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PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES THE VALEDICTORY CEREMONY OF THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF RAM COLLEGE OF COMMERCE



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 The President of India, Droupadi Murmu graced the Valedictory Ceremony of the Centenary Celebrations of Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) in New Delhi today (November 18, 2026).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the country's leading educational institutions must evolve into world-class institutions. It will not only help in realizing the national vision of transforming India into a Global Knowledge Superpower but also attract talented students from both within India and abroad for higher education.

9th Naturopathy Day Celebrated Across the Country under the Theme 'Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat'



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 The 9th Naturopathy Day was celebrated across the country today under the theme 'Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat', underscoring the importance of naturopathy and nature-based healthcare in promoting preventive healthcare, healthy lifestyles and holistic well-being. The national-level celebration was organised by the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy (CCRYN), Ministry of Ayush, in collaboration with the National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune, at the Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy (CRIYN), Nagamangala, Karnataka.

Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush and Minister of State, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, conveyed their greetings and best wishes through video messages played during the programme.

In his message, Prataprao Jadhav highlighted the importance of naturopathy in strengthening preventive healthcare and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Vice-President Graces Silver Jubilee Celebrations and 8th Annual Convocation of Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Vice-President Graces Silver Jubilee Celebrations and 8th Annual Convocation of Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi.

The Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, today graced the Silver Jubilee Celebrations and 8th Annual Convocation of Vardhman Mahavir Medical College (VMMC) and Safdarjung Hospital as the Chief Guest at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. He distributed medals to outstanding postgraduate and undergraduate students on the occasion.

Congratulating the VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital fraternity on completing 25 years of dedicated service to medical education, healthcare and society, the Vice-President said that twenty-five years represented trust earned, lives touched, knowledge created and service rendered. He described the occasion as a celebration of a legacy of learning, healing and nation-building.

Referring to the remarkable expansion of India's healthcare and medical education sectors, the Vice-President said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the dynamism of Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda, the country has made tremendous progress.

IEPFA and SEBI Organise "Niveshak Shivir" in New Delhi to Resolve Investor Grievances and Unclaimed Dividend Claims



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India, in collaboration with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs), organised a "Niveshak Shivir" at Jacaranda Hall, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, on 17th November 2026.

The one-day Shivir offered claimants face-to-face grievance redressal, claim facilitation, and investor service assistance. Harsh Malhotra, Minister of State, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Ministry of Corporate Affairs, was the Chief Guest. Sh. Sumit Garg, CEO, IEPFA, was also present, along with senior officials from SEBI, MIIs, and Registrars and Transfer Agents (RTAs).

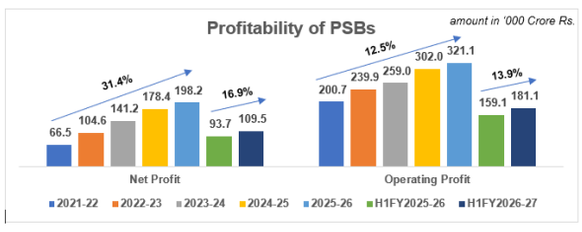
Raksha Mantri visits Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Naval Base in Yokosuka



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 "The growing maritime cooperation between India and Japan is a reflection of the deep trust and shared commitment of the two nations towards a free, open and rules-based Indo-Pacific," said Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh in a post on X following his visit to the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) Naval Base in Yokosuka on November 18, 2026, along with Japan's Minister of Defense Shinjiro Koizumi. Upon his arrival in Japan, Raksha Mantri commenced his engagements with a visit to the Ministry of Defense, where he was received by his Japanese counterpart.

Rajnath Singh was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour, following which the two Ministers interacted briefly at the Ministry. They, later, travelled to the JMSDF Naval Base in a Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) helicopter. At the Naval Base, the two Ministers toured the Mogami-class multi-mission frigate JS Natori.

Public Sector Banks (PSBs) continue strong financial performance in first half of FY2026-27



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 The sustained improvement in financial health across different financial parameters, including, inter alia, capital adequacy, business growth, low slippages, healthy asset quality and outstandingly improved profitability, establishes the complete turnaround in overall functioning of Public Sector Banks (PSBs). It shows that PSBs are not only making profit but also meeting the requirements of credit supply need with improved underwriting capabilities, aided by technology and higher governance standards.

PSBs' aggregate net profit reached ₹1.10 lakh crore with 16.9% y-o-y growth and aggregate operating profit reached ₹1.81 lakh crore with 13.9% y-o-y growth. Return on assets of PSBs continue to improve, reaching 1.11% with y-o-y improvement of 3bps. The continued improvement in profitability in both net and operating profit for the fifth consecutive year shows fruitful outcome of enablement of deeply engaged reforms drive and establishment of better governance standards by the Government.

Tamil Nadu Police launch e-CSR facility to enable online filing of complaints



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 The Tamil Nadu Director-General of Police and Head of Police Force, Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal, on Wednesday launched the e-CSR (electronic Community Service Register) facility at the State Police Headquarters here.

The initiative, aimed at making it easier for the public, particularly senior citizens and women, to lodge complaints online without having to visit police stations, is another step towards ensuring transparency in the police system, Dr. Aggarwal said.

"People are unhappy when their complaints are not acknowledged through the issuance of a CSR at police stations. They can now lodge complaints relating to minor offences online and receive an e-CSR on their mobile phones through SMS," he said.

Complainants can approach the jurisdictional police station with the e-CSR and other relevant documents to obtain a regular CSR or have an FIR registered, as applicable, within three days.

Senior police officers would monitor the progress of e-CSR complaints and the number of cases subsequently converted into regular CSRs or FIRs. The e-FIR facility, introduced last month exclusively for cybercrime offences, had received a good response, he said.

Fraudulent tenders, fake permits: Details of Tamil Nadu's 'Rs. 1,427 crore sand looting scam'

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Rs. 1,427.34 crore, and it is still increasing. As the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) of Tamil Nadu investigates sand mining activities at 28 quarry sites across the state, the estimated loss to the government is increasing. So far, only four out of 28 sites have been thoroughly inspected. These include Echchambadi, Kandaneri, Madhavaperumal Temple, and Oruvanthur.

At the center of these allegations is Duraimurugan, a senior leader of the DMK. He was in charge of the Water Resources Department in the party's 2021-26 government.

The sand quarry allocation rules require the Water Resources Department to identify a suitable riverbed and prepare an excavation plan specifying the area and the permitted excavation. Then, operations can only begin after the proposal has passed through environmental assessment, pollution control approvals, and district-level review. Extracted sand, digital booking, money It is transported to warehouses for sale through the government regulatory system by means of payment and permits.



The DVAC investigation indicates that almost all of these requirements were violated by a network of politicians, officials, and private contractors who allegedly engaged in fraudulent practices in awarding contracts, allowed mining beyond authorized boundaries, and created false records to conceal mining activities.

William and Kate met Indian Prime Minister Modi in New Delhi.

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 The Prince and Princess of Wales met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi as part of their three-day visit to India.

William and Catherine arrived in New Delhi on Wednesday as the final leg of their first official overseas trip in four years.

The meeting was added to the couple's schedule at the last minute, and it took place after it was confirmed that Modi would return from his scheduled trip to the Philippines in time to meet the royal family.

This comes a day after the Prince and Princess couple traveled to Mumbai for the annual Earthshot Prize, which is one of the Prince's biggest personal projects.

When William and Kate began their trip to India, they played street cricket with a legend and then traveled by metro.

When he announced earlier this year that the conference would be held in India for the first time, the Prince emphasized that India's leading role in climate innovation, its biodiversity, and its huge youth population were key factors in choosing the country.

Prior to the meeting with Modi, a



spokesperson for Kensington Palace said: "For the Prince, this marks another significant engagement as he continues to take on an increasingly prominent role on the international stage."

CM Vijay virtually inaugurates hospital buildings, higher education infrastructure

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Wednesday inaugurated through video conference from Secretariat in Chennai several newly constructed hospital buildings and intensive care units at a total cost of ₹210.14 crore and academic infrastructure worth ₹52.01 crore.

According to an official release, he inaugurated a new building worth ₹59.04 crore following the upgradation of the Tirukovilur Government Hospital into a Government Headquarters Hospital in Kallakurichi district.

He also inaugurated an additional building constructed at a cost of ₹6.37 crore at the Pallapatti Government Hospital, a new building and medical equipment for the CEmONC unit at the Sathyamangalam Government Hospital built at a cost of ₹6.18 crore, and an additional building constructed at a cost of ₹3.50 crore at the Kavindapadi Government Hospital.

Intensive care unit buildings established at a cost of ₹135.05 crore at the Erode and Salem Government Medical College Hospitals and at the Paramathi Velur, Sriperumbudur and Arakkonam Government Hospitals



were also inaugurated.

The Chief Minister also inaugurated academic infrastructure built at a cost of ₹52.01 crore at the Government College of Technology in Coimbatore, L.R.G.





3 killed as conveyor belt structure collapses at NTPC project in Jharkhand

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Three workers were killed and two others injured after a conveyor belt collapsed during construction work at NTPC's North Karanpura project in Tandwa, Jharkhand's Chatra district, on Wednesday morning. Family members are now staging a protest, while NTPC has initiated an investigation.

The incident took place at NTPC's CHP JH-1 location, where construction work on a conveyor belt was underway. The structure suddenly collapsed, trapping workers under the debris.

According to sources, the three deceased workers were from Tandwa in Chatra district, Hazaribagh in Jharkhand and Aurangabad in Bihar. The incident triggered panic at the construction site. Residents said one worker's body was found hanging from the conveyor belt structure, while others were trapped under the debris.

In an official statement, NTPC North Karanpura confirmed that three workers employed under Simplex Infrastructures Limited and Thyssenkrupp had died in the accident, while two others were injured.

Expressing grief over the incident, NTPC said



the company was deeply saddened by the deaths and extended its condolences to the bereaved families. It said the two injured workers were being provided necessary medical assistance and that it was committed to extending all possible support to the affected families.

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National interest is a priority, but helping partners deepens trust: Jaishankar in Tokyo

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Following the Quad Leaders' Summit, External Affairs Minister S. On Wednesday, Jaishankar stated that India and Japan are two "leading countries" in the region that are committed to maintaining a "free and open Indo-Pacific" region, and that they will best safeguard their own national interests by "helping partners build strength" and deepening "reliable and trustworthy cooperation."
someone at home.

Speaking at the Raisina Dialogue in Tokyo, Jaishankar made these remarks ahead of the 2+2 dialogue between India and Japan at the level of Foreign and Defense Ministers, scheduled for Thursday.

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and Jaishankar are in Japan for the fourth India-Japan 2+2 talks, scheduled to be held from November 18 to November 19. The last round of talks was held in New Delhi on August 20, 2024.

During this visit, the ministers will also hold a meeting of defense ministers and a strategic dialogue of India-Japan foreign ministers with their Japanese counterparts, Defense Minister Shinjiro Koizumi and Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi, respectively.

Speaking at the



Raisina Dialogue held in Tokyo, Jaishankar said, "It is clear that India and Japan, the two leading countries in the region that are committed to keeping the Indo-Pacific region free and open, must protect their own national interests in this matter."

State awards work orders to eight start-ups under 'Government First Initiative'

BANGALORE – 19 Nov, 2026 The initiative, announced on the second day of the 29th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit 2026 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, is expected to connect innovators directly with State departments to solve public sector challenges.

The State government on Wednesday awarded direct work orders to eight start-ups under its "Government First Initiative" to build technology solutions for the Praja Seva Department and the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB).

The initiative, announced on the second day of the 29th edition of Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2026 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), is expected to connect innovators directly with State departments to solve public sector challenges.

Under the programme, each winning start-up is eligible for a direct work order of up to ₹25 lakh. The total committed project value stands at ₹99.78 lakh (inclusive of GST) for the Praja Seva Department, while it is ₹1 crore for the BWSSB.

According to the



government, the winners emerged from a competitive pool of 150 applications submitted between October 8 and October 23, 2026, with the Praja Seva receiving 76 entries and the BWSSB receiving 74.

Can the US and Iran sustain a 'frozen war'?

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 For months, Iran and the United States have been weighing a return to outright war over persevering towards a negotiated peace. But they appear to have settled on something in between.

While largely stopping short of full-blown military confrontation since July, when a June Memorandum of Understanding between the two sides fell apart, the two countries have instead intermittently traded attacks while using what economic levers they have to inflict as much pain as possible on the other side. Both have maintained blockades in and around the Strait of Hormuz, once the conduit for one-fifth of the world's oil and natural gas supplies.

In recent days, Iran says it has targeted US military sites in Bahrain and Kuwait, while the US has carried out an air strike on Iran's Qeshm island on Tuesday.

Iran has, meanwhile, continued to target ships it says have not followed its rules for passing through the critical Hormuz strait, as the US stands firm on its economic sanctions and naval blockade of Iran's ports.

The result, if not precisely a frozen conflict, is certainly



demonstrating a pattern of limited confrontation that could carry on for months without escalating into all-out war, analysts say.

T.N. Ministers meet Union Jal Shakti Minister; reiterate opposition to Karnataka's proposed Mekedatu reservoir

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 A delegation of Tamil Nadu Ministers on Wednesday met Union Minister for Jal Shakti C.R. Patil in New Delhi and submitted a detailed memorandum urging the Union government not to consider the Detailed Project Report (DPR) submitted by the Karnataka government for its proposed balancing reservoir project across the Cauvery at Mekedatu.

Minister for Rural Development and Water Resources N. Anand, Minister for Public Works and Sports Development Aadhav Arjuna, and Minister for School Education Rajmohan met Patil and submitted the memorandum.

Speaking to reporters at Tamil Nadu House in New Delhi after meeting the Union Minister, Anand said they had urged the Centre not to grant any approval to the Karnataka government's Mekedatu balancing reservoir proposal. He also assured that Tamil Nadu would secure its rights through legal means.

Arjuna said they had informed the Union Minister that



the 2018 Supreme Court verdict on Cauvery water sharing was final. He said it was not only a concern for Tamil Nadu but also for other riparian States such as Kerala and Puducherry.

Iran strikes U.S. air base in Kuwait, targets Bahrain amid wider Gulf attacks



SALEM – 19 Nov, 2026 A satellite image taken over Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait. Photo: Airbus DS via AP.

Iran widened its attacks on its Gulf neighbours on Wednesday (November 18, 2026), firing on the U.S. Ali Al Salem air base in Kuwait and Bahrain in what appeared to be retaliation for American strikes the day before.

After about two months without such attacks, Iran has repeatedly targeted U.S. facilities in Bahrain in recent days. The small Persian Gulf island kingdom hosts the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet.

The early morning attacks came after a U.S. fighter jet struck a Revolutionary Guard missile launch site on Tuesday (November 17, 2026) on Qeshm Island in the Strait of Hormuz. The U.S. strike was in retaliation for an Iranian strike on an American radar installation in Bahrain earlier on Tuesday (November 17, 2026).

Iran said its recent attacks — including those on other U.S. facilities in Bahrain on Sunday (November 15, 2026) and Friday November 13, 2026) — were in response to U.S. drone surveillance operations and an attack on Iranian communications towers.





ED summons Riyas's associates as part of probe into alleged CMRL-Exalogic pay-off scam



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) seems set to resume interrogation in the alleged Cochin Minerals and Rutile Limited (CMRL)-Exalogic Solutions pay-off scam, with the investigation agency issuing notices to associates of former Public Works department Minister P.A. Mohamed Riyas. The now-defunct Exalogic Solutions is owned by T. Veena, Riyas's wife, and the daughter of former Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

Hasan Waris, Nandulal, Nikhil and others have been asked to appear before the ED towards the end of this month. The summons have been issued in connection with the first ECIR (Enforcement Case Information Report) registered in 2024. Reportedly, the ED is planning to file the first chargesheet in the case shortly.

The investigation into the alleged financial transactions between Exalogic Solutions and CMRL that remained stalled for nearly two years was revived after the Kerala High Court dismissed the CMRL's plea to quash the case and granted permission to proceed with the probe in May this year. This was followed by a series of simultaneous raids carried out by the ED at places linked to the CMRL in Ernakulam and Bengaluru,

House Democrats begin leadership elections, with Hakeem Jeffries poised to clinch speaker nomination: live



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Jeffries is widely expected to win and, with Democrats poised to hold a sizeable House majority, secure a glide path to the speakership when the full chamber votes in January. If elected Speaker, Jeffries would become the first Black person to hold the gavel in US history.

Jeffries is not facing a challenger, and despite the possibility of some defections from the incoming progressives, he is still expected to have the 218 votes needed to win on the House floor.

Democrats will cast votes for House majority leader and whip, and the caucus chair and vice chair, among other positions.

Prasad Corp Restores Three K. Balachander Classics Set to Feature at the 'Festival des 3 Continents 'in France'



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Prasad Corp, India's leading film restoration and post-production facility, has completed the digital restoration under the National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM), of three landmark films by acclaimed filmmaker K. Balachander – Achamillai Achamillai (1984), Aval Oru Thodarkathai (1974) and Thanneer Thanneer (1981). The restored films are set to be screened at the 48th edition of the Festival des 3 Continents, scheduled to take place in Nantes, France, from November 20 to 28, 2026, as part of a special programme dedicated to the celebrated filmmaker.

The 2026 edition of the festival features contemporary selections, classic restorations and special spotlights. Its dedicated programme, titled 'Kailasam Balachander, Society in the Spotlight (India)', brings renewed attention to the body of work of the acclaimed South Indian filmmaker. The films represent an important part of Balachander's cinematic legacy, known for its distinctive storytelling, socially relevant themes and nuanced portrayal of human relationships and society. Their international presentation offers audiences an opportunity to revisit these works and experience the enduring relevance of his cinema.

Further adding to this Balachander's daughter Pushpa Kandaswamy of Kavithalayaa Productions had this to say "In a country like India, where films are celebrated and film makers adored and worshipped, it makes sense to restore our classics and showcase them to the new generation. Especially the works of legends who have created masterpieces in storytelling and influenced the thought process of society. I was overjoyed that Prasad Corporation, along with NFDC-NFAI, has restored the picture and sound digitally of 3 of my father K. Balachander's classics for the screening in Festival Des 3 Continents, Nantes, France. I was moved to tears after witnessing the enhanced quality of the 3 films. It brought back old memories of pure happiness when these films were released and celebrated by the people."

Doomsday Fever Takes Over India!



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Advance Bookings OPEN for Marvel Studios' Avengers: Doomsday as Tickets Sell Out Fast Fans demanded, Marvel delivered. Bookings opened at midnight, and Indian audiences responded in force. The biggest cinematic showdown arrives in cinemas on 17th December, a day ahead of its US release, in English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu The wait is finally over! Following unprecedented ticket bookings globally, Marvel Studios opened ticket bookings for Avengers: Doomsday at midnight in India. The response has been phenomenal, with audiences rushing to secure tickets for what is shaping up to be one of the biggest cinematic events in movie history. This comes following a wave of excitement, mounting anticipation, and a social media movement led by Indian fans rallying behind #OpenDoomsdayBookings. With just a month to go, the frenzy is already visible across the country. Shows are available from as early as 12:01 AM to the last show at 11:55 PM, with screenings scheduled throughout the day. Several shows are already filling up fast and sold out across key markets, including Mumbai, Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad and Kochi, among others. And now that the bookings are open, the message is clear: Indian fans want to be among the first to witness their favourite super heroes back on the big screen, and the race for those first-day, first-show tickets is well and truly on! The craze for Avengers: Doomsday is not limited to India. The film has reportedly crossed a staggering $150 million in worldwide advance ticket sales, underlining the extraordinary anticipation surrounding its release. Its premium-format presales alone generated an impressive $16.5 million within the first 24 hours. Adding to the global buzz, the film's first full-length trailer clocked an extraordinary 503 million views in its first 24 hours, making it the second-biggest movie trailer launch in history. The film has also reportedly set presales milestones in international markets, including the UK and Brazil. Trade projections suggest a potential $1 billion-plus opening weekend, putting it in contention for an all-time global box office record. India has been at the heart of this global phenomenon, with fans making their impatience impossible to miss. For weeks, social media has been abuzz with requests to open advance bookings, with fans rallying behind #OpenDoomsdayBookings and urging Marvel India to let them secure their seats. The campaign even saw fans come up with their own creative, desi-flavoured appeals. One fan held up a placard that read, "Marvel India, stop ghosting us. Open Doomsday tickets!", perfectly capturing the mood of eager audiences. Another fan took a humorous dig at the growing impatience, declaring, "Breaking news. Gen Z has run out of patience. Again Marvel India is responsible. Open Doomsday bookings now!" And now, with bookings finally open, Indian fans have another reason to celebrate. Audiences here will get to experience Avengers: Doomsday a full day before its US release, making the countdown to December 17 even more special. Arriving in cinemas on 17th December, a day ahead of its US release, Avengers: Doomsday will release in English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu, across Marvel Studios Presented In Infinity Vision and other premium formats. The countdown to Doomsday is officially on. The fans have spoken, Marvel has answered, and now it's time to get those tickets before they sell out. Book your tickets NOW!

Vice President of India C. P. Radhakrishnan Addresses 8th Convocation of VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital in the Presence of Union Health Minister J.P



CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, addressed the 8th Convocation Ceremony of Vardhman Mahavir Medical College (VMMC) and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, today, in the presence of Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, J. P. Nadda. The convocation was organised as part of the institution's Silver Jubilee Year celebrations, marking 25 years of its establishment (2001–2026).

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Audi India charts ambitious growth roadmap, targets doubling market share over 3–5 years

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Audi India is sharpening its growth strategy with an ambition to double its market share from approximately 7.5–8% to 15–16% over the next 3–5 years. The strategy will be driven by a refreshed product portfolio, expansion of its retail network, and a stronger focus on customer experience and ownership. Audi India expects 2026 to remain broadly flat, primarily due to product availability constraints and gaps in its portfolio. However, with new products entering the market, the brand is targeting high double-digit growth in 2027.

India's luxury passenger vehicle market is projected to reach a record 58,000 units in 2026, compared with approximately 52,000 units in 2025, representing growth of nearly 12%. Despite this expansion, luxury vehicles account for only around 1.1% of India's overall passenger vehicle market, highlighting significant headroom for growth. The all-new Audi Q3 is expected to play a key role in driving volumes, with the Audi A5 slated for the first half of 2027, followed by



the Audi Q9.

On the retail front, Audi India plans to expand its showroom network from the current 28 locations to approximately 40 by 2027 with a greater emphasis on Tier-II and Tier-III markets. Customer loyalty remains an important strength, with one in every three Audi cars sold in India going to an existing customer.

Kauvery Hospital Performs Over 200 HIPEC Procedures, a Specialised Chemotherapy Treatment for Cancer Spread in the Abdomen

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 th, 2026: Kauvery Hospital has completed over 200 Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) procedures, making it one of the few hospitals in the state with this level of experience in treating cancers that have spread to the lining of the abdomen (peritoneum).

Building on this experience, Kauvery Hospital has also launched a dedicated centre for HIPEC and Cytoreductive Surgery to further strengthen its expertise in treating advanced abdominal cancers.

HIPEC delivers heated chemotherapy directly into the abdominal cavity during cytoreductive surgery, the operation that aims to remove all visible tumour deposits. Its main purpose is to kill microscopic cancer cells that remain after the surgery. Combining the two allows concentrated treatment at the disease site, with less of the drug reaching the rest of the body.

The treatment is performed in carefully selected patients with cancers that have spread within the abdominal cavity, including ovarian and colorectal cancers, as well as other cancers affecting the abdominal lining.

HIPEC is offered only at select centres in the country, as it is a team-based, resource-intensive treatment requiring a highly trained multidisciplinary team, specialised equipment and careful patient selection. The team comprises surgical oncologists, medical oncologists, anaesthetists, intensivists, pathologists, radiologists and nutritionists, supported by nursing staff experienced in caring for these patients.

Expertise in cytoreductive surgery is particularly crucial, as treatment outcomes depend significantly on how completely the surgeon removes visible cancer deposits from the abdominal cavity. Advanced imaging and, where necessary, laparoscopic staging help assess the extent of disease spread and identify patients who are most likely to benefit from the procedure.

The procedure also requires specialised perfusion machines that heat the chemotherapy solution to approximately 41-43°C, circulate it within the abdominal cavity and continuously monitor its temperature. Since the surgery is prolonged and can involve considerable blood loss and heat stress, an experienced anaesthesia and critical care team is equally essential.

Commenting on the milestone, Dr. Sujay Susikar, Senior Consultant Surgical Oncology, Kauvery Hospital, said, “We are happy to have crossed the milestone of 200 HIPEC procedures, which reflects our team’s experience



and commitment to delivering advanced cancer care. HIPEC offers an important treatment option for patients with advanced cancers that have spread to the peritoneum, a condition that was once considered extremely difficult to treat. Conventional intravenous chemotherapy may not adequately reach cancer deposits in this region. HIPEC addresses this limitation by circulating heated chemotherapy directly within the abdominal cavity following surgery to remove visible tumours. This helps target microscopic cancer cells that may remain after surgery, improving treatment possibilities for carefully selected patients who previously had very limited options.”

In his comments, Dr Aravindan Selvaraj, Co Founder and Executive Director, Kauvery Group of Hospitals, said, “Advanced abdominal cancers have always been among the most challenging to treat. With HIPEC, we are able to extend meaningful treatment options for patients who earlier had very limited choices. At Kauvery Hospital, our focus has been on combining the right infrastructure, clinical expertise, and a multidisciplinary approach to deliver outcomes that truly make a difference in patients’ lives. This integrated approach has also enabled us to care for patients from across geographies, who place their trust in our team for complex cancer treatment.”

A Celebrated Ode to Love and Relationships, Haiku Arrives on Netflix from November 20 Some stories stay with you long after the curtains fall

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Having experienced its warmth on the big screen, it is now time to revisit those cherished emotions from the comfort of your homes. Haiku begins its global streaming journey on Netflix from November 20, 2026. Starring Aegan, Sridevi and Femina George in the lead roles, Haiku, one of this year's most cherished romantic entertainers, is all set for its digital premiere on Netflix this Friday, November 20. Directed by Yuvaraj Chinnasamy and produced by Dr. D. Arulanandhu and Mathewo Arulanandhu under the banner of Vision Cinema House, the film had secured its post-theatrical digital rights with Netflix even before production was completed. The film's universal emotional appeal, understated storytelling and technical finesse caught the attention of the global streaming platform, paving the way for its worldwide digital debut. Sharing his thoughts on the film's journey, actor Aegan says, “The response to Haiku has been truly overwhelming, coming from audiences across



different backgrounds and age groups. We initially wondered how a film rooted in relationships and emotions would resonate with such a diverse audience. However, during our theatre visits, it was heartening to see even senior citizens connect deeply with the film and express their appreciation. We are delighted that Haiku is now reaching a much wider audience through Netflix. My sincere thanks to the platform for believing in our film and taking it to viewers across the globe.” Producers Dr. D. Arulanandhu and Mathewo Arulanandhu add, “Haiku has been a deeply fulfilling journey for us, especially witnessing the affection it has received from audiences. We are delighted to partner with Netflix for its worldwide digital premiere. Following its theatrical release, we received numerous requests from Tamil audiences across several countries where the film did not have a theatrical outing. We are happy that they can now experience the film, with the visual and audio quality it deserves, from wherever they are.” Released worldwide on October 23, Haiku struck a chord with both critics and audiences through its intimate portrayal of relationships and the many emotions that shape them. Its nuanced narrative, emotional authenticity and the evocative musical score by Siddhu Kumar came together to create a cinematic experience that lingered well beyond the viewing.

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Generali Central Life Insurance Brings Aspirations and Action Together Through HERE.NOW. and Waiver of Premium Rider

MUMBAI – 19 Nov, 2026 26: Generali Central Life Insurance Co. Ltd. (GCLI) has launched the latest chapter of its national brand campaign, HERE.NOW., supported by an integrated Bharat-focused media strategy. Continuing its focus on children's future planning and retirement preparedness, the campaign brings the brand's 'Bada Socho for your bindass dreams' philosophy to life, inspiring consumers to dream bigger and act on their aspirations across every life stage. At a time when rising education costs are prompting parents to start planning earlier and increasing longevity is reshaping retirement needs, the campaign reinforces the importance of acting today for the future one envisions.

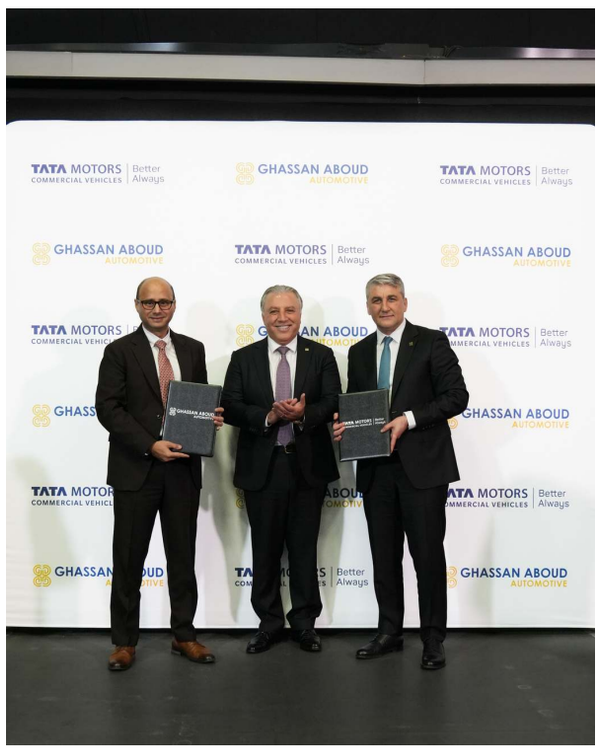
Generali Central Life Insurance is a joint venture between global insurance leader Generali and Central Bank of India, combining international expertise with a trusted local banking legacy.

Recognizing that long-term aspirations require continuity even in the face of life's uncertainties, the Company has introduced the Waiver of Premium Rider on eligible base plans. Designed to provide an added layer of continuity to long-term planning, the rider waives future premiums upon the occurrence of covered contingencies as specified under rider terms, conditions, exclusions and eligibility requirements while policy benefits continue as planned. Available as a pure-risk premium rider, customers can opt for waiver of future premiums in the event of Accidental Total and Permanent Disability, diagnosis of covered Critical Illnesses, and, where applicable, death of the policyholder. By helping protect long-term plans from unforeseen disruptions, the rider provides customers with greater confidence that the goals they are working towards today can continue to be pursued tomorrow.

Tata Motors expands global footprint, partners with Ghassan Aboud Automotive for commercial vehicle distribution in Syria

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Tata Motors, one of the world's leading automotive manufacturers has announced its partnership with Ghassan Aboud Automotive, through its subsidiary, Grand Auto & Machinery Co. (GAMCO), as their distributor for their commercial vehicles in Syria. Through this partnership, Tata Motors will introduce its range of advanced commercial vehicles, from sub-1-tonne to 60 tonnes in cargo segment, and mass mobility solutions, from 9 to 71 seats to customers in Syria, supported by sales and service across the country.

Commenting on the announcement, Asif Shamim, Head – International Business, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles, said "We are pleased to partner with Ghassan Aboud Automotive and GAMCO as we introduce our advanced mobility solutions in Syria. The company brings deep industry expertise, a strong customer-first approach and an established footprint in the region. With road transport serving as the backbone of Syria's freight movement, we are confident that our wide range of Tata Motors' dependable commercial vehicles will find strong response in the country. Tata Motors' portfolio is globally recognised for delivering high productivity, robust performance and low total cost of ownership, backed by comprehensive sales and aftermarket support. This partnership marks an important step in expanding our presence in the region, empowering local businesses across both cargo logistics and mass-mobility applications."



Saud Abbasi, CEO – Emerging Markets at Ghassan Aboud Holding, said, "We are delighted to partner with Tata Motors and welcome a globally recognised name to our growing portfolio in Syria. We believe Tata Motors' commercial vehicle range is well aligned with the needs and requirements of the Syrian market, offering reliable and practical solutions to support businesses across different sectors. We have high expectations for the brand and its potential in Syria and look forward to building a successful partnership that creates long-term value for our customers and partners while contributing to the country's development."

With more than eight decades of expertise, Tata Motors is present in over 50 countries spread across Africa, Middle East South and Southeast Asia, South America and CIS, among others. The company's state-of-the-art research and development facilities have steadily worked to engineer innovative mobility solutions powered by alternate fuel technology, including battery-electric, hybrid, CNG, LNG and Hydrogen Fuel Cell technology. Backed by advanced R&D capabilities and deep experience across diverse operating conditions, the company is well positioned to support Syria's growth ambitions – with the Middle East standing out as a core pillar of Tata Motors' global strategy and a region where long-term partnership, local capability and future-ready mobility solutions converge.

Through its investments in talent development, technical education, and customer support infrastructure, GAMCO aims to contribute to Syria's long-term development and economic progress under its vision of "Rebuilding Syria Together."

Alli Sarithiram: A Timeless Tale Reimagined Through Women's Empowerment

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 Alli Sarithiram, written by T. T. Sankaradas Swamigal and directed by Sreedevi, brings to the stage the compelling story of Alli Rani, the fearless warrior queen of Madurai, whose beauty, valour and fierce independence challenge conventional ideas of womanhood and marriage.

The story unfolds when Arjuna arrives in Madurai with Lord Krishna and, upon hearing of Alli's extraordinary reputation, becomes determined to win her hand in marriage. Seeking Krishna's wisdom and assistance, Arjuna embarks on a pursuit involving ingenious disguises and elaborate schemes. Although initially reluctant, Krishna eventually helps him, assuming the guise of a Kurathi (fortune-teller) and transforming Arjuna into a Paambu Pidaran (snake charmer), among other deceptive manoeuvres.

The narrative takes a darker turn when Arjuna, disguised as a snake, sexually violates Alli and later secretly ties a thaali around her neck while she is asleep. These incidents expose the troubling contrast between the pursuit of a woman and her fundamental right to consent. The escalating conflict ultimately culminates in war, as Alli's determination and autonomy clash with Arjuna's relentless pursuit.

Outstanding Performances and Stage Presence

The production was brought alive through some memorable performances. Sheela, whose stupendous acting elevated the portrayal of Alli, deserves special appreciation. Her powerful stage presence and convincing expressions brought out the character's courage, determination and emotional depth, making Alli's personality truly compelling.

Lord Krishna was portrayed with remarkable charisma by Army veteran Colonel Sivanathan, who brought a distinctive presence and personality to the role. His portrayal added depth and energy to the narrative. Krishna's various avatars and disguises were beautifully brought to life by Aishwarya, a budding model and actor, whose graceful performance and versatility added another dimension to the storytelling.

Together, the performers contributed significantly to making this theatrical experience engaging, vibrant and memorable.



A Powerful Reinterpretation of the Ending

The production's most striking contribution lies in its reimagined ending. Departing from the traditional conclusion, which moves towards the union of Arjuna and Alli, director Sreedevi offers Alli a powerful final statement on women's dignity, empowerment and consent.

Alli removes the thaali tied around her neck without her knowledge or permission, refusing to accept a marriage imposed against her will. This courageous alteration transforms the play's resolution from a conventional marital union into an assertion of female agency. It challenges the notion that a woman can be claimed as a prize and affirms that marriage without consent cannot be celebrated as victory.

Through this bold reinterpretation, Alli Sarithiram bridges classical Tamil theatre and contemporary social thought. Sreedevi's revised ending gives renewed relevance to a traditional narrative, reminding audiences that a woman's strength lies not only in her ability to fight a battle but also in her right to determine her own destiny.

Ultimately, Alli's greatest victory is not on the battlefield, but in reclaiming her voice, dignity and freedom of choice.

A timeless story, powerful performances and a thought-provoking conclusion make this production of Alli Sarithiram a memorable theatrical experience.

Union Health Ministry Observes World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week 2026, Calls for Collective Action against AMR

CHENNAI – 19 Nov, 2026 The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, today, inaugurated the national observance of the World Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Awareness Week 2026 at Kartavya Bhawan, New Delhi. The week-long observance is significant as it seeks to build greater awareness and collective action against antimicrobial resistance, one of the most urgent threats to public health.

Addressing the event virtually, Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava drew attention to the growing threat of Antimicrobial Resistance, describing it as one of the most serious public health challenges of our time. She noted that



medicines that have saved countless lives are gradually losing their effectiveness due to misuse and overuse. She cautioned that if left unchecked, AMR could undermine decades of medical progress, making even common infections difficult to treat and posing a serious threat to human health.