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ITRA, Jamnagar Organises Three National CME Programmes, Bringing Together 90 Ayurveda Faculty Members from 13 States

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 The Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar, an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Ayush, organised three simultaneous six-day National Continuing Medical Education (CME) programmes from 16 to 21 November 2026. Conducted by the Departments of Kriya Sharir, Roganidan and Vikriti Vigyan, and Prasuti Tantra and Streeroga, the programmes brought together 90 Ayurveda faculty members from 13 states. Around 45 eminent academicians, clinicians and healthcare experts from reputed institutions participated as resource persons.=



The programmes were conducted under the leadership of Prof. (Dr.) Tanuja Nesari, Director, ITRA, with the objective of strengthening subject-specific knowledge, diagnostic competencies, clinical skills and teaching capabilities of Ayurveda faculty members. They also focused on integrating classical Ayurvedic principles with contemporary medical knowledge and diagnostic methodologies.

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat: “Shared Cultural Heritage a Strong Bridge Connecting SCO Nations”

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 The second day of the First Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Civilizational Dialogue Forum, being hosted by India in New Delhi from November 20 to 22, featured a series of sessions focusing on the cultural expressions of civilisations, shared heritage in art and architecture, and historical trade relations. The sessions brought together ministers, senior representatives, academicians, historians, and experts in art and culture from SCO member states and dialogue partner countries. The day-long deliberations explored various dimensions of cultural exchange, shared artistic traditions, and historical connections among different civilisations.



It may be recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Forum on November 20. The objective of the event is to strengthen cultural ties among SCO member states, promote mutual understanding and cooperation through shared civilizational heritage, and create new opportunities for cultural dialogue. The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) is the Knowledge Partner for the event.

“Documentary Filmmaking Is an Intimate Process”: Julie Bertuccelli on Trust, Ethics and Social Responsibility, at IFFI 57

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 Documentary filmmaking is not merely about capturing reality; it is also about earning trust, understanding lived experiences and accepting responsibility for how people's lives are represented. While documentary cinema brings audiences closer to realities and voices often unheard, portraying real lives also raises important questions about artistic freedom, privacy and ethical responsibility.

These questions formed the focus of an In-Conversation session titled ‘From Witness to Change: The Social Responsibility of Documentary Cinema’, held at Kala Academy, Panaji, on the sidelines of the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI). Acclaimed French filmmaker and screenwriter Julie Bertuccelli was in conversation with National Award-winning Indian filmmaker Haobam Paban Kumar.

Describing documentary filmmaking as an intimate process, Bertuccelli observed that films can have a profound impact on the lives of their subjects and, in some cases, even put them at risk. She emphasised the importance of building trust, spending time with communities and allowing people to become comfortable with the presence of the camera.

Observing people in their everyday environments, she noted, helps filmmakers understand how they see themselves and how they wish to be seen by society.

Reflecting on cinema's potential to influence social change, Bertuccelli said that films may not transform society



overnight but can shape individual perceptions and encourage change. “If I just put a little bit of a seed in the brain of some people, this is a lot,” she observed. She added that she preferred films that offered hope and showcased positive examples, inspiring people to believe that change was possible.

Discussing her creative process, Bertuccelli explained that documentary ideas often emerge from unexpected encounters, places or subjects that spark curiosity. Referring to School of Babel and Since Otar Left, she observed that real-life experiences frequently provide the starting point for her films. While scripts and proposals are often necessary to secure funding, the actual filmmaking process remains open to the unpredictability of real life.

Recalling her professional journey, she spoke about spending nearly 15 years as an assistant to renowned directors, including Krzysztof Kieślowski, Rithy Panh and Bertrand Tavernier. Her work also took her across countries such as Russia, Georgia and Cambodia, providing her with experiences across different cultural and filmmaking environments.

“Becoming Is a Spiritual Journey That Continues at Every Moment”: Director Leena Yadav at IFFI 57

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 Language is only one of the many tools of communication, while human emotions can transcend linguistic barriers, said filmmaker Leena Yadav, director of the Ladakhi non-feature film Becoming, at a press conference on the sidelines of the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. Selected as the opening non-feature film of Indian Panorama 2026, Becoming explores a spiritual journey through the cultural landscape and traditions of Ladakh.

Reflecting on her experience of directing local, non-professional actors, Yadav said she communicated largely in Hindi, while many of the performers spoke Ladakhi and had limited familiarity with Hindi. Despite the language barrier, the actors were able to understand and express the emotions of their characters. The experience, she observed, reinforced the importance of listening, sensitivity and communication beyond words.

Written and directed by Yadav, Becoming follows Agyal, a young boy in Ladakh whose unusual bond with nature and memories seemingly drawn from another life lead him towards the ancient Likir Monastery. When he identifies belongings associated with a revered Rimpoche, the monks begin to believe that he may be the spiritual teacher's reincarnation. The film explores themes of rebirth, identity, destiny and the relationship between the past and the present.



Describing the film as a spiritual experience, Yadav explained that the idea of Becoming extends beyond the journey of its central character. It represents the continuous process of transformation in human life, which does not arrive at a definitive end. She also spoke about the influence of Buddhist philosophy and the distinctive landscapes of Ladakh on the film's narrative and visual language.

Recalling the origins of the project, producer and cinematographer Aseem Bajaj said the film emerged from an opportunity to test camera equipment in demanding conditions. Rather than simply endorsing the equipment, he proposed making a short film in Ladakh. He offered Yadav three starting points: the title Becoming, the world of Buddhism and Ladakh as the setting. These elements gradually developed into a story as the filmmakers responded to the location and the people they encountered.

The FBI appears to be investigating the alleged blatant hack of its criminal database.



CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 U.S. media outlets have reported, citing two people familiar with the matter, that the FBI is investigating the apparent breach of its criminal information database.

The National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database is used by federal and local law enforcement agencies to share information on warrants and background checks.

This comes after a series of technical outages last week that affected banking, air traffic control, and other sectors in the United States. Officials have said that these were not caused by cyberattacks, but these outages have prompted close scrutiny by lawmakers.

Sean Cairncross, the White House's National Cybersecurity Director, was fired this week, with U.S. President Donald Trump saying he was not competent enough.

This is not the first time that hackers have targeted the FBI, the U.S. domestic intelligence and security service.

In September, the FBI said it was investigating an apparent breach by the cybercrime group ShinyHunters. The group claimed to have stolen sensitive information about all FBI employees – approximately 38,000 people.

Department of Agriculture (USDA) was subjected to an apparent cyberattack.

NBC reported that employees were informed on Thursday that its farm fee structure was targeted.

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Allu Arjun's Heartwarming Birthday Wish for Daughter Allu Arha Offers a Glimpse of His Family-Man Side Icon Star Allu Arjun celebrates daughter Allu Arha's 10th birthday

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 post, calling her the "Joy of My Life" Icon Star Allu Arjun's heartfelt birthday wish for his daughter Allu Arha has won hearts across social media. Sharing a beautiful black-and-white picture capturing a candid father-daughter moment, the actor wrote, "Happy birthday to the Joy of My Life #AlluArha", expressing his affection for his daughter in his own special way. Beyond his larger-than-life screen presence and professional commitments, Allu Arjun has always shared glimpses of his deeply personal and affectionate side through moments with his family. His latest birthday post is another beautiful reflection of the special bond he shares with Arha. Making the occasion even more special, Allu Arjun and his family travelled to Sri Lanka to celebrate Arha's milestone 10th birthday together. Despite his demanding professional schedule, the actor continues to make time for the moments that matter most, reflecting the importance he places on family and creating memories with his loved ones. Arha, who made her acting debut as Prince Bharata in Gunasekhar's Shaakuntalam, is also recognised by the Noble Book of World Records as the World's Youngest Chess Trainer, an achievement she accomplished at just five years of age. Her Telugu fluency and connection to her cultural roots have also drawn attention, reflecting the upbringing and values encouraged by Allu Arjun and Sneha Reddy. As Arha turns 10, Allu Arjun's touching birthday



message offers fans a glimpse of the doting father behind the superstar persona – a family man who cherishes every moment with his children and celebrates their milestones with immense love. For Allu Arjun, beyond the stardom, the most special role will always be that of a father.

Amid the cold waves, the indefinite strike by students against the Jammu and Kashmir Recruitment Board scam is gaining momentum.



CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 Protesting against the government's failure to take action against the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), the main recruitment agency in Jammu and Kashmir, applicants for government jobs began an indefinite strike in Srinagar on Saturday (November 21, 2026) amid the harsh winter. The board is embroiled in a fraud case, and 16 people have been arrested so far.

While former Member of Parliament (MP) Aga Syed Ruhullah participated in the protest in Srinagar, other regional parties also demanded the cancellation of all elections conducted by the Board and called for “fixing responsibility.”

Speaking at Sher-e-Kashmir Park, Ruhullah said that this protest was "a rare attempt to create a space where young people can fight for their rights."

“We demand that heads should roll. We have an elected government and an unelected government ruling Jammu and Kashmir. Both must take responsibility for this. Unfortunately, there is a kind of indifferent attitude. Elections should be postponed, responsibility for irregularities should be determined, and reforms should be undertaken. The administration should engage with students and address their concerns. We should,” said Ruhullah.

Ruhullah joined numerous students and activists who had been sitting and protesting in Srinagar throughout the day.

EPS says Vijay should explain as Tamil Nadu Investment Corporation denies mass resignations



CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 Guidance Tamil Nadu, the state government's investment promotion agency, has denied reports of mass resignations and sought to downplay allegations that confidential information was leaked to Andhra Pradesh. At the same time, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, General Secretary of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, accused C. Joseph Vijay of tarnishing the reputation of the professionals who helped attract investments to the state. He blamed the government of the Vijay-led Tamil Nadu Victory Party.

The organization responded to reports that at least 15 Guidance employees had resigned after the DMK government took office, and that two were asked to resign on June 30. Three former employees later joined the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board (APEDB), which raised allegations of industrial espionage and diversion of investments.

Guidance has stated that the reports of mass resignations allegedly taking place in July this year are false and that employee departures are a normal corporate occurrence. It stated that employees are leaving for better career opportunities, higher education, relocation, and family obligations.

Former Chief Minister J. Jayalalithaa established a guiding organization during her tenure to attract industries to Tamil Nadu, Palaniswami said that the guidance system was established during Jayalalithaa's tenure and that many of the departing professionals were hired during the AIADMK regime.

He said that many employees left in June because they sensed the new management's indifference towards industrial investment.

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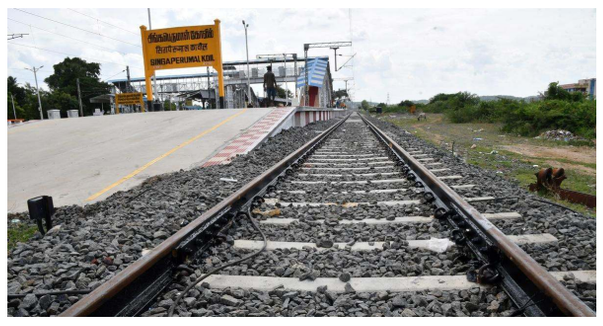
Girl crossing railway tracks killed after being hit by express train near Singaperumal Koil station

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 A 16-year-old girl was killed after being hit by an express train near Singaperumal Koil railway station on Friday (November 20, 2026) night.

A senior official from the Government Railway Police said K. Yuvasree, a resident of Bharathi Nagar, Sengundram, in Singaperumal Koil, was active in athletics. On Friday evening, she was on her way to the playground located near the Singaperumal Koil railway station and was crossing the railway tracks.

However, she did not see the Tamil Nadu Sampark Kranti Express (12652), which was approaching from the Tambaram side, and was hit by the train.

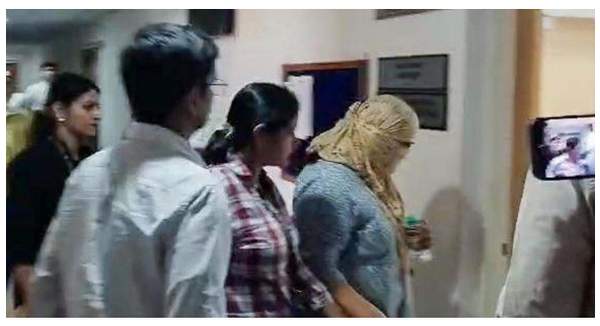
Railway officials at the



Singaperumal Koil station took her to Chengalpattu Government Hospital.

However, the girl died on Saturday (November 21) morning.

NEET paper leak case: Delhi court frames charges against 14 accused



NEW DELHI – 22 Nov, 2026 A Delhi court on Saturday (November 21, 2026) formally framed charges against 14 accused in the NEET paper leak case, setting the stage for trial. Special Judge Ajay Gupta framed the charges after noting that the accused had pleaded 'not guilty'.

The court had earlier said there was a prima facie case against them for various offences, including cheating, criminal breach of trust, corruption and exam-related wrongdoing.

The three main accused, Manisha Gurunath Mandhare, P.V. Kulkarni and Manisha Sanjay Havaldar, were public servants as they were engaged by the National Testing Agency (NTA), and had procured confidential questions illegally in conspiracy with the co-accused, the court had said.

It had ordered that charges be framed against the trio for criminal conspiracy, criminal breach of trust, cheating, and criminal misconduct by a public servant under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Manipur hooch tragedy toll rises to 16, hospitalizations reach 600

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 The death toll in the Chandel hooch tragedy in Manipur has risen to 16, officials said Saturday, adding that at least 600 more remain in hospital after the suspected consumption of adulterated liquor.

The toll is expected to rise further as 12 of the patients are admitted in intensive care units (ICUs) in hospitals in Imphal.

Speaking to the media, Manipur (Zone 1) Inspector General of Police (IGP) Themthing Ngashangva said at least six people have been arrested following the reports of deaths in Chandel district's Chakpikarong sub-division and adjoining areas.

He said the deaths and illness are suspected to be linked to the consumption of spurious liquor. However, the exact cause of the deaths and the presence of any toxic substances in the liquor remain subject to medical findings and laboratory tests.

"The cumulative death from Chandel District is 16. There are 12 patients admitted in ICU ward at Shija Hospital, Babina Hospital and JNIMS Hospital. Around



600 persons have been admitted in various private and government hospitals namely Shija, Babina, District Hospital Chandel, CHC Chakpikarong, JNIMS and RIMS," he said in a statement.

States agree to UN talks aiming to regulate 'killer robots' by 2028

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 UN talks on regulating weapons with little or no human oversight ended on Saturday (November 21, 2026) with a pledge for further discussions to develop new rules within two years, an outcome weakened by Russia's opposition and disappointing human rights groups.

Around 100 countries backed this position, but big arms-producing nations like the U.S., Russia, and Israel opposed this, resulting in a watered-down agreement that left open the question of whether future measures would be legally binding.

Proponents had called for legally binding rules within a short timeframe to regulate weapons systems that can identify and engage targets with varying degrees of autonomy, sometimes called "killer robots".

The member states of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons had been meeting in Geneva since Monday (November 16, 2026) as alarm grows over the use of lethal autonomous weapons systems in conflicts, including in Ukraine, Sudan and West Asia.

The UN secretary-general, the pope



and the Red Cross have all called for strong and legally binding rules.

The meeting's Swiss chair, Julien Thoeni, hailed the deal as a significant achievement for humanitarian disarmament after more than 10 years of talks.

Two die, three injured after car plunges into gorge in Yercaud

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 Two persons died and three sustained grievous injuries after a car plunged into a gorge in Yercaud on Friday (November 20, 2026) night.

The deceased were identified as K. Sabareesh (26), a resident of Angalamman Kovil Street in Edappadi, who worked at a jewellery shop in Edappadi, and S. Alagiri, alias Alagesan (47), a resident of Edappadi, who drove the car.

According to the police, on Friday, Sabareesh, along with his relatives K. Jeeva (26), N. Balaji (47), and P. Devan (55), residents of Edappadi, went to Yercaud in a car. After visiting various spots in Yercaud, they were headed to a resort at Keeraikadu. Around 10.30 p.m., when they were near Keeraikadu, the car went out of Alagiri's control and plunged into a 100-foot-deep gorge along Yercaud-Kuppanur Ghat Road.

All five occupants sustained grievous injuries in the accident. On receiving information, the Yercaud police rushed to the spot,



rescued the five occupants and shifted them to Yercaud Government Hospital. They were later referred to Salem Government Hospital.

Sabareesh died on the way to the hospital.



India's opposition stages protests against Meta over account removals



CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 The youth wing of India's main opposition Congress party has staged protests outside Meta offices in three cities, demanding that the United States technology company restore the Instagram accounts of its leaders.

The protests took place in Hyderabad, Mumbai and Gurugram, near New Delhi, on Friday and led to clashes with police and security guards, according to footage released by the Indian Youth Congress on Saturday.

In Hyderabad, protesters entered the building that houses Meta's offices and clashed with police. In Mumbai, protesters spray-painted slogans on the walls outside, and in Gurugram they held banners reading "restore Youth Congress accounts".

The party has alleged that on November 19, Meta illegally withheld the Instagram accounts of the youth wing's president and the party official overseeing the wing on orders from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

In a statement accompanied by videos of the protests, the Congress youth wing said, "If Meta wants to do business in India, it must respect the Indian Constitution, not surrender to arbitrary BJP government orders."

It had also warned Meta on X that it would "storm your offices across the country and stage protests" unless the accounts were restored.

Mahindra University's inaugural MUN brings global challenges to the debate table in Hyderabad

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 Mahindra University hosted its inaugural Model United Nations (MU-MUN 2026) conference, with around 260 participants registering from institutions including Delhi Public School, Hyderabad, GITAM, Hyderabad; Ignite Junior College; PSSEMR School, Bangalore. The three-day event provided a platform for young participants to take on the roles of diplomats, policymakers, political leaders and journalists, and engage in discussions on international relations, human rights, security and contemporary policy challenges. Through formal debates, informal negotiations and coalition-building exercises, delegates represented assigned countries and political perspectives, worked towards common positions and developed draft resolutions on the issues under discussion.

Held under the theme "Your voice. Their country. The world's problems," MU-MUN 2026 featured eight sessions across seven committees. Students examined issues ranging from international security and human trafficking to electoral reforms and industry disputes. Through research, structured debate and negotiation, delegates engaged with competing viewpoints and worked towards draft resolutions, gaining practical exposure to diplomatic decision-making and consensus-building.

The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) committee examined women, peace and security in the context of the drawdown of UN peace operations, while the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) discussed contemporary slavery and human trafficking, including forced labour and online exploitation. The Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) deliberated on security assurances for non-nuclear states amid nuclear threats.

The conference also addressed issues closer to home. The All-India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM) examined aspects of India's electoral framework, including the independence of the Election Commission and the Anti-Defection Law. A Crisis Committee simulated decision-making through the British War Cabinet and National Emergency Council, while a themed committee explored issues within the film industry, including wages, producer disputes and ticket pricing. The International Press committee enabled students to experience journalism by reporting on developments across the conference.

"The value of an initiative like Model United Nations lies in encouraging students to move beyond theoretical knowledge and engage with complex issues from different perspectives. It gives them an opportunity to research, question, negotiate and find common ground, even when opinions differ. At Mahindra University, we see such experiences as an important part of education, helping students develop the critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills they will need beyond the classroom," said Dr. Yajulu Medury, Vice-Chancellor, Mahindra University.

The inaugural edition of MU-MUN provided students with a platform to engage with issues beyond their academic disciplines, while gaining practical exposure to research, public speaking, negotiation and collaborative decision-making. The initiative also reflects Mahindra University's approach to encouraging interdisciplinary learning and informed engagement with contemporary challenges.

BHASHINI Showcases Multilingual AI Applications for Healthcare at Global Digital Health Summit 2026



CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 The Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD), under the Digital India Corporation (DIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, is participating in the Global Digital Health Summit (GDHS) 2026, being held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 20–21 November 2026. On Day 1 (20 November), BHASHINI showcased its multilingual Artificial Intelligence (AI) ecosystem through an exhibition, with its participation continuing on 21 November 2026.

Under the summit theme, "Implementing Artificial Intelligence – AI in Action", BHASHINI presented its language technology capabilities and their applications in the healthcare sector through an exhibition stall featuring its institutional partners, including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), and the Directorate General of Medical Services, Indian Army.

Renowned Actor Rakesh Bedi Unpacks the Art of Characterisation at IFFI 2026's 'Dhurandhar' Press Conference



CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 Aditya Dhar's Hindi feature film Dhurandhar, which opened the Mainstream Cinema Feature Film category of the Indian Panorama section at the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), was the focus of an engaging press conference held on the second day of the festival at the festival's Media Centre in Panaji, Goa.

The interactive session featured veteran actor Rakesh Bedi and acclaimed production designer Saini S. Johray, who shared insights into the film's creative journey, nuanced characterisation and visual world-building. The session was moderated by Mahesh Kumar, Additional Director General, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

Speaking about his portrayal of Jamil Jamali, Rakesh Bedi highlighted the importance of layered character writing in contemporary cinema. Drawing on his extensive theatre experience, which he described as an enduring foundation of his craft, Bedi spoke about the meticulous research that went into developing his character. He emphasised that a character's actions must be driven by the demands of the scene, making the performance a complete character portrayal rather than an exercise in mere mimicry.

Reflecting on his five-decade-long career, marked by diverse and challenging roles, Bedi spoke about the changing reach and visibility of cinema. Recalling the immense popularity of earlier films such as 'Ek Duuje Ke Liye', 'Tirangaa' and 'Chashme Buddoor', he observed that while cinema enjoyed tremendous public appeal even then, its reach was limited by the absence of digital connectivity.

In contrast, social media has transformed how audiences discover and engage with performances, allowing an actor's work to reach audiences across the world with a single click.

Responding to a question from a film enthusiast about his comic and dramatic timing, Bedi explained that such nuances are never accidental. Every gesture and expression, he said, is carefully planned as part of the script and character arc, serving as a deliberate means of expression to bring authenticity to the portrayal.

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Political rivals, cinema veterans share spotlight at Anirudh-Kavya wedding reception

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 The wedding reception of music composer Anirudh Ravichander and Sun TV Network executive director Kavya Maran brought political rivals and cinema veterans under one roof in Chennai on Saturday evening.

The reception brought together political rivals with Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam president and Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, who is an actor-turned-politician; DMK president M.K. Stalin and AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami and all in attendance.

A photograph of Vijay sharing a frame with actor Rajinikanth, who is related to Anirudh, Stalin, who is related to the Maran family, and Sun Group chairman Kalanithi Maran quickly made the rounds on social media.

Another photograph of Rajinikanth, Stalin and Palaniswami engaged in a casual conversation also caught the attention of social media users.



The reception drew a host of prominent political figures from across the country, including Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan, Leader of the Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin, Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Andhra Pradesh Minister for Human Resources Development Nara Lokesh, and Makkal Needhi Maiam president and actor Kamal Haasan.

BHASHINI Concludes Participation at Global Digital Health Summit 2026, Highlights Role of Multilingual AI in Building Inclusive and Empathetic Healthcare

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 The Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD), under the Digital India Corporation (DIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, concluded its participation at the Global Digital Health Summit (GDHS) 2026, held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 20–21 November 2026. Across the two-day summit, BHASHINI showcased its multilingual Artificial Intelligence (AI) ecosystem and demonstrated how language technologies can strengthen healthcare delivery, facilitate clinical workflows and enable more accessible, inclusive and patient-centric healthcare experiences.



On the concluding day of the summit, Amitabh Nag, CEO, Digital India BHASHINI Division, delivered a keynote address titled "Breaking Language Barriers in Healthcare Through AI: Sharing BHASHINI's Model of Removing Linguistic Barriers Using AI." The address highlighted the need to integrate language intelligence into digital healthcare infrastructure, ensuring that patients can understand, communicate and access healthcare services in their preferred languages.

A thousand years after the voyage, Odisha takes its maritime legacy back to Bali

CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 In a first, the Odisha government is set to organise Odisha Parab in Bali to celebrate shared maritime heritage and strengthen historical and cultural bonds. The celebrations coincide with the historic Bali Yatra in Cuttack, which commemorates Odisha's maritime legacy and centuries-old trade and cultural links with Southeast Asia.

Scheduled for November 24 and 25 at the Bali Beach Convention Centre, the event is inspired by the legacy of Baliyatra and aims to bring the spirit of Odisha to an international audience.

"It would be a platform to experience Odisha through its exquisite crafts, vibrant cultural traditions, distinctive cuisine and diverse tourism offerings.



A delegation from Odisha, including Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida, Culture Minister Suryabanshi Suraj, senior officials, cultural experts, craftsmen, tour operators and SHG members from different parts of the state, will attend the event.

While the event would mark the beginning of efforts to revive the centuries-old shared socio-cultural ties between Odisha and Bali, the state also eyes a tourism boost from Indonesia and other Southeast Asian countries through the event, officials said.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah presents the President's Colour to Arunachal Pradesh Police in Itanagar

ITANAGAR – 22 Nov, 2026 Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah presents the President's Colour to Arunachal Pradesh Police in Itanagar.



Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah today presented the President's Colour to Arunachal Pradesh Police in Itanagar, the capital of Arunachal Pradesh. On this occasion, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu, Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB) Dr. Mahesh Kumar, Chief Secretary of the State Manish Gupta and Director General of Police Rajesh Kumar, among several other dignitaries, were present.

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda Dedicates Healthcare and Institutional Projects Worth Over ₹172 Crore to the Nation

PUDUCHERRY – 22 Nov, 2026 15th Convocation of JIPMER, Puducherry.

The Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers, Jagat Prakash Nadda, today dedicated seven healthcare, research and student care initiatives to the Nation at the Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER), Puducherry, an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Subsequently, at the Institute's 15th Convocation, he conferred degrees upon graduating students, delivered the Convocation Address and presented medals and endowment prizes across 88 award categories.

The dedication of the seven facilities at JIPMER, with a collective investment of ₹172.27 crore, represent a significant step towards expanding access to quality healthcare while reinforcing the Institute's role as a leading centre of medical education, research and patient care. These initiatives were:



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TAMIZHINI FIRST LOOK UNVEILED ON THE BEAUTIFUL OCCASION OF WORLD FISHERMEN DAY AS A TOKEN OF RESPECT TO FISHERMEN COMMUNITIES



CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 The social drama, featuring VJ Ashiq Pradeep Raj, Shashaa Sivakumar and Pushpalatha, has completed shooting across eight coastal locations and is currently in its final stages of post-production. Content-driven films soaked in authentic lives and emotions are increasingly finding appreciation beyond linguistic and geographical boundaries. Stories that explore the complexities of human relationships, family bonds and personal sacrifice often resonate with audiences everywhere, regardless of where they originate. Joining this space of meaningful cinema is 'Tamizhini', an upcoming Tamil social drama that draws its emotional world from the lives and experiences of fishing communities.

Produced by D. P. Saravanan and Vijila Saravanan, the film is written and directed by Ganesh Moorthy. Set against the backdrop of a coastal fishing community, Tamizhini explores the emotional dimensions of family, love, loss and responsibility. At its heart is a deeply human conflict that examines the difficult choices people make when personal happiness and the future of their loved ones stand in opposition. Speaking about the film, director Ganesh Moorthy says, "Tamizhini is a story about people whose lives are shaped by love, relationships and circumstances beyond their control. Sometimes, life places us in situations where we have to look beyond our own happiness and think about the people who depend on us. Through this film, I wanted to explore the emotional weight of such choices, along with the resilience and strength found within families in our fishing communities. Though the story is rooted in a particular way of life, the emotions it explores are universal." The film features VJ Ashiq, known for his work as a Sun Music presenter and YouTuber, and Pradeep Raj in the lead roles. The female leads are played by Shashaa Sivakumar, recently seen in Enna Vilai, and Pushpalatha. The supporting cast includes Deepa Shankar, known for Thalaivan Thalaivii; Benjamin, remembered for Thirupaachi; Vincent Roy, who featured in Sathriyan; and D. P. Saravanan in a comedy role. The film's music is composed by Santhosh Balaji, known through Vijay TV Super Singer. The songs feature the voices of G. V. Prakash Kumar, Saindhavi, Sivaangi Krishnakumar, Sam Vishal and Santhosh Balaji. The lyrics are penned by Hasim, Vairabharathi and Mathesh Suryakumar. Cinematography is handled by Vijay Venkat and Saranya Ganesh, while Ganesh Moorthy also takes charge of the screenplay and editing. The story and dialogues are by Deva and Ganesh Moorthy. Tamizhini was filmed across eight locations along Tamil Nadu's southern coastline: Muttom, Uvari, Kadiyapattinam, Colachel, Thisayanvilai, Koottappanai, Periyathazhai and Manapad. The entire shoot was completed in 24 days, and the film is currently undergoing its final-stage post-production work. With its First Look announcement, Tamizhini is gearing up for a theatrical release soon.

Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava launches NCG VISHWAS at National Cancer Grid Annual Meeting 2026, stresses linking of screening records with Ayushman Bharat Health Account



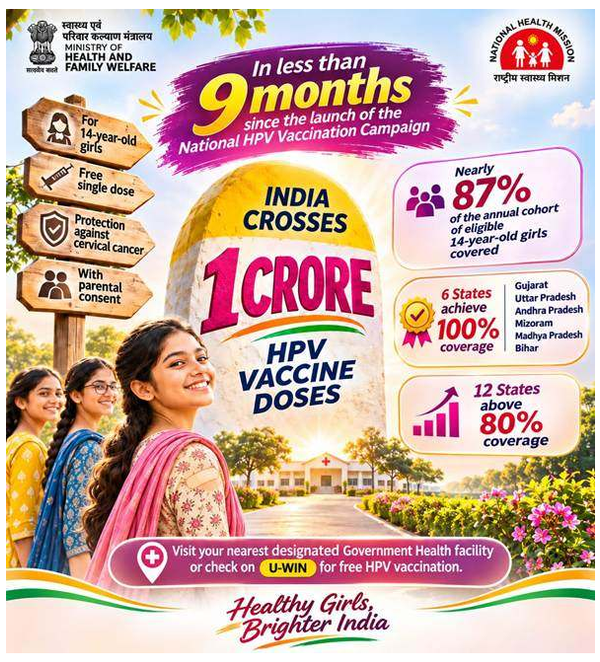
CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 (ABHA) for continuity of cancer care.

Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava today launched NCG VISHWAS, a patient education initiative of the National Cancer Grid (NCG), at the NCG Annual Meeting 2026 in Mumbai.

Addressing the sessions on 'Key Considerations in the Development and Adoption of Technology and AI' and 'National Intersectoral Collaboration for Cancer Control', she highlighted the importance of leveraging India's digital health infrastructure and intersectoral collaboration to strengthen cancer awareness, screening and continuity of care. She reiterated the Health Ministry's commitment, guided by the Prime Minister's vision, to ensure accessible, affordable and top-quality healthcare for all.

NCG VISHWAS (Videos to Support Health, Wellness, Awareness and Self-care) is an AI-enabled patient education initiative covering breast, cervical and oral cancers in Hindi, Marathi, Tamil and English. The videos cover prevention, diagnosis, treatment and long-term care, helping patients and caregivers access reliable information and make informed decisions. The initiative will be disseminated through the National Cancer Grid's network of hospitals and healthcare partners.

India Crosses Historic Milestone of 1 Crore HPV Vaccine Doses Administered in Less Than Nine Months, Marking Major Progress in Cervical Cancer Prevention



CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 India has achieved a major milestone in its efforts to prevent cervical cancer, with more than 1 crore doses of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine administered under the National HPV Vaccination Campaign in less than nine months of its launch. The achievement marks a significant step towards protecting adolescent girls against HPV infections that can cause cervical cancer and reflects the growing reach of preventive healthcare services across the country.

Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February 2026, the nationwide campaign provides free, safe and voluntary single-dose HPV vaccination, with parental consent, to 14-year-old girls at Government health facilities. The initiative represents a major advancement in India's preventive healthcare approach, with a focus on safeguarding the health and well-being of future generations of women.

Virginia child dies in state's first measles-associated death of 2026



CHENNAI – 22 Nov, 2026 Death adds to national measles outbreak that recently cost the US its measles elimination status after 26 years

Virginia reported its first measles-associated death of 2026 on Friday, involving a child who tested positive for the infectious disease, the state's health department said.

The department said the child was age four or younger. It did not disclose additional details, including the child's vaccination status, citing the family's privacy.

The death adds to a worsening national measles outbreak that recently cost the US its measles elimination status after 26 years.

Pennsylvania, the hardest-hit US state, reported an eighth measles-related death and confirmed 1,631 measles cases as of Friday.

Wisconsin has also reported two deaths, while New York state recorded its first measles-associated death, involving a child.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has confirmed six measles-associated deaths so far in 2026, though it does not specify the states where the deaths were recorded.

A discrepancy between state and federal death tallies arose after the CDC, under the Trump administration's health secretary, Robert F Kennedy Jr, began using National Center for Health Statistics mortality data instead of state figures.

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