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TN CM Vijay Inaugurates ₹315-Crore Homworks Plant in Coimbatore; Facility Will Create 830 Jobs

COIMBATORE – 29 Nov, 2026 Homworks Interiors, a part of House of Prominence and operating under its registered company, Stylcove Modulars Private Limited, has inaugurated its second and significantly larger showroom in Coimbatore, located opposite KMCH on Avinashi Road. The inauguration, held on November 27, 2026, marks another significant milestone in the brand's growth and expansion journey. The showroom launch follows a major development for the company, with the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, *C. Joseph Vijay*, inaugurating Homworks' state-of-the-art manufacturing facility on November 25, 2026. Established with an investment of ₹315 crore, the facility is expected to generate approximately 830 employment opportunities, representing a significant contribution to the state's industrial development and employment ecosystem. The inauguration of the manufacturing facility by the Chief Minister marks an important milestone for Homworks, strengthening its manufacturing capabilities and reinforcing its commitment to delivering quality-driven, technologically advanced home interior solutions. The facility reflects the company's long-term vision of building a strong manufacturing foundation to support its growing presence across India. The newly inaugurated Coimbatore showroom is an expansive and advanced space designed to offer customers an immersive experience



of contemporary home interiors. It showcases the brand's range of end-to-end interior solutions, including personalised home designs, modular kitchens, wardrobes, living spaces and customised furnishings. With an emphasis on premium materials, thoughtful functionality, quality and meticulous craftsmanship, Homworks aims to bring together aesthetics and practicality to help homeowners transform their dream homes into reality. With this new launch, Homworks continues to strengthen its presence in Coimbatore while setting its sights on a wider national expansion. The brand is planning to extend its footprint into key markets, including Delhi, Patna, Bengaluru and Madurai, later this year, taking its design expertise and integrated interior solutions to more customers across the country. The inauguration of its ₹315 crore manufacturing facility by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, C. Joseph Vijay, and the launch of its expanded Coimbatore showroom underscore Homworks Interiors' growing ambitions, commitment to excellence and vision of becoming a prominent name in India's home interiors industry.

IICA, Directorate General of Resettlement conclude 6th Batch of Directors' Certification in Corporate Governance for Def

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), a think tank of Ministry of Corporate Affairs in partnership with the Directorate General Resettlement (DGR), Ministry of Defence, concluded the 6th Batch of the Directors' Certification in Corporate Governance Course for Defence Officers at the IICA Campus, Manesar. The two-week programme, commenced from 16 th November and concluded on 27 th November 2026 by bringing together 30 senior officers from all three services.



Certificates were awarded at a valedictory ceremony with the presence of P. Daniel, whole time member, National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), Anup Kumar Pujari, Former Secretary, Government of India and Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, IICA.

The programme prepares officers for board roles at the corporate sector, by exposing them to the regulatory framework of corporate governance, corporate compliances, understanding of financial statements and red flags, roles and responsibilities of board members including the committees of board such as audit committee, nomination and remuneration committee, CSR, risk management committees, etc.

Union Health Ministry's Health Pavilion Records Around 1.5 Lakh Footfall at IITF 2026, Promotes 'युवा भारत, स्वस्थ भारत' through Preventive Healthcare and Healthy Living

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The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's Health Pavilion recorded a footfall of around 1.5 lakh during the India International Trade Fair (IITF) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Children, young people and families visited the pavilion to access free health services, interact with healthcare professionals and learn about Government health programmes. Themed 'युवा भारत, स्वस्थ भारत', the pavilion promoted preventive healthcare and healthy everyday habits through interactive exhibits, live demonstrations and on-site services.



The pavilion was inaugurated by Dr. M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog, in the presence of Punya Salila Srivastava, Union Health Secretary. The Health Pavilion brought together 39 stalls representing 24 National Health Programmes, Programme Divisions and participating organisations, providing visitors an opportunity to learn about Government health initiatives and access a wide range of public health services.

Ayushman Arogya Mandir Stall Highlights Preventive and Primary Healthcare

DRI seizes suspected two litres of King Cobra venom and 3 big cat skins, firearms in Maharashtra

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 In back-to-back intelligence-led enforcement operations focused on curbing illegal wildlife trade and protecting endangered species, officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) dismantled two separate illicit wildlife trafficking networks a ctive around Western Ghat Region in Maharashtra, apprehending six individuals and seizing suspected King Cobra venom alongside big cat skins and a poaching weapon.

Operation Venom Shield: Seizure of 2 litre Cobra Snake Venom in outskirts of Pune

Acting on specific intelligence that a stock trader-turned-social media influencer was trading in illegal venom, DRI officers mounted sustained



surveillance on November 25, 2026, during the Kartik Purnima religious congregation on the outskirts of Pune, where the suspect was scheduled to meet a middleman and a prospective buyer.

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Afghanistan explosion kills 10 students and injures more than 100, official says



CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 The incident happened on Saturday morning in the Anderseir area of Asadabad, the capital of Kunar province, the spokesperson for the Taliban government's interior ministry said.

Posting on X, Abdul Mateen Qani said that according to initial investigations, the blast was caused by "negligence and carelessness" at an explosives depot belonging to nearby mining companies.

An investigation into the incident was ongoing, he added.

The province's culture and information director Sami ul Haq Bayan said the blast took place in a house near Shagai Middle School in Asadabad as explosives were being prepared for mining and blasting rock, reports.

Pictures from inside a damaged classroom show shattered glass and debris surrounding abandoned shoes and school bags.

Footage shared on social media showed several wounded children being taken out of cars and carried into the emergency department at a hospital in Asadabad as a large crowd watched on.

Photos from inside the hospital also show children lying next to each other in hospital beds with bandages strapped around their heads.

Mining is a major industry in Afghanistan but safety standards are often poor, leading to accidents.

A HISTORIC CINEMATIC TRIBUTE TO INDIA: FILM BASED ON OPERATION SINDOOR BEGINS ITS JOURNEY WITH A GRAND PUJA AT AYODHYA'S RAM JANMABHOOMI THEERTH KSHETRA In a



CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 moment for Indian cinema, the much-anticipated film inspired by Pahalgam and Operation Sindoor commences its journey with a grand ceremony at the sacred Ram Janmabhoomi Theerth Kshetra in Ayodhya. Directed by Action King Arjun Sarja, produced by Anup Mohan, under the banner Presidential Movies International and written by retired Indian Army officer Major Vijay Bhargav, the ambitious multilingual project is envisioned as a tribute to the spirit, courage and resilience of the nation. AYODHYA, NOVEMBER 27, 2026: In what promises to be one of the most significant beginnings for an Indian cinematic project, a grand puja ceremony for the upcoming film inspired by Operation Sindoor was held today at the sacred Ram Janmabhoomi Theerth Kshetra in Ayodhya. Produced by Presidential Movies International Private Limited, the film is directed by the celebrated Action King Arjun Sarja and produced by Anup Mohan. The ceremony, held at one of the most revered spiritual landmarks in the country, marks the beginning of an ambitious cinematic journey that seeks to bring a powerful chapter of contemporary Indian history to the big screen. The makers describe the occasion as a historic first for Indian cinema, with the film becoming the first movie to have its inaugural puja ceremony at the Ram Janmabhoomi Theerth Kshetra in Ayodhya. Director Action King Arjun Sarja was present at the ceremony, accompanied by his wife, Niveditha Arjun. The event witnessed the presence of several distinguished dignitaries, eminent personalities and prominent guests from various walks of life, making it a grand and memorable occasion. Many dignatries were present during the function. A SHARED VISION TO DEDICATE A FILM TO THE NATION Director Action King Arjun Sarja and producer Anup Mohan share a common vision for the project: to create a film that transcends the boundaries of conventional commercial cinema and stands as a tribute to the entire nation. With Arjun Sarja's celebrated filmmaking sensibilities and command over action-driven storytelling, combined with Anup Mohan's ambition to mount the project on a grand scale, the film is being envisioned as a cinematic experience that blends scale, substance, emotion and authenticity. The makers are committed to presenting the story with the magnitude it deserves, while ensuring that its emotional core remains at the forefront. A STORY THAT RESONATES WITH EVERY INDIAN At the heart of the film lies a story that continues to remain deeply etched in the collective consciousness of the nation. Inspired by the events surrounding the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor, the film seeks to explore a defining chapter of India's recent history through a powerful cinematic narrative. The screenplay is written by Major Vijay Bhargav, who brings a distinctive perspective to the project. Drawing upon his military background and understanding of the realities of service, sacrifice and national security, Vijay brings a fresh and deeply grounded approach to a story that demands both authenticity and emotional depth. The Pahalgam terror attack was not merely an incident that made headlines. It was a wound felt by millions of Indians. The film aims to approach this subject with sensitivity, conviction and a strong sense of national responsibility, while bringing audiences closer to the human emotions, courage and determination behind the events that shaped this chapter in India's history. For the makers, this is much more than a film. It is an opportunity to tell a story that deserves to be remembered, understood and experienced by audiences across the country. A NINE-LANGUAGE PAN-INDIA CINEMATIC VENTURE Conceived as a major Hindi-language film, the project is also planned to be made in nine languages, taking its story beyond geographical, linguistic and cultural boundaries. The makers believe that a story rooted in national pride and collective memory deserves to reach every Indian, irrespective of language or region. The film's official title is currently being kept under wraps. The makers have indicated that the title will be unveiled shortly through a special announcement, which they promise will be a major surprise for audiences across the country. INDEPENDENCE DAY 2027: A DATE WITH THE NATION The film's shooting is scheduled to commence in the coming months, with the makers working towards a grand theatrical release for 15 August 2027, India's 81st Independence Day. The choice of the release date is particularly significant. The makers envision bringing this story to theatres on a day that celebrates India's freedom, sovereignty and national spirit. With an ambitious production scale, a powerful subject, an acclaimed director and a story carrying immense national and emotional significance, the project is already positioning itself as one of the most anticipated upcoming Indian cinematic ventures. MORE THAN A FILM. A TRIBUTE TO THE NATION. From the sacred beginnings at Ayodhya's Ram Janmabhoomi to its proposed release on Independence Day 2027, the film carries an ambition that goes beyond box-office expectations. For director Arjun Sarja, producer Anup Mohan, the larger purpose is to create a cinematic tribute that honours the spirit of India and resonates with every Indian. The title remains a secret. The journey has begun. And the makers promise that the announcement to come will be one that the entire country will be watching.





Amazon.in Offers Up to 80% Discounts Across Categories in Black Friday Sale

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Amazon.in's Black Friday Sale begins November 27, bringing customers offers of up to 80% across a wide range of product categories. The sale features leading brands including Samsung, OnePlus, JBL, LG, boAt, Philips, Hero, Bajaj and L'Oréal Paris, among others.

Customers shopping during the sale can benefit from up to 10% instant discounts on HDFC Bank and Axis Bank credit card and EMI transactions, No Cost EMI, additional coupon discounts, exchange offers and Amazon Pay rewards. Prime members can enjoy an extra 5% savings on select products.

Smartphones and electronics are available with discounts of up to 40%. Featured deals include the Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra 5G at Rs. 94,999, the OnePlus 13s at Rs. 64,999 and the Samsung Galaxy M47 5G at Rs. 27,999. Customers can also explore the Apple 2026 MacBook Neo 13-inch laptop at Rs. 71,890 and Apple Watch Series 11 GPS at Rs. 36,499.

The sale also features discounts of up to 65% on entertainment products and home appliances. Smart TV options include Samsung's 55-inch Mini LED 4K Vision AI Smart TV at Rs. 49,990, LG's 55-inch NU87 AI Series Nano 4K Smart TV at Rs. 42,649 and Xiaomi's 43-inch FX Pro 4K QLED Smart TV at Rs. 29,999. Home appliances include the Panasonic 25L Solo Microwave Oven at Rs. 8,190 and Samsung 653L Side-by-Side Refrigerator at Rs. 85,990.

Customers can avail discounts of up to 80% on home, kitchen, sports and outdoor essentials, including mattresses, sofas, home décor, smart security devices, air fryers and fitness equipment. Fashion and beauty products, including apparel, jewellery, watches, travel accessories and fragrances, are available with discounts of up to 60%.

The sale also includes deals on Amazon devices such as Fire TV Sticks and Echo devices, along with fitness wearables, sports equipment, board games and toys.

Prime members can maximise their savings with an additional 5% discount on select products across categories.

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Autoimmune conditions can be managed well with early diagnosis and treatment: experts

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Autoimmune conditions occur when the immune system mistakenly attacks the body's own tissues and organs.

Aishwarya G., consultant rheumatologist and clinical immunologist, Apollo Specialty explained the hows and whys. She said genes, the environment, hormones, and lifestyle all played a part, and discussed early warning symptoms. She stressed that these conditions were not contagious and that nothing that patients did or did not do caused them. She different types of autoimmune diseases – systemic and organ-specific – and explained how certain conditions such as Type 1 diabetes, Hashimoto's, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and Sjögren's, among others, occurred. She also outlined the diagnostic described how treatment worked to calm the immune system, ease symptoms, and support the body.

Prabash Prabhakaran, director and senior consultant, neurology, SIMS Hospital, Chennai, explained that autoimmune conditions could



the nervous system, and the doctor's first goal was to localise the affected area and understand which part of the nervous system was involved. This was followed by assessing the tempo: figuring out if the condition developed over hours, days, weeks, or longer.

Delimitation based on latest census will pose a danger to Tamil Nadu: M.K Stalin

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 DMK president M.K. Stalin justified his party's decision to support the new Constitutional Amendment Bill on delimitation, saying that if the DMK did not support it, the Union government would proceed with delimitation based on the latest Census instead of the 1971 Census, posing a grave danger to Tamil Nadu.

"We approached the Bill with equanimity and foresight. We have prevented that eventuality, and the Bill is now in line with our expectations," he said while addressing a meeting of party MPs at Anna Arivalayam.

Stalin said the DMK had remained firm on its two demands and had succeeded in ensuring that Tamil Nadu's parliamentary representation would remain frozen for another 25 years and its share of 7.18 % would be protected. "We will not compromise on these issues. In 1967, Tamil Nadu lost three seats. Now, we have



ensured that we will not lose any seats," he said.

He said that had the DMK not raised its voice, the BJP would have increased the number of seats in the northern States while reducing Tamil Nadu's share.

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

CHENNAI – 29 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.

South Zone Inter-University Hockey (Men) Tournament 2026–2027-DAY -1- Results

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), through its Directorate of Sports, is hosting the South Zone Inter-University Hockey (Men) Tournament 2026–2027 under the auspices of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

The tournament is being held from 28th November to 4th December 2026 at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium, Egmore, Chennai.

DAY -1 Results

University of Mysore beat St. Aloysius – Score: 8–0.

Madurai Kamaraj University beat Krishna University, Andhra Pradesh – Score: 11–0.

Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala beat Acharya Nagarjuna University, Andhra Pradesh – Score: 19–0.

Kannur University Beat KLE Technology University – Score: 6–0.

Karunya University Coimbatore beat Ramakrishna mission vivekananda edu



and research institute TN – Score: 5–0

JNTU Hyderabad, Karnataka beat KARE, Tamil Nadu – Score: 6–1

Israeli strike kills two Doctors Without Borders staff in Gaza



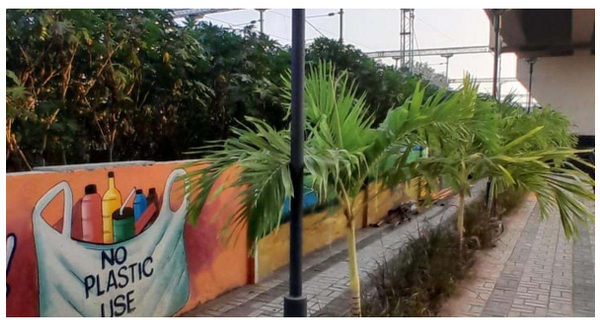
CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Doctors Without Borders (MSF) said on Saturday (November 28, 2026) an Israeli strike killed two staff members at a clinic in Gaza, with the Israeli army labelling the pair as Hamas "terrorists".

The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) identified the men, who worked as security guards at the clinic, as Hamas artillery cell commander Moaz Yousef Alitsbach and Ahmed Sufyan Muhammad Ali Abu. MSF said it was "devastated" by the killings, and denounced "a direct hit" on the organisation.

"Our premises were clearly marked with MSF logos, and their location had been communicated to and was known by the Israeli military," it wrote on X.

World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus condemned the attack. "Attacks on health facilities, health workers and humanitarian personnel in #Gaza are outrageous and unacceptable," he posted on X.

New leisure spot in Kodambakkam



CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Greater Chennai Corporation has lent a new look to the area under the Rangarajapuram flyover on Railway Border Road in Kodambakkam. It has been converted into a recreational space by providing a children's play area, fitness equipment, seats and lights along with greenery. And painting works adorn the compound wall along the railway track.

A GCC official says the work was carried out at a cost of ₹3.63 crore. "The space was earlier occupied by mechanic shops as their work area. All that has been removed, and space has been spruced up," says the official.

Residents welcome this work, as they see it as a new leisure space. However, they pointed out that the stretch near Patel Street is still occupied by mechanic shops.

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LS revises MPs' seating ahead of special session; DMK moves closer to Treasury



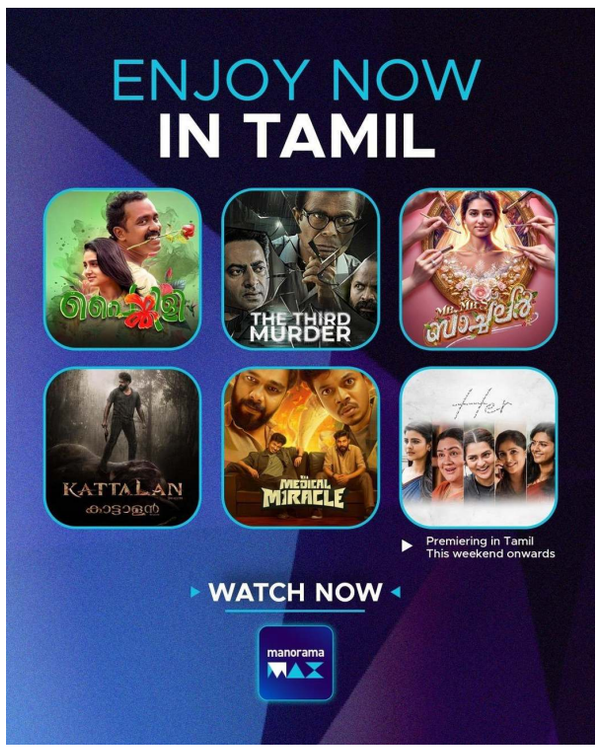
CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Just ahead of the special sitting of Parliament with a focus on the legislative package on delimitation and women's reservation, the Lok Sabha Secretariat on Saturday notified changes in seating arrangements for 97 MPs, including DMK lawmakers who now move closer to the Treasury Benches.

The change comes hours after the DMK passed a resolution, following a meeting of party MPs chaired by its chief MK Stalin in Chennai, to support the revised delimitation bills.

The Union Cabinet on Friday approved the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirty-Second Amendment) Bill, 2026, tied to constituency delimitation and implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament and state legislatures.

On the changes in the seating arrangement, a source in the Lok Sabha Secretariat said on Saturday, "It was a pending request from the party (DMK). But it was done on Saturday. The DMK will now sit on the Treasury side in both Houses, and seating has been changed for some other parties too because of that."

ManoramaMAX expands its Tamil content line-up with a diverse selection of Malayalam Hits 'Her' to premiere in Tamil this weekend, adding to the platform's diverse collection



CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 across genres ManoramaMAX, the leading regional OTT platform from Kerala, is strengthening its presence among Tamil audiences with an expanding collection of Malayalam films available to stream in Tamil. With a diverse selection of titles spanning comedy, drama, action and thrillers, the platform continues to broaden its multilingual entertainment offering and bring engaging Malayalam stories to a wider audience. The current Tamil-language catalogue on ManoramaMAX features Pallotty, Painkili, The Third Murder, & Bachelor, Kattalan and It's a Medical Miracle. Further strengthening the line-up, Her will premiere in Tamil on the platform this weekend, adding another engaging title to its growing collection. Offering a mix of genres and storytelling styles, the catalogue brings together films featuring distinctive narratives and performances. From the humour and emotional appeal of Pallotty and Painkili to the gripping suspense of The Third Murder, the comedy of & Bachelor, the action of Kattalan and the unconventional comic thriller It's a Medical Miracle, audiences can explore a varied selection of Malayalam cinema in Tamil. The upcoming Tamil premiere of Her further adds to this offering. With over 500 films and more than 20,000 hours of content, ManoramaMAX offers an extensive entertainment library alongside popular programmes from Mazhavil Manorama and Manorama News. Through its growing multilingual catalogue, the platform continues to make quality entertainment accessible to audiences across language preferences, while bringing the richness and diversity of Malayalam content to viewers beyond Kerala. With its expanding Tamil line-up and regular additions to its content library, ManoramaMAX continues to strengthen its offering for Tamil audiences, bringing together stories, genres and entertainment experiences on a single platform.

Tamil Nadu library scam: Every reader of a spurious book becomes an invisible victim of an unpardonable crime, says Special Court



CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Filling the shelves of a library with fake books containing misleading contents by fictitious authors is a grave offence against civilisation and culture, with every reader of such spurious books becoming an invisible victim of the unpardonable crime, the Special Court for Prevention of Corruption Act cases in Chennai said on Saturday (November 28, 2026).

Special Judge L.S. Sathiyamurthy wrote: "A library is a symbol of civilisation and culture. It is a think tank that promotes learning among the children and youth, besides assisting research scholars who seek authentic reference materials. Its shelves are a sanctuary of wisdom, archives of human thoughts, haven of learning, and a wardrobe of history, literature, and science."

He went on to state: "If such shelves are filled with fake books by fictitious authors, plagiarised pages, and spurious books with misleading contents, it is a grave offence against civilisation and culture. These types of worst books will soon destroy the public libraries of Tamil Nadu and meet the fate of the Library of Alexandria (which suffered destruction in Egypt)."

Perambur residents make a representation to Sembiam police



CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Residents of Vasanth Apartments in Venkatraman Street in Perambur gave a petition to K1 Sembiam Police Station a fortnight ago, highlighting safety concerns such as intimidation, property damage, and public nuisance posed by customers of shops in the street.

In the petition dated November 15, 2026, the residents brought up a handful of notable incidents that have occurred since August 2026. They are as follows:

August 28: When it was half past ten at night, a group of men parked their bikes in front of the gate of the apartment and started to consume liquor. When residents of the apartment requested them to leave, they became aggressive, hurled abusive words, and threatened them to stay inside their homes. However, when some residents took the risk of confronting them, the notorious group left the place shouting in an unparliamentary language and intimidating the residents that they would return to kill them.

October 1: A middle-aged man in an inebriated state placed his bags and other belongings and sat in front of the apartment's gate. When residents asked them to clear the place, he became violent, threw trash inside the apartment premises and issued a death threat.

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



CHENNAI – 29 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.

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OBC associations stage protest, to boycott Census 2027 until Government changes caste count method

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Other Backward Classes associations across the country on Saturday (November 28, 2026) resolved to boycott the ongoing Census 2027 over the government's decision to use the open-column method for caste enumeration and the absence of a specific OBC column in the forms for the Population Enumeration phase.

Thousands of people demonstrated at New Delhi's Ramlila Maidan on Saturday, following a protest call by the All India Caste Census Coordination Committee (AICCCC), a coalition of various OBC associations in India.

The AICCC has been organising opposition to the Union government's open-column caste enumeration method, which the committee has said was designed to create "data chaos", like the 2011 Socio-Economic Caste Census exercise.



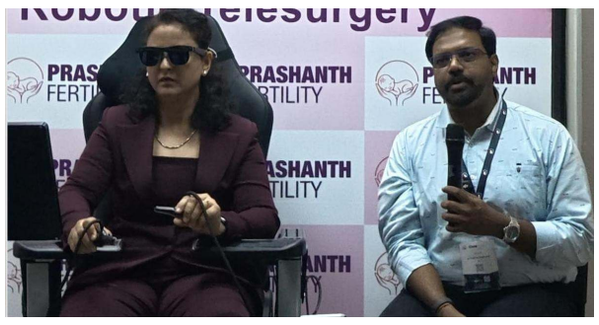
In a declaration adopted on Saturday, the AICCCC said all associated organisations had decided to boycott the ongoing Census exercise until the Census forms include a specific OBC column and a drop-down box listing all castes (SC/ST/OBC/General).

The coalition of OBC groups also called for a way to specifically enumerate nomadic and denotified tribes, many of which are already classified as OBCs, SCs, or STs.

Prashanth Fertility performs remote robotic surgery for uterine fibroids

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Prashanth Fertility performed a robotic myomectomy remotely on a patient in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, from Chennai on Tuesday (November 24, 2026).

Leena Mehrotra, Senior Consultant and Robotic/Laparoscopic Surgeon at Apex Hospital, operated from Prashanth Hospitals in Chennai, using the SSI Mantra surgical robotic system, while the patient was at Apex Hospital in Moradabad. An on-site medical team assisted with the procedure.



The surgery, which took about 45 minutes, involved removing uterine fibroids while preserving the uterus. The patient had been diagnosed with fibroids affecting her fertility. She is recovering well and is expected to be discharged in the next few days, subject to medical clearance.

The procedure was conducted as part of the ninth Annual Conference on Controversies in Infertility Management (CIIM 2026) in Chennai and streamed live.

Samhitha Moturi, Director, Prashanth Group of Hospitals, and C. Geetha Haripriya, Chairperson, Prashanth Group of Hospitals, spoke about the role of robotic technology in fertility care.

Thirupparankundram row LIVE: Karthigai Deepam lit at 'deepathoon'; Supreme Court-appointed receivers oversee the ceremony

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 T he Karthigai Deepam was lit today at 5 p.m. at the 'deepathoon' atop the Thiruparankundram Hill. Supreme Court-appointed receivers, retired Meghalaya High Court Chief Justice S. Vaidyanathan and former Madras High Court Judge Justice V. Parthiban, oversaw the arrangements.

Following the lamp lighting, devotees were seen to be celebrating by bursting crackers amid emotional chants of 'Vetrivel Muruganuku Arohara' (Salutations to Lord Muruga, who holds the victorious spear).

Devotees were also thanking the CRPF personnel outside the temple.

"It was an out-of-the-world experience," said V. Parthiban, one of the Supreme Court appointed receivers.

The Supreme Court declared that Executive authorities had wilfully disobeyed the orders of the court over the failure to light the ceremonial Karthigai lamp at the disputed stone pillar on Thirupparankundram hill. Hearing the contempt petitions on Friday (November 27, 2026), the court accused the authorities and the Board of Trustees of having acted "according to their political bosses".

The Supreme Court directed the temple receivers to light the Karthigai Deepam at the stone pillar, 'deepathoon', on Saturday (November 28, 2026) after consultations with the priests.

Poet Viveka, who published 115 books, created a world record.

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Poet and lyricist Viveka released 115 books prepared by the Learning Publishing House at the International Book Fair held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, creating a world record, creating a huge sensation in the world of Tamil literature. The International Book Fair held in Sharjah on the 14th featured books from all over the world in various languages. A special stage was also set up for the book launch event at this fair. The launch event of 115 books published by the Learning Publishing House was held at this



venue under the leadership of Sri Rohini, founder and educationist of the Learning Education Center. Poet and film lyricist Viveka attended as a special guest and delivered a congratulatory speech by releasing 115 books at a time. In Tamil, Arabic, French, Malayalam, English 115 writers Multilingual scholars have said that it was at this event that 115 books were published on a single platform... and this is a world record. Kadambari, a girl who wrote books in 5 languages by the age of 12, also took to the stage Honored! This event was followed by an event to express good wishes to the United Arab Emirates for its well-being. This was attended by officials from the Indian Embassy in Sharjah, dignitaries, Tamil scholars, Tamil enthusiasts, and book readers.

PRESIDENT OF INDIA DROUPADI MURMU REVIEWS PASSING OUT PARADE OF AUTUMN TERM 2026 AT INDIAN NAVAL ACADEMY, EZHIMALA

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 The Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala conducted the Passing Out Parade (POP) of Autumn Term 2026 on 28 Nov 2026, marking the culmination of rigorous ab-initio military training of 427 trainees, including 69 women trainees. The ceremonial parade marked a defining transition in the lives of the passing-out trainees as they marched to the 'Antim Pag' – the final step – at the magnificent Pereira Parade Ground. That single step marks the beginning of their commissioned service in the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and maritime forces of friendly foreign countries. The passing out cohort included 18 trainees from Nine Friendly Foreign Countries – Bangladesh, Kenya, Malawi, Maldives Myanmar, Oman, Seychelles, Tanzania and Timor Leste – further strengthening the Academy's role in fostering enduring bonds of friendship and professional camaraderie among maritime forces.



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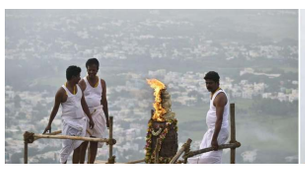
Thirupparankundram Karthigai Deepam lit at 'deepathoon' in accordance with Supreme Court order





CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 The Karthigai Deepam was lit atop the 'deepathoon' on the Thirupparankundram hills on Saturday (November 28, 2026), adhering to the directives of the Supreme Court of India.

The lighting, scheduled for 5 p.m., was executed under the direct supervision of the court-appointed receivers, retired Meghalaya High Court Chief Justice S. Vaidyanathan and former Madras High Court Judge Justice V. Parthiban, who were tasked by the apex court with taking over the administration of Sri Subramaniya Swamy Temple for the ritual.

Before ascending the deepathoon via newly erected scaffolding, the two retired judges performed traditional pujas at the temple before handing over the sacred cauldron to the temple sthanikars and priests, utilising the existing flame brought from the Uchipillayar Mandapam as mandated by the court.

To ensure compliance and maintain order, the Supreme Court had placed the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in charge of security of the hillock.

Alongside the court-appointed judges and CRPF personnel, the tightly regulated hilltop gathering included Madurai District Collector Nishant Krishna, temple priests, officials from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), and a restricted group of 50 permitted devotees, while thousands of other worshippers gathered in the foothills to witness the flame.

'Train on Wheels': Vijay Sethupathi and Mysskin Launch City-Wide Promo Campaign Ahead of December 4 Release



CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Ahead of its December 4 theatrical release, the team of Train—directed by Mysskin and starring Vijay Sethupathi—launched a city-wide promotional campaign titled 'Train on Wheels' today. Conceptualised by producer Kalaippuli S. Thanu under V Creations and inspired by his famous Kabali aeroplane campaign, a specially designed railway compartment vehicle carrying the cast and crew was ceremonially flagged off to travel across the city.

The launch event was attended by Kalaippuli S. Thanu, Mysskin, Vijay Sethupathi, cast members Ira Dayanand, Preethykaran, Janani, Rohan, and Vincent Asokan, alongside special guests Sananth and Rishikanth.

Addressing the media, director Mysskin thanked his brother, the cast—including Ira, Preethi, Janani, and the transgender artistes—and spoke about the challenges of filming inside a confined train compartment.

Praising Vijay Sethupathi's dedication, Mysskin stated that the film's action sequences surpass iconic train fights from classics like Murattu Kaalai and Senthoora Poove. Despite facing delays, he expressed confidence that the gripping thriller is arriving at the right time and will bring massive success to producer Thanu.

Vijay Sethupathi described Train as a non-stop, gripping cinematic ride unfolding over a five-hour timeline packed with revenge, love, anger, and profound humanity. He praised Mysskin's storytelling and music composition, cinematographer Fowzia's lighting within the tight compartment space, and the efforts of co-stars including Ira and Shruti Haasan, urging fans to experience the journey in theatres.

Producer Kalaippuli S. Thanu noted that the release delay was due to extensive CG work across eight railway compartments, praising the efforts of Mysskin, art director Mohana Mahendran, and PGS Studios MD Govindasamy.

Highlighting Vijay Sethupathi's emotional performance and the film's theatrical climax, the team also announced a special prize for audience members who correctly guess the reasons behind the interval twists.

Special guests Sananth and Rishikanth shared warm anecdotes about Mysskin and Vijay Sethupathi, wishing the fast-paced commercial entertainer a grand reception upon its release on December 4.

The film features an ensemble cast led by Vijay Sethupathi, alongside Nasser, Shruti Haasan, Yugi Sethu, Narain, KS Ravikumar, Sampath Raj, Kalaiyarasan, Ira Dayanand, Ajay Ratnam, Vincent Ashokan, Babloo Prithiveeraj, Thrigun Arun, Ganesh Venkatraman, Preethy Karan, Singampuli, Suresh Chandra Menon, Shaji, Selvaah Chandrasekhar, GR Aathithyaa, Rohan, Kaniha, Janany, Diya Sharma, and Komagan.

Produced by Kalaippuli S Thanu under the banner of V Creations, the project is written, directed, and composed by Mysskin. The technical crew includes Fowzia Fathima (ISC, IWCC) handling cinematography, Sri Watson and Shaban on editing, and Mohana Mahendran as the art director. Sound is managed by audiographer Tapas Nayak and sound designer Jeswin Felix, while R Udayakumar serves as the production controller. Costume design is by Shaima Aslam, publicity design by Kannadasan DKD, and still photography by Harishankar Janarthanan. Public relations are handled by Riaz K Ahmed, Paras Riyaz, and Sathish AIM, with the music label acquired by Saregama India Limited, an RPSG Group Company.

Vice-President inaugurates the fifth edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi



CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 Vice-President of India C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the fifth edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam today in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh in the presence of Union Minister for Education, Pralhad Joshi and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath. On the occasion, he released editions of the Thirukkural translated into 50 languages, including 10 foreign languages.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-President said that Kashi and Tamil Nadu shared a deep-rooted civilisational, cultural and spiritual relationship that went back thousands of years. This year's edition was centred on the theme "Thirukkural Abhyas Karen", meaning "Let us Learn the Thirukkural.", with the objective of taking the timeless wisdom and ethical values of the Thirukkural, particularly to students and young people. The Vice-President described the Thirukkural as a universal guide to life, with a message of equality, humanism and righteousness that transcended the boundaries of language, region and nation. He urged people to study its teachings and put them into practice in their daily lives.

Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) engages with National Highways Authority of India to strengthen implementation of Labour Codes and enhance stakeholder consultation



CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 The Office of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, convened a meeting with senior officers of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on 27 th November 2026 under the chairpersonship of Sonal Mishra Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), at Shramev Jayate Bhawan, Dwarka, New Delhi, to discuss effective implementation of the Labour Codes, 2020 and strengthen coordination and stakeholder consultation.

The meeting was organised as part of the series of one-to-one interactions being undertaken by the Office of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) [CLC(C)] with various Ministries, Departments and Central Public Sector Undertakings to facilitate effective implementation of the Labour Codes, promote compliance and strengthen institutional coordination.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) was represented by C. K. Sinha, CGM, Admin, alongside their team. All Senior officers from the Office of the CLC(C)] attended the meeting.

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