Clean air survey: Tiruchy ranks first among TN cities

VIVANESH PARTHIBAN @Tiruchy

TIRUCHY city ranked first in Tamil Nadu in the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2026, results of which were released on Monday by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The city is placed at the 12th position in the country among cities with population of over 10 lakh, with a score of 183 out of 200. Chennai (147.7) and Madurai (132.1) are far behind at the 35th and 39th spots respectively. The state ranking, however, is a spot less than last year's 9th position.

Across India, Lucknow is at the top with 198 points, followed by Indore (197) and Jabalpur (195). Thoothukudi secured 35th rank in the smaller cities category (below 3 lakh population) with a score of 142.2.

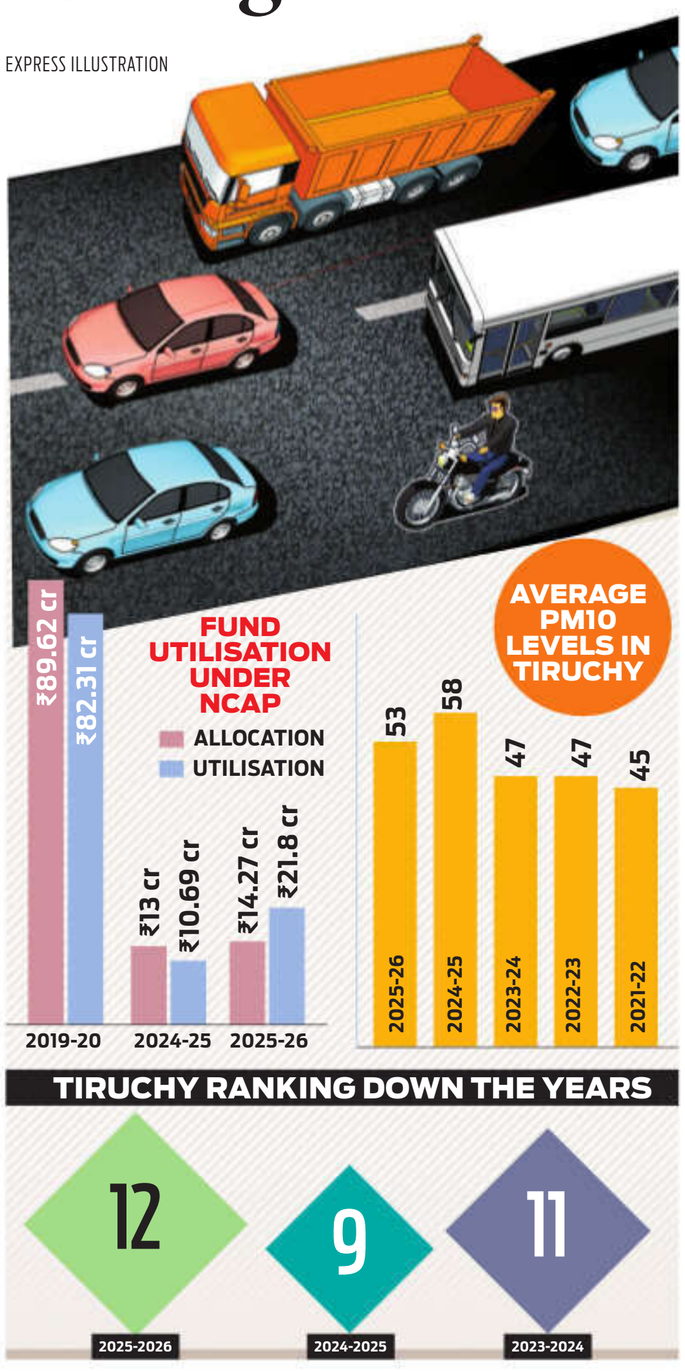
The survey was done by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) covering 131 cities under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

The ranking is based on key parameters such as reduction in particulate matter (PM10), road dust control, waste management, monitoring infrastructure, public awareness, and institutional capacity.

A senior official from district administration attributed the Swacch rank ti interventions such as improved waste segregation and door-to-door collection, mechanised road sweeping, among others.

The city also enforced stricter control on open waste burning, he said. Expansion of green spaces and stronger community participation further supported the government's clean air initiatives, bringing down PM10 level from 88 in 2017-18 to 53 in 2025-26.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION



Fishers turn sea stage to offer 'golden fish' to Shiva

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Members of the fishing community from Nambiyar Nagar on Tuesday turned the sea into their grand stage to enact the lore of Adipaththa Nayanar offering fish to Lord Shiva.

The event, known as Golden Fish Festival, is rooted in the community's centuries-old connection with the sea and the legend of Adipaththa Nayanar, who is believed to have been born in the fishing community. Several hundred people converged on the shore under a windy sky, dancing to the rhythmic beats of pambai, and moved to the sea.

According to the legend, Adipaththa Nayanar was an ardent devotee of Lord Shiva and used to release the first fish caught in his net into the sea as offering to the deity. One day, a golden fish landed in his net, yet, he released it into the sea. Lord Shiva appeared before him and blessed him, the legend goes on.

"It is this act of devotion we commemorate through the Golden Fish Festival. For people of Nambiyar Nagar, it is not merely a religious ritual but also a tradition closely linked to the community," said S Sinduja, a resident of Nambiyar Nagar.

As part of the festival, gold-coloured fish idols and Adipaththa Nayanar, after being worshipped at Putholi Mariamman Temple, were taken in a procession to New Beach. Devotees danced to the beats of pambai drums, turning the streets into a vibrant display of faith and tradition.

The idols were then taken aboard a motorised fishing boat into the sea along with several boats carrying devotees. Amid chants and prayers, the fishermen released the "golden fish" into the waters, and later retrieved it.

People from different parts of TN travelled to the fishing village to witness the ritual. "I came hoping to get onto a boat and witness the event more closely, but couldn't. However, I got to see the ritual in person," said Sivamam from Dindigul,



Amid chants and prayers, Nambiyar Nagar fishermen released gold-coloured fish idols into waters as an offering to Lord Shiva | EXPRESS

CM's trophy competitions to commence in Nagai today

NAGAPPATINAM: District-level Chief Minister's Trophy sports competitions for 2026-27 will be held across Nagapattinam from September 9 to 30 for school and college students, persons with disabilities, government employees and the general public.

The competitions will feature athletics, basketball, swimming, volleyball, badminton, carrom, kho-kho, table tennis, football, kabaddi, chess, yoga, silambam, hockey, cricket and speed skating. Events will be held at the Nagapattinam District Sports Stadium and grounds at EGS Pillay College, Valivalam Desikar Polytechnic College and the Government Industrial Training Institute, besides the four-lane road near Panangudi.

School-level competitions will be held from September 9 to 16, followed by college-level events from September 17 to 25. Competitions for persons with disabilities will be held on September 26, government employees on September 28, and the general public from September 29 to 30. School participants must be below 19 years of age, while the upper age limit for college students is 25. There is no age limit for persons with disabilities.

Only those who have registered online will be allowed to participate, and spot entries will not be accepted. Participants must produce the required identity and eligibility documents at the venue. Winners will receive cash prizes of ₹3,000, ₹2,000 and ₹1,000 for the first, second and third places, respectively, along with certificates. Prize money will be credited to their bank accounts.

EXPRESS READ

Nagai-Kankesanthurai ferry service suspended till Friday

NAGAPATTINAM: Ferry services between Nagapattinam and Kankesanthurai in Sri Lanka have been suspended until September 11 due to ongoing repair work on the vessel. Ferry service providers said all scheduled trips until September 11 have been cancelled as the rectification works are under way. They added that the service would resume once all the repairs are completed, with an update on the vessel's status and resumption of services to be provided on Friday. The service providers said passengers whose journeys have been cancelled can either opt for a refund of their ticket fare or reschedule their journey. Service providers said the suspension also comes amid reports of harsh sea conditions in the region. The international ferry service is usually operated six days a week, except Tuesdays, by Subham Ferry Services Private Limited, a Tiruchy-based private company. ENS

Pondy Youth Cong poll nominations to begin on Sept 11

PUDUCHERRY: The Puducherry Youth Congress will begin filing nominations for its organisational elections on September 11, with the process continuing until September 18. Election Officer, Murugan Muniratnam, said Youth Congress elections are held once every three years and the tenure of the previous office-bearers ended on Monday. New office-bearers will now be elected at the Assembly constituency, district and state levels. Membership enrolment has already begun as part of the election process. Leaders will be elected directly through an online membership-based system instead of being appointed, he said. The organisation expects to enrol one lakh youths during the drive. ENS

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH SAMAGRA SHIKSHA

Proposals are invited through the e-procurement platform for Hiring of an Agency for Deployment of Non-teaching staff across KGBV schools in Andhra Pradesh (as per section 2.2).
RFB downloading starts from : 08.09.2026 @ 11.00 AM.
Last date for receipt for of RFB : 21.09.2026, 11:00 AM.
Note: Further details can be viewed at **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** or contact: 6281229206, 7993329115.
Sd/- Secretary, KGBV Samagra Shiksha, Andhra Pradesh.
DIPR No.5404PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.08/09/2026

CSB Bank — **PUBLIC NOTICE ON AUCTION OF PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS**

The borrower/s in specific and interested bidders in general, are hereby informed that on account of non-repayment of the Banks due by the borrowers as under despite the payment notice and recall/auction notice issued by the Bank, the gold ornaments pledged with the bank security by the respective borrowers for the loan availed by them will be sold in public auction on "as is where is" and "non-recourse" at branch premises on **22nd September 2026 at 10.30 AM**. The auction may be adjourned to any other later date at the discreation of the bank upon publication of the same in the Bank's notice board. The borrowers are hereby further inform that the gold ornaments will be disposed of by public auction/e-auction, if the auction is not successful, and if there is a further balance to be recovered thereafter, legal action will be initiated against the borrower/s for recovery of the balance amounts due to the bank. "In case of deceased borrower, all conditions will be applicable to legal heirs."

S. No.	Auction Center CSB Branch	Account Name	Client ID	No.of Acc.	Bal. Outstanding as on 06-09-2026	Weight (grams)
1	Sirkali	Arun Manokaran	04450243	001	31,43,510.63	263.20
2	Sirkali	Balachandhar Govindarajulu	08142737	002	45,94,886.51	389.90
3	Sirkali	Sumitha .	07850219	001	41,05,238.59	352.40
4	Sirkali	Vengatesan R	10067418	002	68,96,523.09	575.00
5	Karaikal	Moovendran Muthukmaran	07937514	001	2,01,671.02	32.90

For more details/account wise information borrowers/interested bidders may contact respective branches and for participating in the auction
Tamil Nadu | 09.09.2026 — **Sd/- Authorized Officer, CSB Bank**

INDEL MONEY — Corporate office: **Indel Money Limited** IIIrd Floor Indel House, Changampuzha Nagar, South Kalamassery, Ernakulum -682033 PH: 0484-2933999 E:customercare@indelmoney.com

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The pledges in specific and the public in general are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 09-10-2026 at 11:00 am We are auctioning the gold ornaments of the defaulted customers who have failed to make the payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified through various communication. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice of changes in venue or date and the same shall be displayed at concerned branches without any further notice.

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In case we are unable to complete the auction at the branch on the notified date, the same will be conducted through Shriram Automall India Limited (SAMIL) on their online e- auction platform https://gold.samil.in or e-Procurement Technologies Limited (AuctionTiger) on their online e- auction platform https://egold.auctiontiger.net on 12-10-2026 between 12.30 PM to 3.30 PM. Please note if the e- auction does not completed on 12-10-2026 the same will be re-auctioned on subsequent working days on the same terms and conditions.
By Authorized Officer, Indel Money Limited

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
CENTRAL OFFICE: STORES & PURCHASE DEPARTMENT
K.H. ROAD, SHANTHINAGAR, BENGALURU-560 027
NO: BMTC/CO/COSP/TENDER/12/2026-27 Date: 08.09.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

B.M.T.C invites tender for procurement of the following Goods & Services through Kpp Portal:

Sl No	Tender No.	Description	Approx. Tender Value (Rs. in Crores)	Last Date for Bid Submission in KPP Portal
		Short -Term Tender		
1	BMTC/ 2026-27/ IND0348	Procurement of Tyres, Tubes & Flap sets, Tubeless Radial Tyres and extra tubes and flaps.	19.00	15.09.2026 at 11:30 Hrs

Note: Tender No: BMTC/2026-27/SE1428 invited for Selection of Project monitoring consultant for the Comprehensive Smart Ticketing Solution Project has been recalled as Call-2 and due date is on 15.09.2026 at 11:30 Hrs. The above mentioned tender details can be obtained from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further, any addendum/ corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, other tender terms and conditions etc. will be uploaded /published through KPP-Portal only.
Note: Interested Bidders need to register in the KPP Portal. For further information visit BMTC Central Office or Log on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
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The Programme seeks candidates with outstanding academic credentials, intellectual curiosity and discipline needed to make scholarly contribution to the broad area of management. Candidates are invited to submit applications for admission to the following doctoral specializations:

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- Finance and Accounting
- Food and Agribusiness
- Human Resource Management
- Information Systems
- Innovation and Management in Education
- Marketing
- Organizational Behaviour
- Operations and Decision Sciences
- Public Systems
- Strategy

Government of India guidelines for reservation are followed during admissions.
For eligibility and other details log on to: **https://www.iima.ac.in/academics/phd/admission**
Last date of submitting online application: **January 18, 2027**

BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN PVT. LTD. (BRBNMPL)
(Wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India)
P.O.: RBNML, Salboni - 721132, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal
Phone No. 03227-280176 / 280317; Fax No. 03227-280744 / 280222

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Bids are invited under Two-Part bidding system for the following e-Tender through MSTC Portal: -
1. DESIGN, ENGINEERING, MANUFACTURE, ASSEMBLY, TESTING, INSPECTION, SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION OF 8 NOS. OF NEW LHB TYPE RAILWAY TREASURY VANS WITH ACCESSORIES AND BUYBACK OF EXISTING 08 Nos OF ICF TYPE TRESURY VANS FOR BRBNMPL, MYSURU AND SALBONI; MSTC Event No. BRBNMPL/Salboni Press/MMD/24/26-27/ET/50 [RAILWAY TREASURY VAN]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 009/SAL/PUR/2026-27; [EST. COST – ₹4800 LAKH]
2. REPAIR, RECTIFICATION, WATERPROOFING AND REPAINTING OF UTILITY BUILDINGS INSIDE PLANT AREA, BRBNMPL, SALBONI; MSTC EVENT NO. BRBNMPL/SALBONI PRESS/MMD/26/26-27/ET/52 [WATER PROOFING WORKS]; BRBNMPL TENDER NO. 012/SAL/MMD-CIVIL/2026-27; [EST. COST – ₹550 LAKH]

Last date of tender submission for **Sl. No. 1 is 13.11.2026 by 11:00 Hrs and for Sl No. 2** is 09.10.2026 by 11:00 Hrs. For downloading tender document and other details, kindly visit websites **www.mstcecommerce.com** and **www.brbnmpl.co.in**. Any changes shall be uploaded on the above websites only.
Senior General Manager

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
VISAKHAPATNAM

RFP Tender Notice No.43 / 2026-27 / EE (East Zone) / GVMC / Dt: 28-08-2026

01. No.of Works	:	1 (One) (RFP Tender)
02. Downloading Starting Date	:	28-08-2026 @ 8.00 PM
03. Downloading End Date	:	16-09-2026 @ 04.00 PM
04. Last date for Submission of bid	:	16-09-2026 @ 05.00 PM

Further details at http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in
O/o The Executive Engineer (East) Division 8187897572
Sd/- For Commissioner, GVMC

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK LTD
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REGISTERED OFFICE - NO. 769, SPANCER PLAZA 4TH FLOOR, PHASE II, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI, TN- 600 002. PH-044- 42995000, 044-42995050

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)] – Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Equitas small finance Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is basis** for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrower'(s) Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Secured Assets Dues Reserve Price/E-Auction date & time and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below:

Name & Address of Borrowers/ Mortgagers/ Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Properties with known encumbrances, if any	Reserve Price: EMD Price Bid Increase Price	Date & Time of E-Auction	Loan / Total Dues
Mr/Mrs Kowsalya R C/O Mr/Mrs Rajendran Mr/Mrs Rajendran P C/O Mr/Mrs Pitchai Both are residing at No: 206, South Street, Eda Annavasal, , Mannargudi, Tiruvarur, Tamilnadu, 614013	All the Piece and parcel of land along with building Comprised in S.No.213A/15A with an extent of 5920 Sq.ft., Situated at Eda Keelaiyur -1 village Mannargudi Taluk and Thiruvarur District (North by)- : Mr.Panjanathan Kollai & Mr.Pitchaiyan Kollai - S (South by)- Road (East by)- Mr.Subramaniyan Kandiyar Plot (West by)- Mr.Chinnaiyan Plot	Rs.9,64,000/- Rs.96,400/- Rs.10,000/-	15.10.2026 From 11.00 AM to 12.30 PM	Loan Account No:- SEMNRKD0429622 / 200001964280 Claim Amount Due Rs.720604/- as on 12.03.2025 with further interest from 13.03.2025 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.1217601/- as on 26.08.2026).

For details and queries on purchase and sale contact no- Sathish 9940286237, Vijay 8667333676, Deepan 9942739202

The intending purchaser/ bidder is required to submit amount of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of NEFT/RTGS/DD in the account of "Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd" Account No- 200000807725 and IFSC code- ESFB0001001 Bhaaggyam Galleria New No. 18 , Bazzulla Road, T-Nagar, Chennai-600 017, drawn on any nationalized or scheduled bank on or before date: 14.10.2026

For details for terms & conditions of E-Auction sale please refer to the link provided in www. Equitasbank.in & https://www.bankeauctions.com

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Corporate Office: "CHOLA CREST", C54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032
Branch Office: 2nd Floor Popular Auto Care Complex, GH Road Mayiladuthurai - 609001.
Contact No: Mr. Thiyagarajan- Mob. No. 9940516215, Mr. Thiyagu - Mob No.9894265133

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower / Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Cholamandalam investment and Finance Company Limited the same shall be referred herein after as Cholamandalam investment and Finance Company Limited . The Secured Assets will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis through E-Auction. It is hereby informed to General public that we are going to conduct public E-Auction through website https://bankauctions.in/
Loan Account No. HE01MUI00000046640; **Name of borrower, co- borrower, Mortgagors:** 1. KRISHNASAMY AZHAGUMURTHY (APPLICANT), 2. AZHAGU JOTHI A (CO-APPLICANT), 3. K N AND SONS AGENCIES (CO-APPLICANT), ALL ARE RESIDING AT : NO 53 A MUTHAYA NAGAR SAMIYAM NEAR BUS STOP ANAIKKARANSATHIRAM GOPALASAMUTHIRAM KOLLIDAM, NAGAPPATTINAM, TAMIL NADU - 609108 ; **Date & Amount as per Demand Notice U/s 13(2):** 18-11-2024 & Rs.72,62,464/- as on 18-11-2024; **Descriptions of the property/Properties :** All that piece and parcel of land in Mayiladuthurai Registration District, Kollidam Sub registration and Panchayath union, Sirkali Takuk,9 Gopalasamuthiram Revenue Village," SAMIYAM MUTHAIYA NAGAR", Comprised in 1.R.S.No.181/1E, Measuring in the extent of 3640 Sq,Feet,with RCC Building and EB Meter deposit Boundaries: - West of: Muthaiya Nagar, East of: Kannan and Varatharajan plot, South of:Rajakantham plot, North of: Farveenbanu plot. 2.Old R.S.No.183/2F2, New R.S.No.183/2F2B, Measuring in the extent of 3806 Sq ft., South of: 15 feet Road, West of: Muthaiya nagar plot Nos.51/52, North of:Ramasami Punjai, East of: Lakshmanan House Backyard. Thus, the total extent of 7446 Square feet (692.16 Square meter) with E.B Connection No.065430582004.

Reserve Price : Rs.60,00,000/- Earnest Money Deposit : Rs.6,00,000/- Bid Increment Amount (In Rs.) : Rs.1,00,000/-

E-Auction Date and Time : 29-09-2026 at 11:00 am to 1:00 PM (with unlimited extension of 3 min each),
EMD Submission Last Date : 28-09-2026 (up to 5.30.P.M), Inspection Date : 17-09-2026 and 18-09-2026 (10.00 A.M to 1:00. P.M.)

1. All Interested participants / bidders are requested to visit the website https://bankauctions.in & www.cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices. For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **Mr. Muhammed Rahees - 8124000030 / 6374845616, M/s. 4Closure; Rekha - 8142000062, Email : CholaAuctionLAP@chola.murugappa.com** 2. For further details on terms and conditions please visit:- **https://bankauctions.in & www.cholamandalam.com/news/auction-notices** to take part in e-auction.

THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES,2002

Date : 09-09-2026 — **Authorized Officer**
Place : Mayiladuthurai — **Cholamandalam investment and Finance Company Limited.**

OPPORTUNITIES

General

SBI — **State Bank of India**
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Engagement of Specialist Cadre Officers on Contract Basis

Applications are invited from Indian citizens for the following post on Contractual basis:

Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2026-27/23

Name of Post	Vacancy	Age (As on 31.07.2026) Min	Max
Zonal Head (Retail)	1	35	50
Regional Head (RH)	5	35	50
Relationship Manager-Team Lead	24	28	42
Investment Specialist (IS)	9	28	42
Investment Officer (IO)	4	28	40
VP Wealth	91	26	42
AVP Wealth	73	23	35

For eligibility criteria (age, qualification, experience, job profile etc.), vacancy details, requisite fees, other details and for online submission of application as well as online payment of application fees log on to Bank's website **https://sbi.bank.in/web/careers/current-openings**. Refer detailed advertisements to ensure eligibility and other details before applying and remitting fees. For any query, please write to us through link **"CONTACT US" → "Post Your Query"** which is available on Bank's website **(https://sbi.bank.in/web/careers/post-your-query)**

- **DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 04.09.2026 to 25.09.2026.**

Place: Mumbai
Date: 04.09.2026 — **General Manager (RP & PM)**

Advertisement No. 96/2026

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invites online applications for the post of
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in
The Shipping Corporation of India Limited
Last date of submission of online application by the applicant is by 15:00 hours on **29/09/2026**
Last date of forwarding of applications by the Nodal officers on online system of PESB is by 17:00 hours on **08/10/2026**
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Link for registration of Nodal Officers / Competent Authorities is available on PESB website.