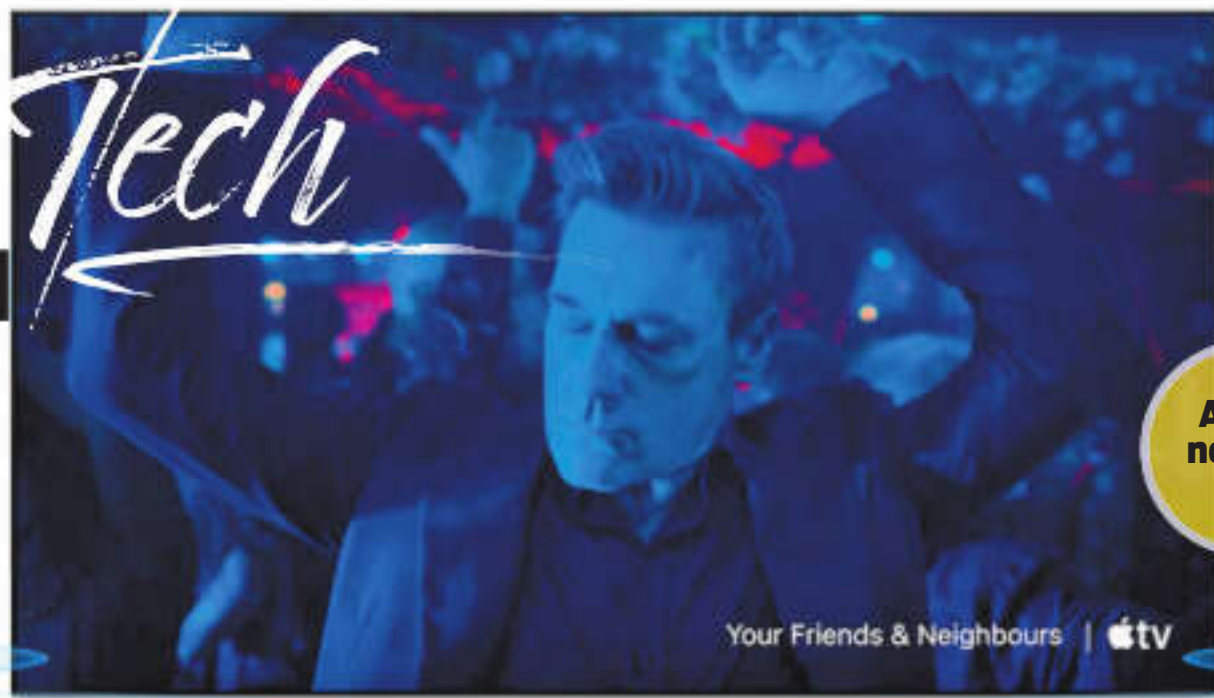




REPORT

Global smartphone shipments fall 20% in Q3, lowest level since 2012

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

GLOBAL smartphone shipments declined 20% year-on-year in the third quarter of 2026, hitting their lowest Q3 level since 2012, according to preliminary estimates by Counterpoint Research. The decline came as a sharp rise in memory chip prices pushed up device costs and disrupted supplies. Higher prices of DRAM and NAND memory chips increased the bill of materials (BOM), or the cost of components used to make smartphones, forcing manufacturers to raise retail prices. Smartphone prices have risen around 20% globally so far in 2026, further squeezing demand, the research firm said. Consumers are now holding on to their existing phones for longer, considering refurbished devices and prioritising higher-value models.

Samsung retains top spot with 23% share

Samsung retained its top position in the global smartphone market, with a 23% share in Q3, even as its shipments fell 3% year-on-year. Its share increased on the back of a shift towards higher-priced devices and strong initial demand for the Galaxy Z Fold8 series.



Apple TV 4K comes with a faster processor, Siri AI and features designed to improve the home theatre experience



APPLE EXPANDS SMART HOME PORTFOLIO WITH THREE NEW DEVICES

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

APPLE has launched three new devices as it looks to bring home entertainment and smart home controls closer together. The new range includes HomeView, a smart display for managing connected appliances and household activities; the new Apple TV 4K; and HomePod mini 2. The devices use Apple's Siri AI assistant to help users control their homes, access information and enjoy entertainment. HomeView and Apple TV 4K are priced at ₹39,900 each, while HomePod mini 2 costs ₹18,900.

HomeView

Apple has launched HomeView, a smart display that combines video calling, entertainment and smart home controls on one screen. It features a 7-inch Liquid Retina display, Siri AI voice assistance and facial recognition to provide personalised content for different members of a household. Pre-orders have opened on Apple's website and the Apple Store app, with sales beginning November 13.

According to Apple, HomeView can recognise up to six people and show their messages, calendar entries, reminders and photos. Apple said personal information would remain private, with content displayed only when the registered



Apple HomeView

Apple launches new TV 4K

Apple has also launched its new Apple TV 4K (4th generation) in India at ₹39,900. The device comes with a faster processor, Siri AI and features designed to improve the home theatre experience. Pre-orders have opened, and it will be available from November 13. The new Apple TV 4K is powered by the A19 chip, which offers up to 50% faster CPU performance and up to twice the graph-

ics performance compared with the previous generation. It also features a dedicated AV1 decoder for video streaming with less bandwidth. Siri AI, currently available in beta, allows users to search for movies and TV shows through a full-screen conversational interface. Users can ask questions about a show, look for similar content and get information while watching without interrupting playback. The device has three built-in microphones, allowing users to search for shows and control content through voice commands without using the remote. The Siri Remote also supports Apple's Find My feature, which helps users locate it if misplaced.

Apple TV 4K can work as a smart home hub, allowing users to control compatible lights, locks and other connected devices. It can also display notifications from compatible doorbells and provide AI-generated descriptions of activity recorded by supported security cameras. For surround sound, users can pair the device with four HomePod mini 2 or HomePod (2nd generation) speakers. It also supports Apple Music, Apple TV, Apple Arcade and FaceTime calls through a compatible iPhone or iPad.

HomePod mini 2 launched at ₹18,900

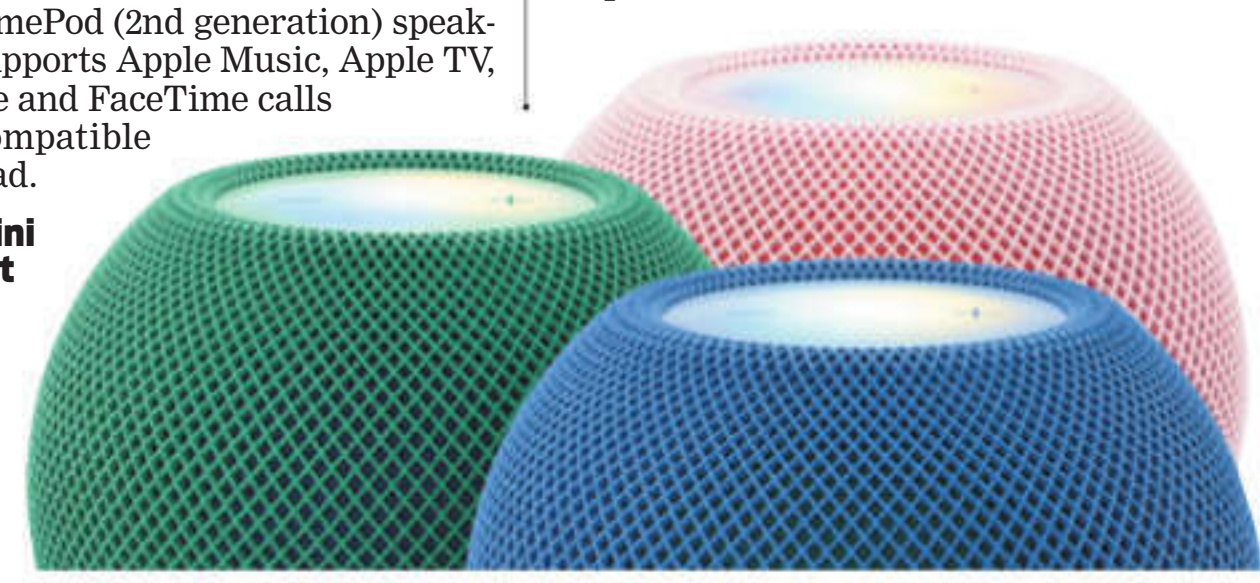
Apple has launched HomePod mini 2 in India at ₹18,900. The

smart speaker comes with audio features and new colour options, along with support for the upcoming Siri AI assistant. It will be available from October 30, with pre-orders open on Apple's website and the Apple Store app.

The HomePod mini 2 comes in five colours — pink, green, blue, white and midnight. It is designed to deliver 360-degree sound and can be used on its own, as part of a stereo pair or in a multiroom audio setup. Apple said Siri AI would be available through a future software update.

The upgraded assistant will support more natural conversations, answer questions on a wider range of topics and improve music discovery.

When paired with Apple Intelligence-enabled iPhone or iPad, it can also use personal context to help users find information, set reminders and complete tasks across apps. The speaker can recognise up to six people by their voices and offer personalised responses.



₹18.9K

APPLE HAS LAUNCHED HOMEPOD MINI 2 IN INDIA AT ₹18,900. THE SMART SPEAKER COMES WITH AUDIO FEATURES AND NEW COLOUR OPTIONS

Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Ltd
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
225	CE / Coal	Time chartering of one Panamax / Kamsarmax gearless vessel

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / Opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in
DIPR/3156/Tender/2026

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [RULE-8(1)]

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, RASMECC Branch**, Pondicherry under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice for dated **07.08.2026** calling upon the Borrower **M/s Supreme Coaters & Fabricators (Partners. Shri. P. Boopathy & Shri. P. Saravananne s/o Shri. Pakkirisamy)** Property at No 265/15 Thirukanchi Road, Kanuvapet, Pudhu Nagar, Puducherry-605110 & **Shri. P. Boopathy & Shri. P. Saravananne s/o Shri. Pakkirisamy (Partners)** residing at No:7 4th Cross Street, Anna Nagar, Nellithope PO, Pondicherry - 605005 and No:17 3rd Cross Street, Subbaia Nagar, Orleanpet, Puducherry 605001 respectively to repay the loan amount mentioned in the notice being a sum of [CC] ₹ **24,82,325/- (Rupees Twenty-Four Lakhs Eighty-Two Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-Five only)** as on **07.08.2026** with further interest at the contractual rate, other costs and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the Public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the **PROPERTY** as described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this day: **15.10.2026**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **STATE BANK OF INDIA**, for an amount of CC ₹ **24,82,325/- (Rupees Twenty-Four Lakhs Eighty-Two Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-Five only)** as on **15.10.2026** plus interest and incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc., thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
For Doc. No. 1827/1993: Pondicherry R.D., Villianur Sub.R.D.within Villianur Commune Panchayat Limits Village No.32, Villianur Revenue Village, Pondicherry. Land comprised in as per document R.S.No.265/15 Cad No. 901,902 as per survey settlement R.S.No.265/15/A measuring to an extent of 13 kuzhies 10 Veesams or 7848 Sq feet is subject to this mortgage.
Boundaries:East of Thirukanji Road, West of Poongavana Counder Land. North of land belongs to Purushothaman, South of land belongs to Sivaramulu Chettiyar.

For Doc. No. 1859/1993: Pondicherry R.D., Villianur Sub.R.D.within Villianur Commune Panchayat Limits Village No.32, Villianur Revenue Village, Pondicherry land comprised in R.S.No.265/15 Cad No. 901,902 as per survey settlement R.S.No.265/15/A measuring to an extent of 13 kuzhies 10 Veesams or 7848 Sq. feet is subject to this mortgage.
Boundaries:East of Thirukanji Road, West of Poongavana Counder Land. North of land belongs to Janarthanan, South of land belongs to Boopathi. **Shri. P. Boopathy S/o Pakkirisamy** is the owner of the property. Together with land building & other appurtenances.

Place : Pondicherry
Date: 15.10.2026
Authorised Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-1, BSWML, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 052

No. DGM-1/BSWML/TEND/30/2026-27 Date: 15.10.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (Only Through GOK KPP Portal) Call-04

The Deputy General Manager-1, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites bids from eligible bidders for the Services mentioned in the table given below.

SL No	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender per annum (Rs.in Lakhs)	EMD (In Rs)	Cost of Tender Document	Contract period
1	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in BTM Layout division (Package-18) Call-04	1,769.59	Rs.1,00,000/- through e payment mode under of the following i.e., online / RTGS/ NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.16,70,000/- by bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized / Scheduled Bank	As per e-Portal	84 Months

(1) Tender documents can be downloaded from KPP Portal : **16.10.2026** (2) Last date to upload pre-bid queries in KPP Portal : **21.10.2026 before 17:30 hrs.** (3) Tender Pre Bid meeting : **22.10.2026 at 15:00 hrs.** at above mentioned office, (4) Last Date of Receipt of Tender : **28.10.2026 before 17.00 hrs.** (5) Opening of Technical Bid : **29.10.2026 after 17.30 hrs.**
More details can be downloaded from website - <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-1, BSWML.

DIPR/CP/3262/Shirdi Sai/2026-27

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-1, BSWML, 1st Floor, BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.

No. DGM-1/BSWML/TEND/31/2026-27 Date: 15.10.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER Call-06 (Through GOK KPPP Portal only)

The Deputy General Manager-1, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites bids from eligible bidders for the Services mentioned in the table given below

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Amount Put to Tender per annum (Rs.in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	Cost of Tender Document	Contract period
1	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in RR Nagar- 2 division (Package-31) Call-06	1,859.56	Rs.1,00,000/- through e payment mode under of the following i.e., online / RTGS/ NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.17,60,000/- by bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized / scheduled Bank	As per e-Portal	84 Months

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Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-1, BSWML.

DIPR/CP/3263/SSC/2026-27

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No. DGM-1/BSWML/TEND/32/2026-27 Date: 15.10.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (Only through GOK KPP Portal) Call-03

The Deputy General Manager-1, Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru invites bids from eligible bidders for the Services mentioned in the table given below.

Sl No	Name of Work	Amount put to tender per annum (Rs.in Lakhs)	EMD (In Rs)	Cost of Tender Document	Contract period
1	Primary Collection and Secondary Transportation of Municipal solid waste (MSW) and Street sweeping waste in Yelahanka division (Package-32) Call-3	1,214.38	Rs.1,00,000/- through e payment mode under of the following i.e., online / RTGS/ NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.14,00,000/- by bank Guarantee/FDR issued by Nationalized / scheduled Bank	As per e-Portal	84 Months

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Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-1, BSWML.

DIPR/CP/3264/SHIRDI SAI/2026-27

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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 6 (2) & 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 mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, 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 Asset/s/ Dues/ Reserve Price/ e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below :-

NAME & ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S / GUARANTOR/ MORTGAGOR S : (1). **M/s. Orange Mobile, Represented by Proprietrix: Mrs. Vishnu Priya, D/o. Mr. Perumal, No.392, Anna Salai, Pondicherry-605001.** (2). **Mrs. Vishnu Priya, D/o. Mr. Perumal, No.3, Periya Kinatru Street, Chinniyapuram, Pondicherry-605003.**

Total Dues : Ac No. 0564040004002, Rs.22,72,484.29/- plus interest and charges from 04-10-2026

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY:
The Mortgaged property is in the Name of **Mrs. Vishnu Priya, D/o. Perumal** (Equitable Mortgage of Residential land situated at Cuddalore District, Bhuvanagiri Taluk, Chidambaram Registration District, Parangipettai Sub Registration District, Ariyakoshti Panchayat, Ariyakoshti Village the punja land measuring 2.79 acres comprised in Re-survey no. 187/7 converted into plots and in the layout named "RAJANAGAR" the following four vacant plots)
i) The Plot No.79 measuring East To West 58 feet, South To North 20 feet having an extent of 1160 square feet i.e., 107.76 sq.mtr. **Boundaries :** South of plot no 76,77,78 East of 24 feet wide South North nagar salai North of plot no 80 West of Plot No.72

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.3,76,200/- | EMD : Rs.37,620/- | BID INCREASE : Rs.10,000/-

ii) The Plot No.80 measuring East To West 58 feet, South To North 20 feet having an extent of 1160 square feet i.e., 107.76 sq.mtr. **Boundaries :** South of plot no 79 East of 24 feet wide South North nagar salai North of plot no 81 West of Plot No.71

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.3,76,200/- | EMD : Rs.37,620/- | BID INCREASE : Rs.10,000/-

iii) The Plot No.81 measuring East To West 58 feet, South To North 20 feet having an extent of 1160 square feet i.e., 107.76 sq.mtr. **Boundaries :** South of plot no 80 East of 24 feet wide South North nagar salai North of plot no 81A West of Plot No.70

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.3,76,200/- | EMD : Rs.37,620/- | BID INCREASE : Rs.10,000/-

iv) The Plot No.81A measuring East To West 58 feet, South To North 30 feet on East, 13 feet on West having an extent of 1247 square feet i.e., 115.84 sq.mtr. **Boundaries :** South of plot no. 81 East of 24 feet wide South North nagar salai North of survey no 187 West of Plot No.68,69

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.4,04,100/- | EMD : Rs.40,410/- | BID INCREASE : Rs.10,000/-

Last date for EMD payment : 06.11.2026

Date & time of E-AUCTION 06.11.2026, 2.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M.
with unlimited auto extension of 10 minutes each, till sale is concluded

Possession Type : Physical | Property Inspection date & Time : 26.10.2026, 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.bank.in/e-auction> and online auction portal Banknet.com. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Mobile: 9329611020 & 95150 24578.
Date : 15.10.2026. Place : Pondicherry
Authorised Officer,
Bank of Baroda