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Leep Flow Energies (LFE) Bets Big on India's BESS Market with ₹100-Crore Vanadium Flow Battery Plant in Tamil Nadu

CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Leep Flow Energies (LFE), a Hosur-based clean energy company, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Guidance Tamil Nadu to establish a ₹100 crore vanadium flow battery manufacturing facility at SIPCOT Gummidipoondi in Tiruvallur district. The MoU was signed in the presence of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay. K S Ramanujan, Founder & Managing Director of LFE an Alumni of IIT Madras 1980 batch and Deepak Jacob Managing Director and CEO of Guidance Tamil Nadu, exchanged the agreement. The investment will be made over three years and is expected to generate around 150 jobs.

The proposed facility will manufacture vanadium electrolyte, the liquid medium that stores energy in a flow battery, along with complete Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). India currently depends on imports for its vanadium electrolyte requirements. LFE has developed its proprietary electrolyte formulation in collaboration with scientists at IIT-Madras under a programme supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. The new facility will bring electrolyte production and battery system manufacturing under one roof, creating an indigenous supply chain for long-duration energy storage.

LFE has already demonstrated its technology through a



solar-powered vanadium flow battery system at its Hosur facility, which has been operational for more than a year. The company plans to supply 100 MWh of storage projects in its first year and scale up to an annual manufacturing capacity of 1 GWh by the third year. Its target markets include renewable energy developers, industries, real estate projects, warehouses and rural microgrids, where reliable electricity supply and extended storage duration are increasingly relevant.

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan to inaugurate the fifth edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0



CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Vice-President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, will inaugurate the fifth edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam (KTS) to be held from 28 November to 12 December 2026, in Varanasi. Union Minister for Defence, Rajnath Singh, is scheduled to attend the valedictory session. The Event will bring together over 1,400 delegates to celebrate the centuries-old cultural, linguistic and civilisational ties between Tamil Nadu and Kashi.

The initiative, inspired by the vision of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, seeks to strengthen the bonds between the two regions and promote the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. The fifth edition will celebrate the timeless wisdom and ethical teachings of the Thirukkural, one of the most celebrated works of Tamil literature.

The Event is organized by the Department of Higher Education, Union Ministry of Education, in collaboration with IIT Madras, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Uttar Pradesh Government and several Central Govt Departments and Ministries.

Theme for KTS 5.0 - "Thirukkural Payilvom – Thirukkural Abhyas Karen"

Tamil Nadu Celebrates Udhayanidhi Stalin's Birthday with State-Wide Welfare Events

CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 The birthday of Udhayanidhi Stalin, Leader of the Opposition in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and DMK Youth Wing Secretary, was celebrated with great enthusiasm by DMK cadres across the State today (27 November 2026).

Marking the occasion, he paid floral tributes at Kalaignar's residence and at the memorials of Periyar, Anna and Kalaignar. He also sought the blessings of K. Veeramani, President of the Dravidar Kazhagam, and DMK President and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

He personally interacted with members of the public, received their birthday wishes and distributed welfare assistance to the underprivileged as part of the celebrations. Political leaders and prominent personalities have also been extending their birthday wishes to him, both in



person and through social media platforms.

Revisiting 2001: Filmmakers Who Took Hindi Cinema in New Directions Reunite 25 Years Later

CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 A village takes on an empire with a game of cricket. Three friends navigate friendship, heartbreak and the uncertainties of growing up. And a filmmaker turns the camera towards women and realities society often chooses to ignore. Three films with unconventional stories, 2001 was one of the most remarkable years in Hindi cinema.

Lagaan, Dil Chahta Hai and Chandni Bar didn't just entertain; they challenged conventions, broke new ground and changed the cinematic conversation. While Lagaan celebrated the spirit of rebellion, Dil Chahta Hai captured the mood of a generation, and Chandni Bar brought attention to women and lives often left unseen.

Twenty-five years later, the creative mavericks behind these iconic films —Ashutosh Gowariker, Farhan Akhtar and Madhur Bhandarkar reunited at the 57th



International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa, for 'The Legendary 25s', a session that celebrated films that dared to break the mould and creators who chose to follow their own path.

"AI May Change Filmmaking, But It Cannot Replace the Human Soul"

Championing cinema as a reflection of society, filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar reiterated his commitment to telling stories drawn from real life, particularly those that bring untold narratives and overlooked realities to the forefront. Recalling the challenges of advocating for female-centric subjects at a time when the industry was hesitant to embrace unconventional portrayals of women, he spoke about how films like Chandni Bar, Corporate and Fashion emerged from his conviction to portray women in all their complexities, vulnerabilities and strengths. "I have always wanted to make films about subjects that people hesitate to talk about or even explore. I am drawn to the stories behind the scenes, the realities that often remain hidden from the public eye. For me, cinema has always been a mirror to society. I would rather explore real life than create an idealised reel life," he said.

Second Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 concludes at Agra, Emphasising Sustainability, Community Ownership and Gram Panchayat-led Water Governance

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The second regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, organised by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, concluded today at Agra, Uttar Pradesh. The conference brought together representatives of seven northern States and Union Territories to deliberate on key strategies for accelerating implementation, strengthening sustainability and ensuring long-term functionality of rural drinking water supply systems

As part of the two-day regional conference, Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, today visited rural drinking water supply infrastructure and participated in the Jal Arpan Diwas celebration at Badhera (Bhadaira) W/S Scheme and 456 MLD WTP, Etah.

In the valedictory session, Secretary, DDWS emphasised that the Regional Conference had provided an important platform for States/UT to develop a common understanding of the reforms envisaged under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 and to learn from one another's experiences. Referring to the field visits undertaken during the day, he highlighted innovative practices observed in Uttar Pradesh, including the use of solar energy for rural water supply schemes and command-and-control systems for monitoring and operation of water supply infrastructure, and encouraged States to examine such practices for wider replication.

Highlighting that rural drinking water service delivery is fundamentally a local service, Meena stressed the importance of strengthening ownership of water supply assets by Gram Panchayats and local communities. He noted that Jal Arpan represents an important step towards transferring responsibility and ownership of drinking water infrastructure to communities and underscored the need to



build the financial, technical and institutional capacities of Gram Panchayats for sustained service delivery.

He said that infrastructure creation must be complemented by effective management, regular water quality surveillance and community participation. He reiterated the need for convergence among Departments of Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Skill Development and Drinking Water to strengthen operation and maintenance, build local capacities and promote source sustainability through initiatives such as Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari. He called upon States to move towards sustainable, community-owned and efficiently managed rural drinking water systems while strengthening Gram Panchayats as the foundation of Viksit Villages and Viksit Bharat.

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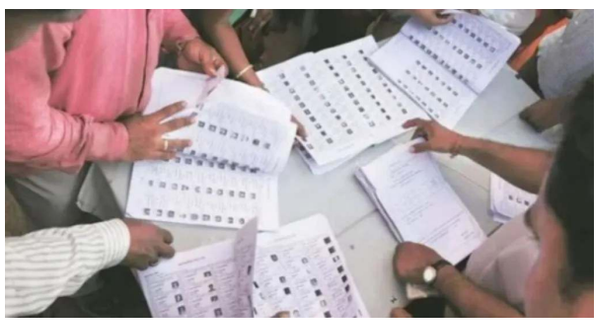
Bengal SIR: EC hikes tribunal judges' honorarium to Rs 2.5 lakh a month from Rs 25,000 a week



CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Months after the issue was raised by retired judges of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) appellate tribunals in West Bengal, the Election Commission Friday increased their honorarium from Rs 25,000 per week to Rs 2.50 lakh per month.

Writing to West Bengal Chief Electoral Officer, the EC said Friday: "You are requested to release the honorarium and other admissible expenses immediately."

According to the EC's order, the honorarium for a High Court Chief Justice would be Rs 2.60 lakh per month, and for a retired High Court judge, Rs 2.50 lakh per month. It said the revised amount would come into effect from November 20.

According to the EC's order on April 7, when the judges had first been appointed on orders of the Supreme Court, former Chief Justices were to be paid Rs 1.60 lakh for a base period of two weeks, followed by Rs 25,000 for each additional week, and former judges were to be paid Rs 1.50 lakh for the base period and then Rs 25,000 for every additional week.

Axis Mutual Fund launches Axis Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index Fund

MUMBAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Axis Mutual Fund, one of India's leading mutual fund companies, announced the launch of the Axis Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index Fund, an open-ended scheme that aims to replicate the performance of the Nifty LargeMidcap 250 TRI, subject to tracking error. The fund offers investors a passive investment avenue to access 250 companies through a 50:50 allocation to large-cap and mid-cap stocks. The New Fund Offer (NFO) will open on November 27, 2026 and close on December 11, 2026.

Commenting on the launch, B Gopkumar, MD & CEO, Axis AMC, said, "Large & Midcap continues to remain core part of portfolio for the investors, with investment opportunities emerging across businesses of different sizes and stages of growth. Investors increasingly face the challenge of deciding how much to allocate between large-cap stability and mid-cap growth. The Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index offers a simple, rules-based solution to this challenge through its balanced allocation across both segments and its disciplined quarterly rebalancing framework. At a time when market opportunities are emerging across sectors and market capitalisations, we believe investors can benefit from owning a broader cross-section of India's growth story through a transparent, low-cost passive investment approach."

"Large-cap companies typically offer established business models and relatively greater financial resilience, while mid-cap companies provide exposure to businesses expanding their scale and market presence. Historical trends show that market leadership shifts between these segments across different cycles, making diversification across market capitalisations an important consideration for long-term investors. At Axis Mutual Fund, our focus remains on providing investors with simple, transparent and disciplined investment solutions." he added.

Understanding the Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index

The Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index comprises 100 companies from the Nifty 100 and 150 companies from the Nifty Midcap 150, together representing approximately 75% of India's listed market capitalisation. The index maintains a 50:50 allocation between large-cap and mid-cap segments, with weights reset quarterly to preserve this balance.

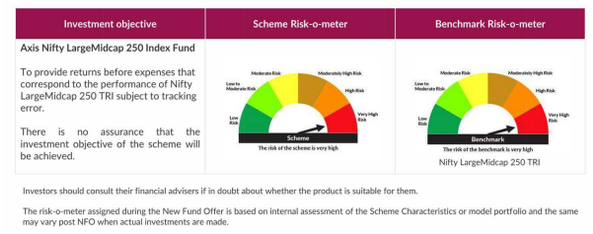
The index is designed to reduce concentration risk while maintaining broad market exposure. As of October 30, 2026, the top 10 stocks accounted for approximately 22% of the index, significantly lower than the concentration levels in the Nifty 100 (43%) and Nifty 50 (53%). This broad-based construction enables investors to participate in opportunities across sectors and market-cap segments through a single investment vehicle.

Over the ten-year period ended October 30, 2026, the Nifty LargeMidcap 250 TRI delivered a CAGR of 13.8%, compared with 11.7% for the Nifty 100 Index and 11.6% for the Nifty 50 Index. Past performance may or may not be sustained in the future.

Axis Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index Fund

The Axis Nifty LargeMidcap 250 Index Fund seeks to provide returns before expenses that correspond to the performance of the Nifty LargeMidcap 250 TRI, subject to tracking error. The scheme follows a passive investment approach designed to replicate the underlying index, with portfolio adjustments made in accordance with changes in the index composition and weights.

The fund is intended for investors seeking long-term equity exposure through a diversified, index-based investment approach. Investors should consider the risks associated with equity markets, particularly the higher volatility and potential liquidity constraints of mid-cap stocks, along with tracking error. There is no assurance that the investment objective of the scheme will be achieved.



On delimitation, DMK's MK Stalin says 'no compromise', slams 'backstabbers'



CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 DMK president and former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Friday reiterated that his party would not compromise on Tamil Nadu's share of parliamentary representation during the delimitation exercise. He said the state's current share of 7.18% of Lok Sabha seats must not be reduced, even if the total number of constituencies is increased.

In a post on X, Stalin said the DMK was the first party in the country to raise concerns over the possible impact of delimitation. He also recalled that Chennai hosted the first meeting of national political leaders who came together to demand a fair delimitation exercise.

He also outlined 2 main demands put forward by the party in line with resolutions passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and the Joint Action Committee on fair delimitation. The first was that Tamil Nadu's existing 7.18% share of Lok Sabha seats should remain unchanged. The second was that the proportion of parliamentary representation among states, based on the 1971 Census, should remain frozen for another 25 years.

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BAPASI addresses challenges faced by Indian publishing industry

CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Ahead of the Chennai Book Fair 2027, the Booksellers and Publishers Association of South India (BAPASI) on Friday highlighted the challenges faced by the publishing industry in the country, particularly around low book pricing, changing reader habits, piracy and disruption caused by AI.

R.S. Shanmugam, president of BAPASI, complained about pricing and profit margins, rising production costs among other challenges.

"The Chennai Book Fair is a festival of its own, much like the Margazhi season and other festivals. At the 2027 book fair, we will also ensure that there is no AI-assisted work. We will try our best to prevent it, just as we prevented the sale of pirated books at the Fair," said Shanmugam. He also noted that reading interests had heavily changed.

"Schools should start with mandatory reading hours and teachers should also encourage students to read every day. It has been a challenge to sell books to youngsters especially books written in Tamil," said Nandan Masilamani, joint secretary of BAPASI.



The members of BAPASI also noted that self-publishing has flooded the market with titles which is now making discovery harder while shifting more marketing burden onto authors as well.

Hackers breach U.S. Air Force flagship Cloud One computing platform

CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Hackers have breached the U.S. Air Force's flagship cloud computing platform, three people familiar with the matter told, in a development that could jeopardize a vast swathe of sensitive tactical, personnel and logistics data.

The intrusion at Cloud One was discovered within the past month or so during work to upgrade the system, two of the people said, adding that the discovery has led to disruption across the platform. could not establish the identity of the hackers, the full scope of the intrusion or whether any data had been stolen.

In a statement to, the Air Force said it "does not comment on the security posture, vulnerabilities or operational status of specific networks and systems. We continuously take prudent measures to protect Department (of the Air Force) information, systems and mission capabilities."

Initiated in 2017, Cloud One was meant to serve as a one-stop shop for the Air Force's IT needs, combining the resources of four operators — Microsoft, Amazon, Oracle and Alphabet — to power scores of applications including ones that manage personnel data and pay or logistics and maintenance.







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Kallakurichi TVK MLA Arul Vignesh arrested on charges of harassing officer





KALLAKURICHI – 28 Nov, 2026 Kallakurichi MLA C. Arul Vignesh of the ruling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) was arrested on Friday evening (November 27, 2026) by a police team on charges of harassing a woman officer. The officer had accused him of making inappropriate advances and comments.

A case was registered after the Madras High Court recently directly the State Public Prosecutor to get in touch with the officer regarding the allegations after she filed a formal police complaint.

Police sources said a team led by Shristi Singh, the Investigating Officer appointed by the Madras High Court, arrested the legislator at his residence in Kallakurichi on Friday evening and took him in a police vehicle. Police have not disclosed where he was being taken.

The Kallakurichi All Women Police, which had registered a sexual harassment case against the MLA, served summons on Vignesh on Wednesday directing him to appear for questioning in connection with the case. Speculation over his arrest grew after Inspector Bhuvaneshwari, attached to the All Women Police station, visited the MLA's house in Kallakurichi on Wednesday (November 25) and handed the summons to him in person.

Tamil Nadu's welfare lens widens to fathers, with 15 days of paternity leave

CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 In Tamil Nadu, a state where successive governments have designed much of their welfare architecture around women and children, the government on Thursday turned its attention to a relatively overlooked member of the household: the father.

Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay announced 15 days of paternity leave for married male employees of the state government, marking the first time Tamil Nadu has made a separate provision for fathers to take time off from government service following the birth of a child.



An order has been issued allowing employees to avail themselves of the leave beginning 15 days before the birth of their child or within six months of the date of birth, according to a statement issued by the government on Thursday.

The decision followed representations from government employees seeking a provision for fathers similar to the maternity leave available to their female colleagues, who are currently entitled to 365 days of leave.

Behind the announcement was a modest but consequential change in how the government conceives of fatherhood – not merely as an occasion to distribute sweets among colleagues, but as a responsibility that requires time away from the office.

Kallakurichi MLA-woman officer harassment case in Tamil Nadu: a timeline

KALLAKURICHI – 28 Nov, 2026 Tamil Nadu's Kallakurichi MLA C. Arul Vignesh has been at the centre of a political storm after he was accused of and booked on charges of misbehaving with a woman officer. However, Vignesh, an MLA of the ruling Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) in Tamil Nadu, denied the charges earlier (November 2026). In the latest development in the case, the TVK MLA Arul Vignesh has been arrested by the police.

It is alleged that the TVK MLA sent an inappropriate message to the woman officer and behaved in an indecent manner under the influence of alcohol at her official residence. The issue social media.

Here's a timeline of how the Kallakurichi MLA-woman officer row unfolded, the allegations against the TVK legislator, the Opposition's charges and more about the case that has stirred controversy in a major embarrassment for Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay-led TVK government that has come to power for the

Navin's Launches Its First Plotted Development, Navin's Arc, in Oragadam–Sriperumbudur Highway

CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Navin's, Chennai's most trusted real estate developer, has launched its first plotted development, Navin's Arc, with direct access from the 200-ft. Oragadam–Sriperumbudur Highway. Navin's Arc is a RERA-approved plotted development spread across 6.5 acres, featuring 125 residential plots and 5 commercial plots across 11 avenues.

The project has a total saleable area of 168,632 sq. ft. and is being offered at a launch price of ₹4,999 per sq. ft.

Commenting on the launch, Navin Kumar, Managing Director, Navin's, said, "Navin's Arc marks our entry into plotted development, and we are pleased to introduce the project with direct access from the 200 ft. Oragadam–Sriperumbudur Highway,



a corridor witnessing strong industrial growth and increasing residential demand. With well-planned residential and commercial plots across 11 avenues, the development is designed to offer buyers a secure and valuable land asset. This reflects our belief that land is not just an investment, but also a foundation for building a life and creating a legacy for generations."

The new segment caters to buyers seeking the flexibility to plan and build homes around their individual requirements. It also responds to the growing preference for land-led homeownership, personalised living spaces, and thoughtfully planned neighbourhoods.

Navin's Arc has been planned with essential infrastructure in place, including durable concrete roads, provisions for electrical trenches, and a robust rainwater drainage system. The development also offers amenities such as a landscaped Open Space Reservation (OSR) area, a dedicated children's play area, a play court, and a gazebo.

Keralam can become an international centre for Panchakarma treatment, says President

CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 President Droupadi Murmu has said Keralam holds a special place in preserving India's Ayurvedic heritage, and that the Ashtavaidyas and the Vaidyaratnam group have enriched medical knowledge through generations and enhanced Ayurveda's international reputation.



While addressing the valedictory ceremony of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Vaidyaratnam Ayurveda College, Thrissur on Friday, the President said Keralam can become an international centre for Panchakarma treatment. She congratulated the institution for 50 years of dedicated service to Ayurveda.

Recalling that the makers of the Constitution had stressed systematic education and scientific research in Ayurveda, she said documenting the Ashtavaidya texts, manuscripts and treatment traditions is a task of national importance. She urged Ayurveda colleges in Keralam to undertake joint research with institutions like the Ministry of Ayush and the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre in Jamnagar, and to make Keralam an international reference centre for authentic and evidence-based Panchakarma.

Governor Om Prakash Mathur, Union Minister of State for Tourism and Petroleum Suresh Gopi, Minister for Health and Devaswom K. Muraleedharan, and Minister for Higher Education Roji M. John attended the ceremony.

STPI Inaugurates its 75th Centre in Bareilly to Strengthen Uttar Pradesh's IT/ITeS and Startup Ecosystem



CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), a premier S&T organisation under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, inaugurated its Bareilly Centre in Uttar Pradesh. The centre was inaugurated by Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, and Commerce & Industry, Government of India, in the presence of Dr. Arun Kumar Saxena, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Forest & Environment, Zoological Garden and Climate Change, Government of Uttar Pradesh; Chhatrapal Singh Gangwar, Member of Parliament, Bareilly and Shruti Gangwar, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Arvind Kumar, Director General, STPI among other dignitaries.

Stalin seeks action against those who 'pressured' officer to settle harassment complaint against TVK MLA

KALLAKURICHI – 28 Nov, 2026 DMK president M.K. Stalin on Friday (November 27, 2026) said Kallakurichi TVK MLA C. Arul Vignesh, who was accused of harassment by an officer, had been arrested following the intervention of the Madras High Court and the National Commission for Women, leaving the authorities with no other option.

He also said those who failed to act for 119 days and "pressured" the woman officer to settle the matter must also face action.



In a post on X, Stalin said several lies were told to cover up the misconduct of the Kallakurichi TVK MLA and protect him. "From Ministers to alliance party leaders, everyone rallied to deny the complaint and issue a conduct certificate to Arul Vignesh. They carried out a vile campaign on social media to mentally break the official," he said.

"Despite facing all that pressure, the courageous woman stood firm and lodged a complaint. Following the intervention of institutions such as the High Court and the National Commission for Women, the TVK MLA has now been arrested, with no other option left,"

SRMIST Weightlifters Clinch Overall Runners-Up Position at South Zone Inter-University Championship

CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 SRMIST Weightlifters secured the Overall Runners-Up Position in Men Category at the South Zone Inter-University Weightlifting (Men&Women) Championship, held at Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, Chennai, from 18th to 23rd November 2026.



Our champions brought laurels to the institution by winning an impressive 7 medals – 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze, while three additional students secured qualification for the All India Inter-University Weightlifting (Men&Women) Championship.

Medal Winners:

M. Yuvaraj – I Year, B.Sc. Physical Education Gold Medal in the 70 kg – Men's Category

C. Harshika – II Year, B.Com. Gold Medal in the 77 kg – Women's Category

P. Mathanraj – I Year, B.Sc. Physical Education Silver Medal in the 70 kg – Men's Category

Peerachi – II Year, M.Sc. Yoga Silver Medal in the 75 kg – Men's Category

R. P. Keerthana – I Year, B.Sc. Physical Education Silver Medal in the 86 kg – Women's Category

E. Viswanathan – I Year, MBA (SM) Bronze Medal in the 60 kg – Men's Category

R. Saranwilliam – II Year, B.Sc. Physical Education Bronze Medal in the 65 kg – Men's Category.

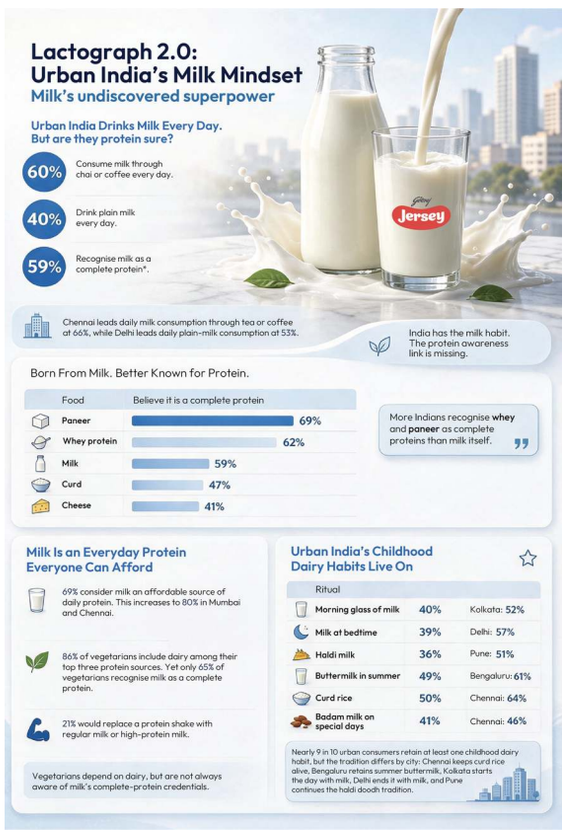
R. Priya +86 kg, Women's Category (4th Place)

Sakthi Saraswathi 57 kg, Women's Category (5th Place)

S. Akshita 69 kg, Women's Category (5th Place)

All the Above Medal Winners and Mentioned Players have Qualified for the All India Inter-University Weightlifting Championship, scheduled to be held at KISS University, Odisha, from 2nd to 9th December 2026.

Godrej Jersey's Lactograph 2.0 Finds 8 in 10 Chennai Consumers See Milk as an Affordable Everyday Protein



CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Milk runs through the day in Chennai, from the morning filter coffee to a glass at bedtime. On National Milk Day, Godrej Jersey released Lactograph 2.0, the new edition of its Lactograph report, which follows the edition released in the previous year. The study, conducted by YouGov, looks at dairy consumption habits across eight Indian cities. In Chennai, the findings show a city that sees milk as an affordable, everyday source of protein.

80% of Chennai consumers consider milk affordable enough to consume as a daily protein source. The habit behind it is strong too: 66% have milk through tea or coffee every day, the highest level among the major surveyed cities, and 47% drink plain milk every day. 61% recognise milk as a complete protein, one that carries all the essential building blocks the body cannot make on its own. This leaves room to help more households see how much the milk they already have every day can contribute to their daily protein.

Chennai is also ahead on high-protein milk, with 31% consuming it regularly compared with 25% across the overall sample. Tradition stays strong as well: 49% retain the childhood habit of having milk at bedtime.

Gaurav Pande, CEO, Godrej Jersey, says: "Chennai shows how deeply milk is built into everyday life, from the morning filter coffee to a glass at bedtime. With 80% of consumers seeing milk as an affordable daily protein, the habit and the trust are already in place. The opportunity now is to help more households recognise the complete protein in the milk they already have, and to build on Chennai's lead in high-protein milk."

This National Milk Day, Lactograph 2.0 shows that Chennai already has the habit, the affordability and the openness to protein in milk. The next step is knowing how much protein is already in the glass.

Key Findings

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Tamil Nadu may witness extended rainfall activity with fresh weather system in early December



CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 A fresh weather system forecast to develop in early December is expected to prolong rainfall activity over Tamil Nadu.

The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) is likely to revise its forecast based on the system's movement, while noting that the probability of it intensifying into a depression remains low.

According to the extended weather forecast, an upper air cyclonic circulation is likely to form over south Andaman sea on Sunday. This may trigger formation of a low pressure area over south Andaman sea and southeast Bay of Bengal around November 30. There is a low possibility of the system intensifying into a depression over southeast Bay of Bengal around December 2.

Easterly wave trough would continue to influence wet weather over various parts of the State until the month-end. On Saturday, a few districts, including Nilgiris and Kanniyakumari, are likely to receive isolated heavy rainfall. Various other places in interior and south coastal Tamil Nadu, including Tiruchi, Madurai, Erode and Ramanathapuram, are likely to receive showers of moderate intensity.

Rainfall is expected to cover most parts of the State from December 1.

Tamil Nadu Government acted against Hindus, says BJP



CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 While hearing contempt petitions over the failure to light the ceremonial Karthigai Deepam on the 'deepathoon' (stone pillar) on Thiruparankundram hill, the Supreme Court observed that the chain of events indicate that the Executive authorities had acted "according to the dictates of their political bosses".

Despite a Supreme Court directive, the Tamil Nadu Government lit the ceremonial lamp at the traditional location on November 24, and not on the 'deepathoon', located near a dargah.

Through a post on X, BJP president Nitin Nabin said the top court's order was a historic victory for every devotee of Lord Murugan. "By ordering the ceremonial lamp to be lit at the Thiruparankundram deepathoon tomorrow [November 28] and pulling up Tamil Nadu authorities for acting at the dictates of their political bosses, the Supreme Court has thoroughly exposed the INDI Alliance government's anti-Sanatan mindset," he said. The Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), led by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, is a part of the INDIA bloc.

"No political conspiracy can stop the sacred traditions of Bharat. May the divine blessings of Lord Murugan protect all devotees and guide them on the path of courage and righteousness.

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) wins Bronze Medal for display at India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026



CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 In recognition of its sustained outreach efforts, engaging public-facing formats and citizen-centric communication, the GST & Customs Pavilion of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has been awarded the Bronze Medal for Display at the 45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, today.

CBIC showcased its flagship 'GST & Customs Pavilion' at IITF 2026 from 14th–27th November 2026. The Pavilion was inaugurated on 16th November 2026 by Vivek Chaturvedi, Chairman, CBIC, in the presence of Members of the Board and senior officers.

Aligned with the fair's theme "Vikas aur Virasat", the Pavilion focused on creating awareness about the Next-Gen GST Process Reforms, the updated Baggage Rules, 2026 and CBIC's digital initiatives. Designed as an interactive and educational space, it served as a single-point public interface where taxpayers, traders, exporters and importers, students, travellers and citizens could understand recent changes in tax and customs procedures and the benefits available to them.

Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava Inaugurates Advanced Spectral CT Facility at NIMHANS, Bengaluru



BENGALURU – 28 Nov, 2026 Reviews Key Mental Healthcare and Brain Health Initiatives.

Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava inaugurated and dedicated an advanced Spectral CT facility at the Emergency Block of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, today. During her visit, the Secretary reviewed the Institute's major initiatives and its contributions to national efforts in mental healthcare, suicide prevention, addiction treatment, capacity building and brain health.

The newly commissioned facility is equipped with the Revolution Apex Elite CT scanner from GE, a 256-detector-row system featuring advanced spectral imaging and AI-based image reconstruction. Designed to support comprehensive neurological, cardiac, vascular and whole-body imaging for both adults and children, the scanner will operate round the clock to cater to the substantial patient load at the Emergency Department.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Extends Digital Learning Support to 13 Schools in Maharashtra



CHENNAI – 28 Nov, 2026 Chennai: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has handed over digital learning infrastructure and assistive educational tools to 13 schools in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Maharashtra, under its Toyota Digital Sahachari Project. The handover ceremonies, held on November 25 and 26, were attended by school authorities, teachers, special educators, parents and company representatives.

The initiative aims to address educational challenges faced by children with special needs. Of the approximately 26,789 children with special needs in the district, only around 25% are currently enrolled in schools.

Launched in FY 2025-26, the project's first phase supported four schools. Following encouraging feedback, TKM expanded the initiative in FY 2026-27 to cover nine additional schools.

Under the programme, schools receive digital smart boards with inclusive learning content, AI-powered reading devices, educational tablets and accessible digital learning materials. Teachers are also trained in inclusive digital teaching methods and assistive technologies. The initiative supports children with visual, hearing, speech, intellectual and locomotor impairments.

With both phases completed, the project is expected to benefit approximately 755 children across 13 schools by improving access to quality education, enhancing classroom participation and developing digital literacy and independent learning skills.

Vikram Gulati, Country Head and Executive Vice President – Corporate Affairs, TKM, said the initiative reflects Toyota's commitment to creating inclusive learning environments where every child gets equal opportunities to learn and grow.

Since 2001, TKM has undertaken several community development initiatives across education, environment, healthcare and road safety.

Dr Abhilaksh Likhi, Union Secretary Visits College of Fishery Science, Nagpur



NAGPUR – 28 Nov, 2026 Interacts with Fisheries students, Highlights Emerging Opportunities in Fisheries, Aquaculture, entrepreneurship and the Blue Economy.

Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India, visited the College of Fishery Science, Nagpur, Maharashtra. He delivered a presentation on 'India's Initiatives in the Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector ,' highlighting key developments and emerging opportunities in the sector, and interacted with students on the growth, emerging opportunities and future prospects of India's fisheries sector. The College promotes experiential learning through hands-on training, complemented by smart classroom teaching in areas such as fish breeding, hatchery & farm management, value added processing.