials in road construction. It also acknowledges the efforts of the Ministry of Rural Development and NRIDA in facilitating the adoption of innovative and green technologies under PMGSY.

The initiative reinforces the Government's vision of developing sustainable, resilient and environmentally responsible rural road infrastructure across the country.

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