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EMBATTLED JENSEN HUANG FINALLY RESIGNS AS AI BIGGIE NVIDIA'S CEO

Jensen Huang resigned as chief executive of US AI giant Nvidia on Thursday, the company said, after revelations he had two extramarital affairs

CAPS 33 YEARS AT HELM OF U.S. AI BEHEMOTH

The departure marks the end of a 33-year run at the helm of the AI giant he co-founded in 1993. Nvidia board said Huang had stepped down as president, chief executive, and board member, effective immediately. Huang faced growing calls to resign after his twin affairs with an alleged Chinese spy and an Nvidia employee who reports to him, came to light

CFO COLETTE KRESS NAMED INTERIM CEO

- Chief financial officer Colette Kress (L) will serve as interim CEO while the board searches for a permanent successor, Nvidia said
- Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump pitched former Apple CEO Tim Cook's name. "A Legend replaces a Legend!" Trump wrote on Truth Social. Cook stepped down as Apple CEO in August

13%

HOW MUCH NVIDIA SHARES FELL IN EARLY TRADING ON THURSDAY

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Buzz on special session by December first week

361 votes needed to pass Constitution amend bill on women quota

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

THE BJP-led NDA government is considering convening a special session of Parliament after November 20 or by the first week of December to secure the passage of a Constitution amendment bill aimed at implementing 33% quota for women in Parliament and state legislatures. BJP sources on Thursday said the government is confident it will get the numbers to pass the legislation.

The government also proposes to increase the number of Lok Sabha seats allocated to every state by 50%, to a maximum of 850 seats in total, to address concerns of southern states over population-based delimitation, while operationalising the women's reservation law before the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. An earlier effort to pass the legislation on April 17 came a cropper.

The proposed special sitting is likely to last two days and may be convened as an extension of the Monsoon Session, which has not been prorogued.

BJP expects victory margin of 15-18 votes

The government appears confident of mustering the numbers required to pass the bill with a margin of 15-18 votes possibly through deals with parties outside the NDA and/or abstentions

Asked if any Opposition party had agreed, in principle, to support the bill, a senior BJP leader said: "Supporting someone doesn't just mean being physically by their side; even if some people are in Opposition, they can offer support."

The government needs 361 votes to secure a two-thirds majority to pass a Constitution amendment bill in the 543-member Lok Sabha, which has three vacancies. Its efforts to push the legislation through Parliament come against the backdrop of the Assembly polls in seven states in 2027. Its successful passage could provide an additional political advantage to the NDA, particularly in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Gujarat, where women voters are likely to play a key role.

Some BJP leaders said the NDA stands to gain irrespective of the outcome of the proposed special sitting. "If they (Opposition) continue obstructing the path to secure passage for a Constitution amendment bill... we will take this double-standard on women's rights to the court of the people in the coming Assembly elections," said a senior BJP leader.

The monsoon session hasn't been prorogued since 91 days, surpassing the record of 87 days in 2008. An extended sitting of an existing session requires a minimum two days' notice; convening a new session requires 14 days' notice.

In his pushback, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said home minister Amit Shah's "bulldozer" will not work. Referring to the buzz as Shah's "delimitation plantation", he pointed to the '15-18 margin' and said on X: "He said the same thing seven months earlier but on April 17th faced a humiliating defeat in the Lok Sabha by a decisive margin."

'Focus on success stories'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in his annual 'Diwali Milan' address at the BJP HQ in Delhi on Thursday, urged the media to highlight India's achievements, asserting that positive coverage of progress would help accelerate the country's journey towards becoming a developed nation by 2047. He also expressed confidence that India would achieve its goal of becoming a developed nation with the collective support of the media and the people. Here are some of the salient points:



2047 DEADLINE

"I've a request for media. Communication is the strongest tool in 21st century and we need to tell 'India story' to the world. Deadline is very important in the world of news. We also have a deadline for making India 'developed nation' by 2047," the prime minister said

SERVICE TO NATION

"I would also urge the country's media to work on stories about India's successes and help them reach more people. This would be a tremendous service to the nation on your part... There were earlier slogans of *Garibi Hatao*. But poverty has been removed by this government"

GROWTH GALLOP

"Who would have thought that India would make history by landing near the moon's South Pole? Who would have thought India would become the world's second-largest mobile phone producer? In 12 years, India's solar generation capacity went by 50-fold"

FIGHT DRUGS

"I have interacted with the media and seen it evolve from the days of press releases to Instagram reels. Nothing is considered impossible in the world of news... Now we must also raise awareness about drug addiction in the same way. We must get our youth out of all this"

Usha's 'ice' play to stay in the IOA polls game

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

THE Indian Olympic Association election has taken yet another intriguing turn. Its current president PT Usha is refusing to leave the battlefield without a fight.

As per the provisional electoral college, she has entered her name from the Ice Hockey Association of India and would be in line to contest for the president's post again. This will put her directly against those, including some National Sports Federations and a certain section of the sports ministry that was rallying behind some of the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit representatives.

This can be seen as a direct defiance to whatever had transpired during the SOM election where Usha lost after four female SOMs grouped together to defeat her. World championships medallist Anju Bobby George, London Olympic medallist Saina Nehwal, former India archer Dola Banerjee and former hockey captain Rani Rampal came together against Usha after last-minute withdrawal dynamics that put her in a corner. There were allegations against multiple people, including IOA executive committee members. Some even alleged sports ministry interference.

The latest episode has given the election a new twist. Usha, who until now was seen out of the presidential race, may get a new lease of life. She had apparently written to the International Olympic Committee as well about the 'unfair manner' in which the SOM was conducted.

This also means that she is challenging everyone who has gone against her until now. The legendary athlete coming through a vague organisation like ice hockey itself is interesting. Now, it needs to be seen how she maneuvers her votes this time.



Forensic experts and sniffer dogs at Tanishq outlet on Thursday | KK SUNDAR

₹30-cr jewellery looted from Tanishq showroom

VIGNESH V @ Madurai

AT least 23 kg of gold and diamond jewellery worth almost ₹30 crore was looted from a Tata Tanishq showroom in Madurai early Thursday morning. Investigators believe one suspect entered the premises to commit the theft, while a gang waiting outside helped execute the robbery.

The incident came to light when the staff opened the doors to the first floor of the ground-plus-three storey building around 9.30 am on Thursday and noticed the broken racks and missing jewels. The building, located on Madurai Bypass Road, one of the busiest stretches in the city, has not been fully occupied as construction works were yet to be completed on the second and third floors. The first floor was brought into use last month to begin sales while a grand opening was being planned later this month.

Madurai Police Commissioner S Rajendiran told *TNIE* a suspect wearing a face mask and gloves likely climbed to the roof using the scaffolding erected for the construction work. With the elevator stationed on the ground floor, he appears to have used a rope to climb down the elevator shaft from the terrace to the first floor. Police believe the man first scouted the jewellery showroom counters, went back up to retrieve a bag, and then returned to break open the display racks.

After stuffing the jewellery into his bag, he escaped the same way he entered. The burglary occurred between 2.15 am and 4.30 am. The back of the building falls on Nethaji Main Road in Nehru Nagar Bypass Road. Police are going through the CCTV footage to identify those involved in the heist. Forensic experts and sniffer dogs were pressed into service. P5

Retail inflation breaches RBI's limit

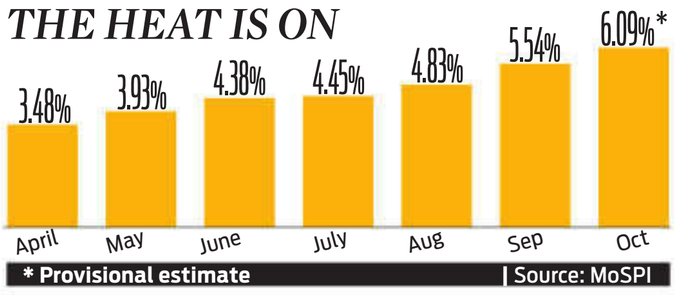
PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

RETAIL inflation soared to a two-year high of 6.09% in October primarily driven by high food prices, breaching the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s upper tolerance limit of 6%.

The reading is the highest since October 2024, when the Consumer Price Index-based inflation stood at 6.21%.

The impact of elevated food prices was visible more in rural areas where inflation hit 6.63% against 5.41% in urban.

According to the latest data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Thursday, food inflation climbed to 8.94% in October from 7.74% in the previous month.



Higher prices of food and beverage including cereals, sugar, milk and other essential food items have jacked up household expenses.

"October's inflation print was less a surprise than a culmination of pressures that had been building for months," said Dipti Deshpande, principal economist at Crisil.

Higher inflation was not restricted to food; the hospitality sector also witnessed a significant rise. Inflation in restaurants and accommodation services rose by 10.06% in October, while transport inflation stood at 5.84%.

In its October monetary policy, the RBI had raised the repo rate by 25 bps. With the headline inflation breaching RBI's tolerance band, economists expect another rate hike.

TN dist libraries sitting on 50K AI books

SUBASHINI VIJAYAKUMAR
@ Chennai

NEARLY 50,000 books — mostly from Agalvilakku and Phoenix Publications that are under scrutiny for allegedly supplying government libraries with AI-generated titles filled with fabricated information — originally sent to district central libraries for being distributed to branch libraries are being held back there, School Education Department sources said.

While a senior official confirmed to *TNIE* that all district libraries received these books, district officials estimate the count at around 1,500 per district, pegging the total at roughly 50,000 books across the state. This excludes the books bought for six new district libraries and five special libraries under a Government Order issued in November 2025.



Roughly 1,500 books from Agalvilakku and Phoenix publishers were sent to each district central library for distribution to branch libraries | S SENBAGAPANDIYAN

At present, district librarians are segregating these books and packing them in boxes. Salem central library has received 1,121 books from Agalvilakku and 360 from Phoenix. In Madurai, the numbers stand at 998 and 530, respectively. P5

Bodhi Tree buys majority stake in A2B for $180 mn

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

BODHI Tree Systems, the investment platform backed by James Murdoch's Lupa Systems and Uday Shankar, a top executive of the Reliance-Disney India joint venture, is taking a majority stake in Adyar Ananda Bhavan (A2B), the 50-year-old South Indian food and sweets chain known as A2B, in a $180 million deal.

The investment gives the two a foothold in one of Tamil Nadu's best-known food brands. The partnership will focus on strengthening A2B's leadership and talent, building digital capability, modernising its kitchens and manufacturing to global standards, expanding its range of healthy and nutritious food, and growing its restaurants and packaged foods across India and in international markets.

"We are excited to begin this next chapter with Bodhi Tree," K T Srinivasa Raja, co-founder of A2B, said in a statement.

SACRED CITY

ASI to resume underwater exploration of Dwarka, Bet Dwarka by Dec

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE last time archaeologists went properly looking for submerged ruins of Lord Krishna's kingdom Dwarka was in 2007. Nineteen years on, the Archaeological Survey of India is preparing to send divers back into the Arabian Sea.

Fresh explorations at major pilgrimage sites Dwarka and Bet Dwarka in Devbhoomi Dwarka district of Gujarat, aiming to uncover submerged historical and cultural remnants, could begin by December, subject to ASI's approval.

A team of underwater archaeology experts is expected to work with Professor Alok Tripathi, ASI's former additional Director-General, who led last year's onshore and offshore expeditions.

"The exploration may start in December. The extent of activities will depend on sanctions and availability of people. The final analysis of the site will be completed this time," said a source privy to the matter.

Behind the fresh attempt

The fresh attempt to study underwater archaeology off Dwarka and Bet Dwarka assumes significance as in February 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi went scuba diving off the Panchkui beach to perform prayers near the ancient, submerged remnants of the ancient city



The long gap says something about the discipline itself. Underwater archaeology in India remains nascent. Since 1981, the ASI has managed limited fieldwork on only 11 occasions, at sites including Mahabalipuram and Kaveripattinam in Tamil Nadu, Arikamedu in Puducherry, Loktak Lake in Manipur and Elephanta in Maharashtra.

The 2007 work at Dwarka found the area densely layered with successive structures. As per ASI, the excavation yielded terracotta objects, beads, fragmented bangles, copper rings, iron ingots and pottery.

Prof Tripathi's team resumed limited excavation work last November near the '56 Seedhi' steps by Gomti Ghat. With no open space around the Dwarkadheesh Temple, the excavation was confined to a small area. This time, space shouldn't be a constraint.

EXPRESS READ

Ex-top cop Arun named in FIR in Veeramani case

Chennai: The first FIR booked against Veeramani in Pocso case names seven police officers, including ex-Chennai police commissioner A Arun and Assistant Commissioner M A Yasmin, as accused | P2

Brazilian firm to set up ₹2K crore plant in D'puri

Chennai: Brazilian company WEG has chosen TN over Andhra Pradesh to set up a ₹2,000 crore global manufacturing unit. The plant to come up in Dharmapuri could generate 3,000 jobs | P2

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Moonrise 09.29 am
Moonset 08.57 pm

Ex-CoP Arun, 6 police officers named in Veeramani case FIR

Granite baron, two drivers named accused in SIT's first charge sheet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

THE special investigation team (SIT) of the Greater Chennai Police (GCP) probing the child sexual assault case registered under the Pocso Act against Gem Granites chairman R Veeramani on Wednesday filed its first charge sheet against the 84-year-old tycoon. The 720-page final report before the special court for Pocso Act cases contains statements from 40 witnesses. It names Veeramani and his two drivers as accused in a case involving the alleged sexual abuse of a 14-year-old girl.

Meanwhile, a senior police official told *TNIE* that seven police officers, including former Greater Chennai Police Commissioner A Arun (IPS), Assistant Commissioner M A Yasmin and other personnel from the Anti-Vice Squad, have been named as accused in the first Pocso Act case FIR that was registered against Veeramani and two others in October 2025.

These police officers are accused of failing to conduct a proper inquiry during the investigation into the case. It may be recalled that the police had filed a closure report before the special court earlier this year. Veeramani and the two others were arrested on August 29, 2026, after the case was reopened, following intervention of the special court judge.


R Veeramani

Regarding the first charge sheet, according to a statement from the GCP, the case was registered on September 27, 2026, based on a complaint lodged by the victim's mother. According to the police, Veeramani sexually abused the minor, who belongs to a Scheduled Caste community. His drivers allegedly knew about the offence and transported the girl to Veeramani's premises, where the abuse took place.

The three have been charged under sections 366 and 506(2) of the IPC, relevant provisions of the Pocso Act and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

On Thursday, State Public Prosecutor (PP) R John Sathyan made the submission regarding the first charge sheet before Justice V Lakshminarayanan and added that two more charge sheets will be filed in 10 days. The submission was made when petitions filed by YouTuber Varaaki and advocate M L Ravi, president of Desiya Makkal Sakthi Katchi, seeking a CBI probe came up for hearing.

Referring to the submission of Varaaki's counsel for fixing accountability on the officers instrumental in filing the closure report in the sexual assault case and the role of a particular officer, he said the SIT is also probing such angles. "We haven't shut our doors," he said.

The judge asked the counsel to advise his client to share whatever materials and information he has received on the role of the particular officers on filing the closure report and other aspects with the SIT.

"Perusal of the status report shows the SIT has made substantial progress which is satisfactory," the judge said, adding that utmost priority and importance must be given to protect the interests of the children, and the angles of corruption are secondary.

The State PP told the court that a blue corner notice has been issued against one of the main accused persons, Prakash Kannaiah, who is absconding abroad, and also steps have been taken for impounding his passport. "Only if he is caught and interrogated, the money trail in the case can be ascertained and also wherever the money was routed," Sathyan said.

The hearing was adjourned to November 30.

TN electorate rises by 4L in 7 months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE state's electorate has increased by 4.03 lakh since April, taking the total to 5,77,46,618, while women have further widened their lead over men.

The draft roll puts the electorate at 5,77,46,618, up from 5,73,43,291 in April. Women voters rose by 2,29,829 to 2,95,34,734, while men's tally has gone up by 1,73,334 to 2,82,03,992. Third-gender voters increased by 164 to 7,892.

The SIR draft published in December 2025 had struck off 97.37 lakh names, bringing the electorate down to 5.43 crore from 6.41 crore in late October.

The final roll in February climbed back to 5.67 crore, and updation took it to 5.73 crore by April 6, weeks ahead of the Assembly election. Even with the latest rise, the rolls remain nearly 64 lakh short of the pre-SIR level.

Women now outnumber men by 13,30,742, up from 12,74,247 in April, widening the gap by 56,495. They form the majority of voters in 221 of the 234 Assembly constituencies, against 215 in April, while men outnumber women in the remaining 13 constituencies, down from 19 in April, and in 37 of the 38 districts.

Dharmapuri is the lone exception, with men outnumbering women by a thin margin of 6,913. Women's share of the electorate stands at 51.15%, up 0.04 percentage points from April. The figures, however, reflect enrolment and not necessarily turnout or voting preference.

Sholinganallur Assembly constituency in Chengalpattu district has the largest electorate in the state at 5,58,729 voters - 2,85,714 women, 2,72,898 men and 117 third-gender electors. Harbour Assembly constituency in Chennai district has the smallest at 1,20,852, with 60,747 women, 60,043 men and 62 third-gender electors.

Special camps to facilitate inclusion, deletion, correction and transposition of entries will be held at designated locations on November 21, 22 and 29, which fall on Saturdays and Sundays. The revision has January 1, 2027, as the qualifying date, and the integrated draft rolls were published across all districts on November 12.

Applications can also be filed online at *https://voters.eci.gov.in* or through the ECINET mobile application. Those turning 18 on January 1, April 1, July 1 or October 1, 2027, can apply for inclusion in the rolls.



IN THE DOCK

Vessels remain anchored at Kasimedu Fishing Harbour on Thursday following a state government advisory against fishermen venturing into the sea due to a developing depression over the Bay of Bengal | P RAVIKUMAR

Website, app for 730 co-op house societies launched in TN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE state government has launched a dedicated website and mobile application to digitise the functioning of 730 primary cooperative housing societies in TN and provide online services to their members.

Members and the public can access the services through *www.rcshousing.com* and the HOCO mobile application.

Housing and Urban Development Minister B Rajkumar inaugurated the platforms at the office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies (Housing) on Thursday. The initiative follows the announcement made by the minister during the department's policy announcement on August 28. The government had proposed developing a dedicated digital platform to improve service delivery, ensure transparency and address grievances in cooperative housing societies. In the first phase, the platforms will offer online services such as the sale of housing society plots, renting out society buildings and booking marriage halls. Facilities for mobilising funds and deposits have also been included. The department has additionally initiated the process of digitising the historical records of cooperative housing societies.

IIT-M develops platform to test autonomous ships

Chennai: Indian Institute of Technology Madras researchers have developed a real-time digital twin platform to test autonomous ships and train professionals in simulated ocean conditions. The platform SEANAV combines AI, VR and sensor technology to simulate vessel movements and ocean conditions, allowing researchers to test autonomous navigation systems. IIT-M's Department of Ocean Engineering developed the platform. IIT-M Associate Professor Dr Suresh Rajendran led the team. ENS

₹50L allocated for feasibility study for two textile centres

Chennai: TN government has allocated ₹50 lakh to conduct feasibility studies and prepare detailed project reports for setting up textile centres in Karur and Tiruppur. Of the total amount, ₹25 lakh has been sanctioned to study the feasibility of establishing a Centre of Excellence for HomeTech Textiles in Karur and another ₹25 lakh to hold a technical and economic feasibility study for the proposed Tiruppur Textile Technology Centre and a Centre of Excellence for sports textiles. The study will assess the infrastructure required, textile industry needs, the centre's operating model and its financial feasibility. The Tiruppur study will assess the centre's technical and financial requirements and explore ways to bring together the government, textile industries, educational institutions and research organisations to strengthen the sector in Tiruppur. ENS

Anbil Mahesh's bail plea: Court seeks police reply

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE Madras High Court on Thursday directed the police to reply to the petition filed by former school education minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi seeking bail in the alleged ₹400 crore private school recognition scam during the previous DMK government.

Justice V Lakshminarayanan adjourned the hearing to November 17 after state public prosecutor R John Sathyan sought time to file a counter-affidavit. He also stated that the police had filed an application in the special court for Prevention of Corruption Act cases seeking police custody of Muthukumar, the second accused in the case, and Saravanan, driver of Muthukumar, who surrendered on Wednesday.

Senior counsel Neeraj Kishan Kaul, appearing for Mahesh, said the former minister has been in jail since October 26 and with the second accused having surrendered, further custody of Mahesh would not be required. Senior counsel P Wilson, who also appeared for Mahesh, submitted that the circumstances have changed since the anticipatory bail application was rejected. Stating that the court had cited the absconding of Muthukumar for denying the pre-arrest bail, the senior counsel noted that he had surrendered now.

Police get custody of ex-MLA Muthukumar

A special court in Chennai on Thursday granted five-day custody of DMK functionary and former DMDK MLA V Muthukumar to the Central Crime Branch (CCB) for questioning. Muthukumar surrendered on October 29. Special court judge L S Sathyamoorthy permitted CCB to interrogate Muthukumar till November 16. The court allowed Muthukumar's counsel to observe the interrogation and directed the police not to subject him to harassment. His judicial custody was extended till November 26.

TN's retail inflation rises to 7.29% in October, highest among large states

C SHIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

RETAIL inflation in the state increased to 7.29% in October, well above the national rate of 6.09 per cent, according to provisional National Statistics Office data released on Thursday. Tamil Nadu appeared to post the highest headline rate among large states, ahead of Telangana (7.26%) and Andhra Pradesh (7.25%). Meanwhile, Karnataka and Keralam recorded a retail inflation of 7.07% and 6.22%, respectively.

In Tamil Nadu, the gap was widest in rural areas, where prices rose 7.86% against 6.63% nationally. Urban inflation stood at 6.84%, compared with 5.41% across the country.

K R Shanmugham, economic consultant to TN government and former director of Madras School of Economics, said the figure partly reflects an unusually low base a year earlier, alongside higher food and energy costs. He cautioned against treating one month's data as evidence of a sustained trend. "Last year, inflation was very low. When the base is low, even a moderate increase in prices can produce a higher inflation reading," he said.


Retail prices in rural areas rose 7.86%, while urban inflation stood at 6.84% | FILE PIC

He put India's average inflation last year at about 0.5%, against roughly 2.1% in Tamil Nadu. A comparison of cumulative inflation between April and October would give a more accurate picture of the underlying trend, he said, adding that it was likely to be lower than the October figure. He said TN has generally run above the national average, which is a composite of states with differing income and consumption patterns. Food and energy probably added to the rise, he said. Higher oil prices, linked to geopolitical tensions, could have lifted energy costs, while agricultural supply disruptions may have pushed up vegetable prices. Nationally, food inflation stood at 8.94%, with onion prices up 116.22%. He said a detailed look at the inflation basket was needed to establish the contribution of each component. He stressed the difference between headline inflation and core inflation, which excludes volatile food and fuel.

The reading is above the RBI's 6% tolerance ceiling. "Rising inflation is a concern, but this could be a short-term problem. I expect inflationary pressures to moderate and prices to stabilise," he said, and added that banks could take time to adjust their lending rates in response to the RBI's policy moves.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

13th November : Lucky Friday the 13th Chocolate magnate Milton S. Hershey had booked passage on the Titanic but changed his plans. Missing that voyage proved extraordinarily fortunate. We never do know what counts as bad luck, but this Friday the 13th features Mercury and Venus both ending their retrograde journeys, making this the luckiest unlucky day we've had in years.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
It may seem you were passed over for something you wanted, but the opportunity that opens up because you're available makes you glad about it. You could wind up thanking the person who said no.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
The plan that fell through has left you with an empty stretch of time. What a luxury! You'll use it for something you've wanted to do for ages. By tonight, you'll be glad the original arrangement didn't happen.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
It's OK to make mistakes, even ones that happen in front of people whose opinions matter to you. It actually endears them to you. They'll find your recovery charming. You may even get a laugh and an invitation out of it.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Broken things may not be fixable, but the replacement turns out to be a major improvement. You'll wonder why you even felt you had to put up with the old thing. The expense buys you comfort and convenience.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Someone else gets the spotlight this time, and you get a front-row seat to what the role actually involves. It actually doesn't look as good as you thought it would. Your own opportunity will come with more freedom and a better deal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
There are no wrong turns, only detours of discovery that teach you the lay of the land. Your sense of direction will recover after your sense of adventure gets a wonderful workout.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
You'll lose something and the search will send you into drawers, folders and corners of your life you've forgotten about. It's time to clear out some of the old stuff. You'll find what you're looking for and more.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
When people change up your plans, it's a big boon for you. You'll wind up in different company. The new arrangement has chemistry, excellent conversation and possibilities you hadn't considered. It's like you're always in the right place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
The arrangement you initially wanted may not prove to be such a great fit after all, but at least it shows you what won't work and points you in the direction of something much more suitable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
A delay gives you time to catch a detail that would have cost you money. You'll correct it before anyone signs, pays or commits. What looked like an irritating holdup turns out to be excellent financial protection.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Someone will challenge an idea you're attached to. At first, you'll want to defend every inch of it. Then you'll see how to make it stronger. You'll keep the best parts and come away with a version that works for all.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Someone you'd love to spend time with has a lot going on, so getting together may take a little patience. You'll understand what they're dealing with, and they'll appreciate that. When you finally meet up, the occasion will be especially lovely.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

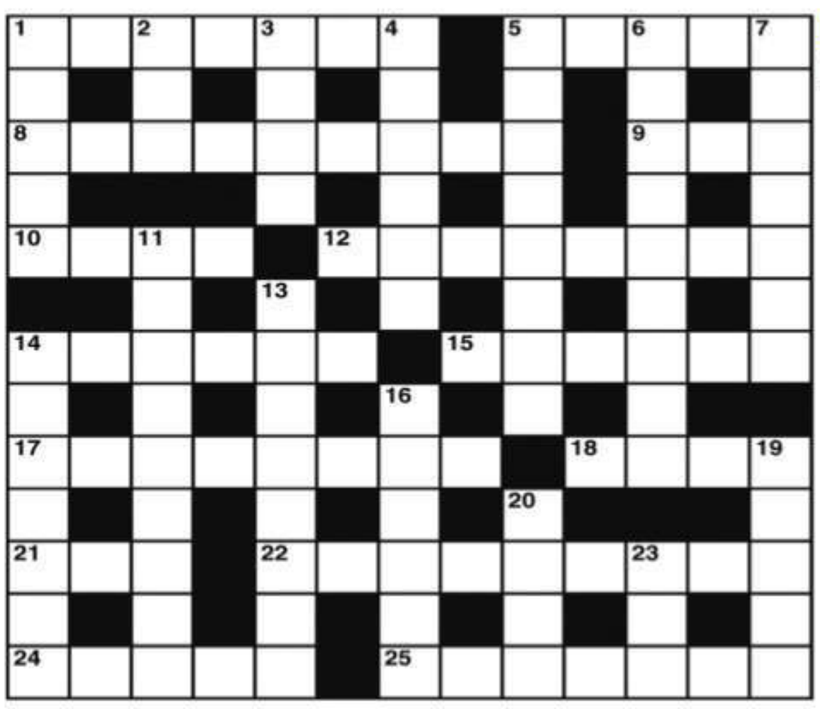
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TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Supply with food which is cooked in hours (7)
5 A first-class letter in Greek (5)
8 Guard seen changing overalls (9)
9 Fifty follows forty-nine? Well, no! (3)
10 Switch round a route (4)
12 Shown to have a deficit and charged (8)
14 Actor's miscast as one of heavenly twins (6)
15 Point to a hundred in stock that's prolific (6)
17 The elder made King of England (8)
18 Novice Tory displaced (4)
21 Put back the gratuity - it's mine (3)
22 Needleworker (9)
24 Completed in speed with one in the highway (5)
25 Makes light work of passing course (7)

DOWN

1 Lowest change for a dinar (5)
2 Vessel required for middle part of journey (3)
3 Scottish boy about five who had a terrible reputation (4)
4 Working in the garden he carries round gin cocktail (6)
5 Attacked from the wrong side alas! (8)
6 Is the traffic cop's job to indicate tax? (5,4)
7 Gave a hint (7)
11 Unusually chaste tie is tasteful (9)
13 Dull poet possibly ruined the atmosphere (8)
14 No quick-growing plant? (7)
16 He joins a hundred twitching and feverish (6)
19 Suitable group to play on an eightsome reel? (5)
20 An opening celebration or its finale (4)
23 Pleasant if pointless thing to eat (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Fireside, 5 Abbe, 9 Width, 10 Closure, 11 Second fiddle, 13 Lustre, 14 Almost, 17 Film producer, 20 Inferno, 21 Video, 22 Goya, 23 Very well.

Down: 1 Fawn, 2 Redress, 3 School report, 4 Decide, 6 Bound, 7 Elements, 8 Social survey, 12 Fluffing, 15 Overdue, 16 Coyote, 18 Lofty, 19 Foil.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ISSUE HOWDY WAFFLE LONGER
Answer: When the client asked about her wedding dress, the seamstress said — "SEW" FAR, "SEW" GOOD

Consider setting up special courts to try corruption cases across TN: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madurai

TAKING into account that special courts for corruption cases have been constituted in only eight districts in Tamil Nadu, despite having a state-wide pendency of nearly 2,423 corruption cases, the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court has told the state government to examine whether such special courts could be established in the remaining districts also.

Justice B Pugalendhi made the suggestion recently while hearing a petition filed by A Shahul Hameed of Tirunelveli, seeking to expedite the trial in a corruption case pending against him before the Principal District Judge, Thoothukudi since 2023.

The judge referred to Section 4(4) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, which mandates that Special Judges should, as far as practicable, hold trials on a day-to-day basis and try to conclude trial within two years from the date of filing of chargesheet. It also says that in case of any extension, reasons should be recorded by the trial judge and even then, the trial should not take more than four years, he added.

However, exclusive special courts for trial of offences under PC Act have been constituted only in eight districts and the cases in the remaining districts are dealt with by the jurisdictional principal district judges, the judge noted.

The statutory mandate under Section 4(4) cannot be achieved merely by issuing directions to the trial court to dispose of cases within two years, without ensuring that the trial courts have sufficient time and resources to comply with the mandate, he observed.

The responsibility to ensure this does not rest with the judiciary alone. The state government also has a corresponding responsibility to provide the necessary infrastructure, staff and prosecuting personnel, he added.

Stating that the administrative proposal pending before the high court for designating additional sessions courts as special courts under the Act is a welcome step, the judge directed the Registrar General to look into the same.

Further directions were given to the director of DVAC to ensure adequate prosecuting personnel are made available to the special courts.

Akash death case: Father challenges bail for cops



R Akash Delison

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madurai

THE father of R Akash Delison (26) of Manamadurai, who died allegedly due to custodial torture on March 8, has moved the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court seeking to set aside an order passed by a Sivaganga court on September 22 allowing six accused police personnel to furnish bail bonds.

Akash's father A Rajesh Kannan alleged that police officers prevented him from entering the Special Court for SC/ST Act Cases on September 22, when the bail plea was heard.

Further, Rajesh Kannan stated that he brought the incident to the notice of the special judge and voiced out his objections during the hearing on October 9 but they were not considered. His application seeking a copy of the September 22 order was also returned with an endorsement that no separate order was passed on the said date, he further said.

He claimed that the Special Court failed to comply with Section 15A(3) of the SC/ST Act, which specifically recognises the right of the victim or his/her dependent to receive reasonable, accurate and timely notice of court proceedings, including bail proceedings. It also failed to adhere to Section 15A(5), which stipulates that the victims or their dependents should be heard in any proceedings relating to bail, discharge, release, parole, conviction or sentence of an accused, he added.

Justice D Lingeswaran issued notice to the CBCID and the accused cops.



OVERFLOW OF PROBLEMS

Residents of Muniyandi Kovil 2nd Street at Aruldaspuram in Madurai say sewage has been flowing on the road from the underground drainage pipe for the last one week posing a health hazard | KK SUNDAR

EXPRESS READ

Odisha native among two held with 4 kg ganja

Madurai: Two women, including an Odisha native, were arrested on Thursday at Oomachikulam and four kg ganja was seized from them. Superintendent of Police N Devanathan stated that Karuppayurani police formed a special team after receiving a tip-off and were patrolling the area. When they were near a graveyard, two women – later identified as G Tamil Selvi (30) of Mugavur in Virudhunagar and S Joshnapani (26) of Odisha – tried to flee and were detained. From them, police seized four kg of ganja and ₹81,900 in cash. They were arrested and remanded in judicial custody. ENS

Sivaganga police arrest 40 in 4-day special drive

Sivaganga: The Sivaganga district police arrested 40 people for criminal activities between November 7 and 11, states a press release on Thursday. This followed special checks and surveillance operations ordered by SP Abhishek Gupta. As part of the drive, 1,642 rowdies were monitored, 40 arrested for criminal activities, 78 cases were registered for drunken driving, 164 cases for rash and negligent driving, 49 cases for over speeding, 139 cases for consuming alcohol in public places, and 14 Non-Bailable Warrants were executed, the release added. ENS

Man sentenced in ganja case flees from court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madurai

THE 1st Additional Special Court for NDPS Act cases issued a non-bailable warrant (NBW) against a man, who fled from the court premises shortly after being convicted and sentenced to ten years jail in a ganja case on Thursday evening.

According to sources, V Raja of Dindigul was arrested by a special team of Dindigul police after he, along with a few others, was caught red-handed while trying to smuggle 30 kg ganja in an autorickshaw on the Tiruchy-Dindigul NH on May 20, 2024.

Upon hearing the verdict on Thursday, Raja, who was present before the court for the sentencing, fled the court campus. Judge G Sudhagar issued the warrant and search is on to nab him. Five more persons were found guilty.

Chief Justice inaugurates court complex in Andipatti

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Theni

A combined court complex and residential quarters for judges, constructed at a cost of ₹11.70 crore in Andipatti, were inaugurated by Madras High Court Chief Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief justice urged judicial officers to ensure that justice reached people like light from a lamp. He said subordinate judges were at the grassroots level of the judicial system and were directly responsible for delivering justice to ordinary people. He advised them to function with a humane approach.

Madras High Court Administrative Judge P Velmurugan said times had changed and government and police officials should discharge their duties appropriately.

Justice Mohamed Shaffiq, Justice Abdul Quddhose and Principal District Judge A Saravanakumar also spoke on the occasion. District Collector V Sivakrishnamurthy , Superintendent of Police K S Praveen Gowtham were present.



Chief Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari inaugurating the court complex | EXPRESS

SUNDARAM HOME
— Sundaram Finance Group —

Regd Office: No. 21, Patullos Road, Chennai - 600002.
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai-600014
Branch Office: Door No. 422/4A, First Floor, Nehruji Road, ward No.17, Theni Allinagaram Municipality, Theni – 625531.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Issued Under Sec 13(4) read with Appendix IV and Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas the authorized officer of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) dated 08-08-2026** calling upon the **Borrower Mrs. Dhanalakshmi K, Co-Borrower Mr. Krishnaraj N** to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand notice being **Rs. 4,71,247/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Only)** being the amount due and payable under the **Loan Account number STH20240137 as on 08-08-2026** along with further interest, cost and Other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the notice.

The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount as mentioned above, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of Sarfaesi Act on this **12-11-2026.**

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

The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the Secured property shall be subject to the charge of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED** for an amount **Rs. 5,19,134/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty Four Only) as on 12-11-2026** along with further Interest, Cost and Other charges etc., if any till actual date of payment.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: Theni District, Periyakulam Registration District, Bodinayakanur Sub Registrar Office, Bodinayakanur Taluk, Bodinayakanur Municipal Town, Old Ward No.11, Now Ward No.16, Survey Ward No.2, Kannan Street, in Survey No.2223/2, for the extent of 372 Sq.feet of house building in it, in Door No.2A, in Tax Assessment No.120/016/900024, with usual pathway rights and with all its amenities, **bounded as follows:** East: House belongs to Krishnaraj, North: East-West Road, West: B Schedule House property belongs to Arunachalam, South: House belongs to Krishnaraj and B schedule house property belongs to Arunachalam. Within the boundaries the house site having measurements of: East-West on the North side-17 ¾ feet East-West on the South side-17 ¾ feet North-South on the West Side-21 feet, North-South on the East Side-21 feet, Total for the extent of 372 Sq.feet. The schedule property comprised & covered in Registered Partition deed No.469/1992.

Date: 12-11-2026 — for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORISED OFFICER

Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd.
NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

TNPDCL / LTOA / OT-Spec. No. 1 / 2026 - 2027

TNPDCL invites e-tender through Tamil Nadu Government E-Procurement Portal for Engagement of Consultant for Transaction Advisory Services and Bid process management for Long Term Power Procurement. The link for bid submission is **https://tntenders.gov.in.** Specification will be available in TN Tender National Informatics Centre (NIC) and TNPDCL website on 14.11.2026 from 11 A.M.

Chief Engineer / PPP TNPDCL

DIPR/3578/Tender/2026

राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान पुडुचेरी
(शिक्षा मंत्रालय के अधीन राष्ट्रीय महत्व का एक संस्थान, भारत सरकार)
तिरुवेट्टकुडी, कराईकल – 609 609, केंद्र शासित प्रदेश पुडुचेरी
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PUDUCHERRY
(An Institution of National Importance under Ministry of Education, Govt of India)
Thiruvettakudy, Karaikal – 609 609, Union Territory of Puducherry.

दिनांक /Date: 13.11.2026

भर्ती के लिए अधिसूचना

राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान पुडुचेरी, नीचे दिए गए विज्ञापन के अनुसार निम्न गैर-शिक्षण पदों के लिए भारतीय नागरिकों से आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है:

1. प्रतिनियुक्ति (विभागीय आधार/उच्च पदों सहित हेतु) Advt. No. : NITPY/01/2026/NT(DSTC)/13112026, दिनांक : 13.11.2026
2. सीधी भर्ती – Advt. No. : NITPY/02/2026/NT/13112026, दिनांक: 13.11.2026
3. सीधी भर्ती – Advt. No. : NITPY/03/2026/T/13112026, दिनांक: 13.11.2026

गैर-शिक्षण पदों के लिए आवेदन निर्धारित प्रारूप में केवल ऑनलाइन मोड के माध्यम से ही स्वीकार किए जाएंगे। http://www.nitpy.ac.in

NOTIFICATION FOR RECRUITMENT

National Institute of Technology Puducherry invites applications from Indian Nationals for various **Non-Teaching & Teaching Positions**, as per the advertisements below:
1. Deputation, including Short Term Contract - Advt. No. NITPY/01/2026/NT(DSTC)/13112026, Date: 13.11.2026
2. Direct Recruitment - Advt. No. NITPY/02/2026/NT/13112026, Date: 13.11.2026
3. Direct Recruitment - Advt. No. NITPY/03/2026/T/13112026, Date: 13.11.2026

The details required for **Non-Teaching & Teaching** posts can be downloaded from the institute website http://www.nitpy.ac.in.

-Sd/- / ह0/- Director / निदेशक

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

E-Auction Notice

The E auction will be conducted in 02.12.2026 through the authorized Auctioneer Global E-Auction PVT. LTD. for the items:

Transformers, Auto Parts, C.I. Brake Drums, Various Types of Oils, Batteries, Meters, Tyres etc. will be auctioned between 9.30 am to 1.30 p.m.

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://globaleauctions.in** Tel. **9967972994 / 8286025959.**

PRO/AAM(M)/87/2026 — **GENERAL MANAGER**

INDIRA GANDHI MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(A Government of Puducherry Institution)
Kathirkamam, Puducherry-605009

NOTIFICATION

F.No.2405/IGMC&RI/Estt./A1/2026/3613 — Dt. 12.11.2026

The IGMC&RI, Puducherry proposes to fill up the Finance Officer post from the eligible officer of the Central / State Government / U.T.Government / Universities / Statutory / Autonomous Bodies or Research Development organization on deputation basis.

2) The details regarding application, qualification, other conditions etc., can be viewed in the official website : **www.igmcri.edu.in**.

3) The last date for receipt of applications is fixed on **11.12.2026 at 5.00 PM.**

No.265/DIP/AD(Press)/ADVT/2026-27 — **DIRECTOR**

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, BSCC, 4th Floor, Jayanagara Shopping Complex Building, 9 Main, Jayanagara 4th Block, Bengaluru - 560 011

No: EE/ELE/BSCC/PR/286/2026-27 — Date:12-11-2026

CORRIGENDUM

Sub: Corrigendum pertaining to change in Date of closure and opening of Tender BIDS.

Ref: Tender Notification No: EE/ELE/S/TND/04/2026-27, Dt: 05-11-2026.

Corrigendum is hereby issued indicating change in scheduled closure and opening Dates of tender bids for the works vide reference tender notification. Modified Date shall be read and construed as below.

Modified Date : Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **4:00** pm on Date: **25-11-2026** and Technical Bid / Tender shall be opened on Date: **26-11-2026** at **4.30** pm. The financial bids will be opened on **30-11-2026** at **4:00** pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele), BNCC

INDIAN RAILWAY CATERING AND TOURISM CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of India Enterprise - Navratna)
CIN : L74899DL1999GOI101707

UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS (STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED) FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Company, on the recommendations of the Audit Committee, at its meeting held on Thursday, November 12, 2026 has approved the Un-Audited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended on September 30, 2026.

The aforesaid Financial Results, along with the Limited Review Report, have been uploaded on the Company's website and websites of BSE and NSE. The same is available at [https://www.irctc.com/assets/images2/OutcomeMeetingBoardDirectors12Nov2026.pdf] and can be accessed by scanning the QR code.

For & on behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Rahul Himalian
Chairman & Managing Director
DIN: 10393348

Place: New Delhi
Dated: 12th November, 2026

Note: The above intimation is in accordance with Regulation 33 read with Regulation 47 (1) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

IRCTC Limited, 4th Floor, Tower-D, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029

AP POWER GENERATION CORPORATION Ltd.,
VS, VIJAYAWADA-520004
(A Govt. of A.P. Undertaking)

Notification for AP e-Procurement
TENDER ID.No.1005861

APGENCO invites open tenders "R&M of HVAC System for Units 1&2 (2x210 MW) of Stage-I at Dr.NTTPS, Ibrahimpatnam" through AP e-procurement.**EVC Rs.2,76,60,407/-**
Schedule available Date & Time : **10.11.2026** - onwards.
Bid submission closing Date & Time: **11.12.2026** - 13.00 Hrs
For further details visit : **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**
DIPR No.5554PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 12/11/2026

Cuddalore City Municipal Corporation, Cuddalore.
Roc.No: 4179/ 2026 /E1 — **Open Tender (TWO COVER SYSTEM) Notice** — Date: 12.11.2026.

ReTenders are invited in Two Cover System for the following works in accordance to the conditions laid down as below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx. value of work Rs. in Lakh	E.M.D. (Rs.)	Eligible class
	NLCRL-CSR-2026-27			
1	**Work Name:** Redevelopment of Suburayalu Park to Promote Livelihood Opportunities Civil Works & Glow Garden in CCMC and Development of Sports Turf Grounds at Mariyam Suse Nagar in CCMC **Estimate Amount:** RS. 100.00 Lakhs , RS.100.00 Lakhs and RS.100.00 Lakhs **E.M.D Amount:** Rs. 1,00,000/- , Rs. 1,00,000/- and Rs. 1,00,000/-			As per Technical standard
2	Date, time & venue of pre bid meeting.	27.11.2026. 3.30 pm. Cuddalore City Municipal Corporation Office.		
3	Bid documents availability (at free of cost)	Can be downloaded from https://tntenders.gov.in website at free of cost 18.12.2026 up to 3.00 pm		
4	Due date and time for the submission of bids	E – Submission of tenders in the above said web site to 18.12.2026 upto 3.00 pm		
5	Date, time and place of opening of bids	18.12.2026 at 3.30 pm in the Office of Cuddalore City Municipal Corporation.		
	Any other important criteria by tender inviting authority	Can be seen in the tender document. Any clarification required may be sought from the office of Cuddalore City Municipal Corporation during office hours on all working days. EMD should be collected only through the online system.		

DIPR.3574/Tender/2026 — **Commissioner, Cuddalore City Municipal Corporation.**

HDFC BANK
We understand your world

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai-400 013.

AUCTION SALE NOTICE

The borrowers concerned and the public at large are hereby informed that a public auction of gold jewellery/ornaments pledged as security in the loan accounts listed below is proposed to be conducted. These items were pledged by borrowers who have defaulted in repaying their dues as per the terms of the executed Loan Agreements, despite reminders issued by HDFC Bank Limited ("the Bank") directing them to clear their outstanding amounts.

The Bank had earlier issued notices granting the borrowers seven (7) days' time to repay the full outstanding dues in their respective loan accounts. As the borrowers have failed to regularize their accounts, the Bank, in exercise of its rights as pledgee under the Loan Agreement and applicable law, has decided to enforce the pledge and proceed with the sale of the pledged gold jewellery/ornaments by way of public auction to recover the dues.

The auction will be conducted at the branch(es) mentioned below from 3:30 p.m. onwards. If, for any reason, the auction of any pledged security cannot be conducted or completed on the scheduled date, the Bank reserves the right to continue or reschedule the auction on any subsequent date and time without further notice.

S.No.	Loan No.	Borrower's Name	Loan Amount	Place of Auction (Branch Address)	Date of Auction
1	4001599124	Manikandan R	₹ 1,48,000/-	HDFC BANK LTD, 316, HIG Anna Nagar, 80 Feet Road, Madurai - 625020	23.11.2026
2	4001577134		₹ 1,85,000/-		23.11.2026
3	4001568585		₹ 2,38,000/-		23.11.2026
4	4001230880	Arumugam C	₹ 71,300/-		14.12.2026

The auction shall be carried out strictly on an "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis. The Bank makes no warranty or representation, express or implied, regarding the quality, purity, caratage, weight, or valuation of the pledged gold jewellery/ornaments. Prospective bidders are solely responsible for inspecting and satisfying themselves regarding the condition, purity, caratage, weight, and valuation of the pledged items prior to placing their bids. Inspection will be permitted 45 minutes before the auction, entirely at the bidders' cost, risk, and discretion.

By participating in the auction, bidders shall be deemed to have independently inspected the pledged items and to accept all associated risks without any reliance on representations by the Bank. No requests for return, exchange, refund, compensation, or cancellation will be entertained after the sale has been concluded.

All bids shall be subject to a minimum reserve price determined by the Bank in accordance with applicable regulatory norms. The auction value will be based on the lower of: (a) the average closing price of gold for the preceding thirty (30) days, or (b) the closing price of gold published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association Ltd. (IBJA) on the immediately preceding day. The Bank retains sole discretion to finalise the reserve price and impose any additional conditions as deemed necessary.

Should any borrower repay the entire outstanding dues in accordance with the Loan Agreement before commencement of the auction, the pledged gold jewellery/ ornaments for that account may, at the Bank's discretion, be withdrawn from the auction without further notice.

The auction and any resulting sale shall remain subject to any further terms and conditions that the Bank, in its sole and absolute discretion, may impose, amend, or prescribe from time to time.

Please note that the undersigned Authorized Officer of the Bank reserves the right to postpone, adjourn, modify, suspend, or cancel the auction proceedings without prior notice and without assigning any reason. The Authorized Officer also reserves the right to accept or reject any bid(s), in whole or in part, and any such decision shall be final and binding on all participants.

Sd/-
Date: 13.11.2026 — **Authorized Officer, HDFC BANK LTD.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HINDU RELIGIOUS & CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT
ARULMIGU BHAVANI AMMAN TEMPLE
PERIYAPALAYAM, UTHUKOTTAI TALUK, THIRUVALLUR DISTRICT

E-TENDER NOTICE NO : 15 / 2026-2027 / DATED : 12.11.2026

FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM

The Deputy Commissioner / Executive Officer, Arulmigu Bhavani Amman Temple, Periyapalayam, Uthukkottai Taluk, Thiruvallur District is inviting e-tenders from Registered, live, class of qualified Contractors of Tamil nadu Government departments / State Government undertakings through Official Tendering Website **https://tntenders.gov.in** of Tamil Nadu Government.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate Value of Work (Rs.)	Amount of EMD (Rs.)	Period of Work Completion
1.	Construction of Nizhal Mandapam and Porch for Bathing Complex. (Re-tender)	1,37,08,965/-	79,000/-	18 Months
2.	Construction of Queue complex nizhal Mandapam. (Re-tender)	1,57,49,351/-	89,000/-	18 Months
3.	Construction of Western Thoranavayil – North / Southern side nizhal mandapams. (Re-tender)	1,58,20,754/-	89,500/-	18 Months
4.	Construction of North gopuram nizhal mandapam. (Re-tender)	1,73,33,899/-	97,000/-	18 Months
5.	Gravel filling for new parking area (Re-tender)	1,83,98,046/-	1,02,000/-	12 Months
6.	Construction of compound wall at Vehicle parking approach road. (Re-tender)	14,73,064/-	15,000/-	6 Months
7.	Construction of Nizhal Mandapam for Comprehensive Building	91,26,566/-	55,700/-	12 Months

EMD Should be paid Only in Online Mode
Important Details : Bidding document and revision if any obtained only from website https://tntenders. gov.in. Not in newspaper.

1.	E – Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost from	:	23.11.2026 to 10.12.2026 upto 2.00 pm.
2.	E – Tender documents can be uploaded	:	10.12.2026 upto 02.00 pm.
3.	E – Tender Opening date and time	:	10.12.2026 at 4.00 pm.

R. Karthikeyan.
Deputy Commissioner / Executive Officer.
DIPR.3562/Tender/2026
Anjan Lokamitra,
Hereditary Trustee

TAMILNADU MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Tamilnadu Undertaking)
No. 417, Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008. Phone: 044-2819 1890, 2819 0259
Website: www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in E-Mail: gmdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in, mngrpurdrug.tnmsc@tn.gov.in

Online Tenders is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Limited, Chennai – 600008, from the bidders meeting the eligibility criteria indicated in the tender document for the supply of **Food for Special Medical Purposes for Rare Diseases** to TNMSC Ltd for one year from the date of acceptance of the tender.

Sl. No.	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1.	Online Re-Tender for the supply of **Food for Special Medical Purposes for Rare Diseases** to TNMSC Limited under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance	e-028/M(P)/ RE-FSMP-ICH/ TNMSC/2026, Dated. 13.11.2026	13.11.2026 at 4.00 PM to 15.12.2026 upto 3.00 PM	24.11.2026 at 10.00 AM to 15.12.2026 upto 3.00 PM	15.12.2026 at 4.00 PM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at **https://tntenders.gov.in/.** The tender document can also be downloaded at **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in** for reference purpose.

DIPR/3557/Tender/2026 — **Tender Inviting Authority / General Manager (Drugs)**

STONE PELTING Railway Protection Force (RPF), Chennai Division, has detected five stone pelting incidents on running trains between July and October 2026, resulting in damage to coach window glasses. Five people, including two juveniles were identified in connection with the incidents

Brazilian firm picks TN over AP, to set up ₹2K cr plant in Dharmapuri

Project to generate 3K jobs; location choice highlights govt's commitment to equitable growth

C SHIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

BRAZILIAN electrical equipment maker WEG has chosen Tamil Nadu over Andhra Pradesh for a proposed ₹2,000 crore global manufacturing unit in Dharmapuri, which could generate 3,000 jobs in the backward district, as the state attracts large industrial projects beyond its established manufacturing centres, according to industries department sources.

The investment comes amid intense competition from neighbouring Andhra Pradesh to secure the project. WEG eventually settled on Tamil Nadu after several rounds of discussions with the industries department and minister S Keerthana, sources told *TNIE*

The investment discussions began in July, when WEG representatives met the leadership of Guidance Tamil Nadu, the state's investment promotion agency. The company was subsequently given a customised presentation on Tamil Nadu's manufacturing ecosystem and industrial capabilities, followed by a site visit on July 21, sources said.

Further discussions were held with additional chief secretary S Vijaykumar on August 18. The final round of talks took place in Bengaluru on October 16, when Keerthana met WEG's leadership. The company subsequently confirmed its preference for Tamil Nadu, sources added

Beyond the investment size, the proposed location in Dharmapuri highlights the state's keenness for equitable growth, as the district has not traditionally been among Tamil Nadu's major manufacturing centres, sources said. The project could create a sizeable employment base and expand the state's industrial footprint into relatively less industrialised regions. This is the second major investment announced in consecutive days. On Wednesday, the state received Letters of Intent (LoIs) from Hwashin and Seoyon, with memorandums of understanding expected to be signed shortly. The South Korean automotive component suppliers to Hyundai and Kia have conveyed plans to invest a combined ₹1,370 crore in TN over five years.

The developments underline the state's efforts to compete for investments through sustained engagement with prospective investors, while directing a greater share of industrial development towards districts outside the Chennai-Coimbatore-Hosur manufacturing belt, officials said.



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Plea challenges inclusion of Christian converts in OBC list

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madurai

HOLDING that OBC status is not eternal and inclusion or retention of entities in the OBC list has to be constitutionally justified, the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court has issued notice to the state government on a petition which challenged certain entries in Schedule-I of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016, which permitted persons who converted to Christianity to retain their OBC status.

The petitioner, G Kodeeswaran of Madurai, who hailed from Kallar community which is a notified Backward Class, recently applied for the Combined Civil Services Examination IV (Group IV Services). He claimed that the reservation pool meant for genuinely backward classes is being unconstitutionally diluted by the inclusion of various Christian denominations and converts, who have never been subjected to any empirical test of social and educational backwardness as mandated by Article 16(4) of the Constitution of India.

He challenged specific entries in Schedule I of the Act, namely entries 17, 18, 66, 67, 78 (insofar as it includes Christian Nadar, Christian Shanar, and Christian Gramani), and 138 of Part A (List of Backward Classes), alongside entries 20, 31, 32, and 33 of Part C (List of Most Backward Classes). These entries collectively confer Backward Class or Most Backward Class status on various Christian communities and converts to Christianity, he claimed.

The state had made such inclusions in 1980s, despite the contrary opinions expressed by expert bodies, such as the the First and Second Backward Classes Commissions, he added.

Satisfied that the petitioner has established a prima facie case that warrants deep constitutional scrutiny, a bench of justices GR Swaminathan and MD Sumathi said the petition reveals some deeply unsettling anomalies and raises serious doubts about the constitutional validity of the impugned entries in the Act. They issued notice to the state and adjourned the case by two months.

'Reservation pool being diluted'

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Law authority probe finds Theni prison escapees suffered 'custodial torture'

R SIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

THE inquiry held by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) has found that certain prisoners, who had escaped from the Theni district prison and surrendered, have "sustained injuries" in the alleged torture in the prison.

The DLSAs in Salem and Tirunelveli districts have held inquiries into the matter following the directions of a Madras High Court division bench on November 3.

The bench of justices A D Jagadish Chandira and B Karthikeyan was hearing a petition filed by Arumugathammal, the mother two prisoners, seeking a judicial inquiry into the jailbreak and required medical treatment for her sons at the medical colleges in Salem and Tirunelveli.



The court had ordered the DLSA chairpersons to visit the prisons along with a team of three doctors from the government medical college hospitals in Salem and Tirunelveli. As per the orders, the principal district judge, Salem, and the chairperson of the DLSA, Tirunelveli, have filed the inquiry report in the high court.

"A perusal of the interim reports prima facie discloses that the prisoners had sustained injuries," the bench said in an order passed on Tuesday. It noted that the Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority (TNSLSA) has called for comprehensive reports from the DLSAs of Theni, Cuddalore, Madurai, Salem and Tirunelveli.

Since the comprehensive reports from the respective DLSAs are awaited, this court deems it fit to pass further orders on receipt of a report from the TNSLSA, it said.

"In the meanwhile, the respective deans are directed to ensure that appropriate and requisite medical treatment is continued to be provided to the injured prisoners," it said in the order.

The bench directed the prison authorities to extend full cooperation to the doctors for giving effective treatment to the prisoners and it shall be monitored by the respective chairman of the DLSAs.

'Severe physical assault'

Arumugathammal of Madurai, in a petition to the court, alleged that her sons Meenakshisundaram and Thirupathi were arrested by the police, along with Solai Mugileswaran and Sabarinathan, and had been locked up in the Theni district jail.

She said her sons and co-prisoners faced several issues, including poor quality of food, and were thrashed when they complained.

A day after surrendering, on October 29, they were allegedly subjected to "severe physical assault" by the prison warders, the petitioner alleged, adding that all the 17 escaped prisoners were assaulted by warders – Lakshmanan, Karthik and Arun who came from Madurai.

She prayed for the court to order a judicial inquiry, under the supervision of the court, into the assault on the prisoners as the inquiry conducted by the very same prison department authorities, according to her, may not result in rendering justice to the affected persons.



REACH NEW HEIGHTS

A woman undergoes physical fitness test for the post of Tangedco field assistant, at Thandiarpet in Chennai | P JAWAHAR

CM chairs 3rd consecutive law and order review meet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

FOR the third consecutive day, Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay chaired a meeting to review the state's law and order situation, at the Secretariat on Thursday. Sources said the meeting reviewed various law and order issues and serious crimes reported across the state, including murders, robberies and sexual assaults, which have drawn widespread criticism from various political parties that are targeting the CM and the TVK-led government.

The meeting, which lasted around two-and-a-half hours, was attended by chief secretary M Sai Kumar, home secretary A Karthik, DGP Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal, IG (intelligence wing) Asra Garg, Chennai police commissioner A Amalraj, ADGP (L&O) TS Anbu, ADGP(Prisons) K Shankar and senior police officers.

Meanwhile, the state government appointed ADGP Najmul Hoda as the new Tambaram commissioner of police on Thursday, filling the vacancy that had existed since last month. Hoda was serving as ADGP (Operations), Chennai.

The post became vacant following the transfer of the then Tambaram Commissioner Prem Anand Sinha as ADGP and director of DVAC. A Amalraj was holding additional charge of Tambaram.

ADGP R Dhinakaran will hold additional charge of ADGP (Operations) until further orders.



HR&CE NETS ₹213 CR

Temple lands worth ₹148.9 cr retrieved in six months: Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE HR&CE department has retrieved 163.4 acres of temple land worth ₹148.91 crore since the TVK government assumed office in Tamil Nadu. In addition, 17,707.1 acres have been surveyed, with boundary stones installed around 13,233 acres of temple land.

In a statement, HR&CE Minister S Ramesh said that eviction proceedings had been initiated in 23,815 cases involving encroachments on temple properties, with orders passed in 9,125 cases.

The department has also collected ₹213 crore towards outstanding dues from immovable properties belonging to temples, he said.

As part of the initiative to establish clear ownership records, pattas have been transferred in the names of 15 temples for 34.82 acres. Following appeals to revenue divisional officers to correct errors in computerised land records, pattas have also been obtained in the names of 226 temples for 262 acres.

The department is strengthening rent collection from shops and buildings owned by temples by issuing periodic notices for rent and arrears, providing receipts upon payment and maintaining records of outstanding dues.

Arrangements are also being made to send periodic text messages to tenants informing them of the amounts payable. The department will continue its efforts to protect temple properties, remove encroachments and recover possession of properties on behalf of the respective temples, the minister said.

'Govt won't allow K'taka to build Mekedatu dam'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruchy

THE Karnataka government's plan to construct a dam at Mekedatu will never materialise as the Tamil Nadu government will not allow that to happen under any circumstance, Rural Development and Water Resources Minister N Anand told reporters at the Tiruchy airport on Thursday.

When asked about Karnataka Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's repeated assertions that the Supreme Court had granted permission for the project and that the dam would be constructed, Anand said, "Tamil Nadu government will never permit the construction of a dam at Mekedatu. He can keep saying that BJP leaders support the construction of the dam, but nothing beyond that will happen."

Later, Anand inspected the barrage across the Cauvery at Mukkombu, where a portion of a sluice gate was damaged by floods in 2022. He also reviewed its present condition and assessed the works required for its renovation. Anand instructed officials of the Water Resources Department to take all steps to obtain government approval to commence the renovation work within 15 days.

It may be recalled that following demands from farmers and the public, Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay announced during the Water Resources Department's demand for grants for 2026-27 that the barrage at Mukkombu would be renovated at a cost of ₹126 crore.

Manapparai TVK MLA R Kathiravan was also present.



Rural Development and Water Resources Minister N Anand inspects the Mukkombu barrage built across Cauvery river on Thursday | EXPRESS

Tamil Nadu govt will never permit the construction of a dam at Mekedatu. He (K'taka CM) can keep saying that BJP leaders support the construction of the dam, but nothing beyond that will happen

N Anand, minister for rural development and water resources

Ex-AIADMK MLAs raise whip proof in disqualification issue

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

ASSEMBLY Speaker JCD Prabhakar heard the final arguments on the disqualification petitions against four former AIADMK MLAs who joined TVK, at the Secretariat on Thursday. Both sides said the speaker had heard their arguments and expressed confidence in his decision.

Advocate Surya Prakasam, appearing for three of the MLAs, Jayakumar (Perundurai), Sathyabama (Dharapuram) and Maragatham Kumaravel (Madurantakam), told reporters that AIADMK had failed to prove that its whip was served on them before the floor test. Of the three, Sathyabama and Maragatham Kumaravel were later re-elected on TVK tickets in the recent by-elections.

He argued that AIADMK had not produced postal acknowledgement cards, WhatsApp messages or any other documents to establish that the whip was served. He also pointed out that AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami, who filed the disqualification petitions, had neither appeared before the Speaker nor submitted evidence in support of his complaint.

However, Krishnamurthy said the AIADMK had presented its arguments seeking the disqualification of all four MLAs. Rejecting the argument that the whip had not been served, Krishnamurthy said personal service was not necessary and cited court judgments in support of the party's stand.

DMK, AIADMK seek criminal action against TVK MLA over harassment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE DMK and the AIADMK on Thursday separately submitted complaints to the director general of police (DGP), seeking criminal action against Kallakurichi TVK MLA C Arul Vignesh over allegations that he sent obscene WhatsApp messages to Kallakurichi Collector J E Padmaja and approached her official residence.

In a statement on X, Stalin said that if the warning was genuine, the chief minister should have registered a case against those who had allegedly brought disrepute to the office of the deputy speaker and taken action against the Kallakurichi MLA.

Separately, AIADMK advocate R Thirisooli, deputy secretary of the party's South Chennai (North West) district advocates' wing, submitted a complaint to the chief secretary, home secretary, DGP, and Kallakurichi SP to take action against MLA Vignesh.



Speaking to reporters at the secretariat, former AIADMK minister D Jayakumar said that had he been in the collector's place, he would have shot the MLA dead.

However, Law and Electricity Minister C T R Nirmal Kumar denied the allegations against the Kallakurichi MLA, which was first flagged by DMK MP Kanimozhi Rajathi Karunanidhi. "All allegations raised by Kanimozhi on X are completely false. No such incident happened," he added.

Meanwhile, in a press statement through X, AMMK general secretary T T V Dhinakaran accused the CM of double standards for remaining silent on allegations against the TVK MLA while taking action against critics of the government.

TVK govt is ready to face no-confidence motion: Min

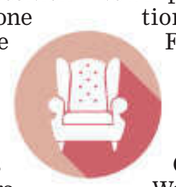
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Erode

REVENUE Minister K A Sengottaiyan has said that the TVK government is ready to face a no-confidence motion if opposition parties decide to move one against it, however he claimed that the opposition currently has no such intention.

Sengottaiyan participated in various events in Erode district on Thursday and inaugurated completed public projects worth ₹3.17 crore.

While addressing reporters, to a query regarding the opposition's intention to move a no-confidence motion against the six-month-old TVK government, the minister replies, "Opposition parties have no intention to bring such a motion. However, if they decide to move one against the TVK, we are ready to face it." On the local body elections, Sengottaiyan said, "The tenure of town panchayat administrations will continue until February. The government would take appropriate steps thereafter."

Commenting on the consultation chaired by Chief Minister Vijay on Wednesday, he said it is customary for every government to consult MLAs on the schemes to be implemented after assuming power. He added that no letters were collected from MLAs during the CM's meeting. Asked about the Kallakurichi MLA issue, he said the person concerned has already given an appropriate response.



CHILDREN'S DAY CAKE Tamil Nadu Primary School Teachers Association has urged Chief Minister to extend the State government's Children's Day cake and greeting card scheme to anganwadis

EXPRESS READ

Leiden plates likely to return to TN: Madurai MP



MADURAI: Madurai MP S Venkatesan on Thursday said Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat had responded positively to his request to permanently display the Chola-era Leiden copper plates, that were returned by The Netherlands earlier this year, in Tamil Nadu. In a statement, Venkatesan said he had written to the Union Minister on June 10, 2026, urging the Centre to display the historic inscriptions in Tamil Nadu, where they originated. In his reply, Shekhawat stated that antiquities brought back to India from abroad are generally returned to their places of origin after verification of documents establishing their provenance, in accordance with existing procedures. Venkatesan said the return of the copper plates to Tamil Nadu would help correct a historical displacement. ENS

Panel inspects Mullaiperiyar dam, says structure is safe

THENI: A panel headed by R Girdharan, Director, Southern Region, National Dam Safety Authority, assessed the condition of the Mullaiperiyar dam on Thursday. The team, comprising officials from Kerala and Tamil Nadu governments, inspected the main dam, Baby Dam and Earth Dam. They assessed water inflow, seepage levels, functioning of shutters, seismic monitoring instruments and the gallery sections. Sources said that the seepage water level was recorded at 32.250 litres per minute, which is is in line with the expected level for the present water level of 122.40 feet, indicating that the dam is strong. The inspection report will be submitted to National Dam Safety Authority chairman. ENS

2.69L in Madurai to receive cake

MADURAI: As many as 2,69,023 students from 1,544 government and government-aided schools across the Madurai district will be provided cakes on Friday (November 13) as part of Children's Day celebrations. District Monitoring Officer and Secretary of the Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department K Veera Raghava Rao inspected the preparations for the distribution on Thursday along with Madurai District Collector Nishanth Krishna. ENS

Tender 'scam': Two IAS officers to be prosecuted

R SIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

THE union government has accorded sanction for prosecuting two IAS officers — KS Kandasamy and P Vijaya Karthikeyan — in the alleged ₹98.25 crore irregularities committed in awarding tenders in Chennai and Coimbatore municipal corporations during the tenure of senior AIADMK leader SP Velumani as minister for municipal administration and water supply during 2014-18.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) AR L Sundaresan, representing the centre, and Additional Public Prosecutor Arun Anbumani, representing the TN Public Secretary and the DVAC, made the submission before Justice N Anand Venkatesh of the Madras High Court on Thursday.

The judge was hearing the contempt of court petition filed by anti-corruption NGO Arappor Iyakkam seeking action against DVAC officials who have failed to obey the court's orders.

The court was informed that the Department of Personnel and Training of the centre issued the orders on Wednesday (November 12) to accord the sanction to prosecute Kandasamy and Vijaya Karthikeyan who had held the posts of Deputy Commissioner (Works), Greater Chennai Corporation, and Commissioner of Coimbatore Corporation, respectively, during the relevant period.

Arun Anbumani told the court the investigating agency would immediately act upon the sanction and file the final report in the jurisdictional court.

Referring to the delay in obtaining the sanction and the repeated prodding of the court, the judge said, "This is a classic case of how criminal law works (in case of bureaucrats)."

He added, "Wheels move very fast for common people. For influential people the wheels hardly move."

He said the court had to push and push and finally the sanction was obtained.

In August this year, the judge suo motu impleaded the DoPT secretary following the inordinate delay in granting sanction to prosecute two IAS officers.

(Read the full report at www. newindianexpress.com)



SAFE AT HARBOUR

Mechanised fishing boats remain anchored at the Thengaithittu Fishing Harbour in Puducherry on Thursday following a warning issued by the IMD | SRIRAM R

At least 23 kg gold, diamonds stolen: Police

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A list of names of accused who were involved in crimes with a similar modus operandi from Madurai as well as neighbouring districts has been drawn to trace the miscreants. The thieves may also be first-time offenders or hail from other states, police said.



Workers of the outlet and those engaged in construction, lift work, security, and painting, among others, came under scrutiny and at least 30 of them were questioned. An officer explained that the gang appeared to know that jewels were kept only on the first floor. Rajendiran further said that though a security alarm was installed, it did not trigger any alert. A probe is under way to find out what happened there.

The theft is believed to be one of the major heists in Madurai. At least 23 kg gold and diamonds were stolen from the showroom, police said.

Two groups clash inside police station, 10 held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Dindigul

TEN persons were arrested for attacking each other inside Nilakottai police station recently.

A clash broke out between two groups over the bursting of firecrackers during Deepavali, and the situation escalated when the two sides clashed again when they came to the police station for inquiry.

According to a police source, on November 8, A Santhana Pandi (19) a resident of N Pudupatti, burst crackers near his house, which was opposed by his neighbour T Kaali (32). This led to an argument between the two and later into a fist fight. Arguments broke out between the two the next day, and the villagers took sides.

On November 11, the issue was taken up with the police and both sides were summoned to the Nilakottai police station. Even as police tried to strike a compromise, the groups clashed and threw stones at each other. Police detained the groupm and registered a case. After inquiry, 10 persons were arrested.

Publishers under probe not BAPASI members

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CHENGALPATTU has received around 1,600 books from both publications, sources said.

According to librarians, the department has procured books twice since the transparent procurement portal was introduced, once in April 2025 and then in February 2026. The first procurement did not contain books from these publishers on a large scale, sources said.

"However, we were asked to select books for a second round of procurement in February, even before the books selected during the previous round had reached branch libraries. Our library selected books on February 15. The books supplied under the second selection are yet to be distributed to branch libraries from the district central libraries. It is in this consignment that books suspected to be AI-generated are lying in district libraries," said Durai Thiayagaran of the Tamil Nadu Noolaga Munnetra Sangam.

The department is yet to ascertain the actual expenditure incurred on these books, as books for government libraries are usually procured at a discount of around 30% on their MRP, sources said.

Therefore, the total MRP value of the books would not reflect the actual procurement cost.

(Read the full report at www.newindianexpress.com)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

For the following customers who have availed safe deposit lockers, the rent is in arrears for more than 3 years. Various notices sent in this regard have been returned undelivered. Efforts were also made to reach customers, by phone/email and personal visits but the locker hirers are not traceable. Therefore, these lockers will be break opened after 15 days from this day without further reminders and intimation. Please note that locker rental arrears including late fee payment charges as well as other charges for break open of lockers incurred will be recovered from the contents if any found in the locker.

Locker No	Customer name & address	Arrears
070317	SURESH GUPTA, 51, Vijay Market, Pipal, Rajasthan-324006.	Rs. 9,510.80/-
070361	Nithyanandh Ganesh	Rs. 15,585/-

Date: 11.11.2026 Branch Manager, Sivakasi Branch

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Buildings Department
B.D.C.No.B1/3226/2026 e-Tender Notice (Two Cover System)

e-Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer (Buildings) for the following works as per details furnished below

Various Works in Buildings Department in Zone - 02, 04, 06. (Under Chief Minister's Integrated Urban Development Mission (CMIUDM) Fund).

For more information see http:tntenders.gov.in & www.chennaicorporation.gov.in

Lowest Work Value Rs.1,82,03,859.94	Lowest EMD Rs.1,83,000/-
Highest Work Value Rs.4,34,04,366.70	Highest EMD Rs.4,35,000/-

Tender Last date and Time : 11.12.2026 upto 02.00 P.M.

Tender Open date and Time : 11.12.2026 @ 03.00 P.M.

DIPR/ 3565 /TENDER/2026 Superintending Engineer (Buildings)

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
CHETPET SPECIAL GRADE TOWN PANCHAYAT
Thiruvannamalai District

R.C. NO. 720/2026/A1 CMUUM – 2026 – 2027 Dated: 11.11.2026

Open e-Tender Notice – (Two Cover System)

Tenders are invited Two Cover System by the Executive Officer, Chetpet Town Panchayat, Tiruvannamalai District for the following work as per details furnished below. Estimate Amount Rs. 83.00 Lakh.

1. Renewal of Cement Concrete Road at Ward No.6 Bangala mettu street, Ward No.5 Mundakannan street, Ward No.14 Mariyamman koil street Burial Ground Road, Ward No.9 Nirmala Nagar kuruku street, Ward No.8 Iruthaya Andavar street kuruku street, Ward No.15 Quaid-E-Milath street, Ward No.17 Kottai Mettu street, Ward No.11 VOC Nagar kuruku street and Ward No.10 Thiruvalluvar street in Chetpet Town Panchayat.
2. EMD (1%) : Rs. 83,000/-
3. Pre-bid conference on : 19.11.2026 11.00 am
4. Due date and time for submission of e-tender : 12.11.2026 to 28.11.2026 upto 3.00 Pm
5. Online Tender Opening date and Timing : 28.11.2026 at 3.30 pm at Chetpet Town Panchayat

Tender Download: http://tntenders.gov.in & http://townpanchayats.tn.gov.in

Place: Chetpet Town Panchayat
Date: 11.11.2026 DIPR/3507/Tender/2026
Executive Officer, Chetpet Town Panchayat, Thiruvannamalai District

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Directorate of Municipal Administration, Chennai-600 028. Tel No.: 044-29864447

Roc.No.14547/2026/RB1 Notice for Inviting Tender (NIT) Dated : 12.11.2026

1. Tenders are invited through online from the eligible bidders for 64 packages of road works in 5 Corporations and 25 Municipalities under Chief Minister Integrated Urban Development Mission (CMIUDM) for the year 2026-27.
2. The minimum value of single package is Rs.11.00 lakh and the maximum value of package is Rs.220.00 lakh.
3. The details of the tender shall be obtained from web portal: www.tntenders.gov.in
4. The tender document shall be downloaded from 16.11.2026 to 07.12.2026 from the portal www.tntenders.gov.in
5. Pre Bid meeting will be held on 25.11.2026 at 11.00 am in the concerned Corporations / Municipalities.
6. The last date for downloading the tender document and the last date for uploading / submission of filled up tender document is upto 3.00 pm on 07.12.2026 .
7. The received tenders will be opened at 3.30 pm on 07.12.2026 at the office of concerned Corporations / Municipalities through online.
8. The value of each package and the details of Earnest Money Deposit and the eligibility of bidders are given in the concerned work tender document.

Chief Engineer,
DIPR/3554/TENDER/2026 Directorate of Municipal Administration, Chennai-600 028

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,
CENTRAL RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BHUBANESWAR
25001/1537/2627 No. 6862 / Date:- 05.11.2026

"e" Procurement Notice for Bridge Works

1.	Name of the Work	:	Bridge Works under Setu Bandhan Yojana (SBY) for the year 2024-25
2.	Total No. of works	:	02 Nos. of Bridge Works
3.	Estimated Cost of the work	:	Varies from Rs.322.00 lakh to Rs.447.87 lakh
4.	Class of Contractor	:	
	a) Estimated cost more than Rs. 20.00 lakh up to Rs. 3.00 Crores.	:	B Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
	b) Estimated cost more than Rs. 1.00 Crore up to Rs. 20.00 Crores.		A Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
	c) Estimated cost more than Rs. 6.00 Crore up to Rs. 50.00 Crores.		Special Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
	d) Estimated cost more than Rs. 20.00 Crores.		Super Class (of Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authorities
5.	Period of completion	:	As mentioned in Column-7 of Annexure
6.	Offered rates by bidder	:	The offered rate by the contractor shall be excluding GST
7.	Other details	:	

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To	Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar	Tender- On-line- C.C.31 of 2026	16.11.2026 at 11.00 AM	04.12.2026 Up to 5.00 PM	05.12.2026 at 11.00 AM	To be intimated later on

Further details can be seen from the web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in

OIPR- 25001/25194/1/26-27/0009 Sd/- Chief Engineer, Central Rural Works Circle, Bhubaneswar

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA – DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC – SHAR
SRIHARIKOTA – 524124

Brief E-TENDER NOTICE

No: SHAR: CMG CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-15/26-27 Dt: 12.11.2026

On behalf of President of India, Item Rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for following works;

Name of Work	Tender No	Estimate Cost
Term contract for 2026-2027 at SMP&ETF area, SDSC SHAR.	T/C-26-030	₹ 100 Lakhs
External painting of common facilities and amenity buildings at PNN and SMN Colony & Pulicat Nagar, Sullurupeta.	T/C-26-031	₹ 71.05 Lakhs
Internal painting of 200 Nos quarters in Pulicat Nagar, Sullurpeta.	T/C-26-032	₹ 48.55 Lakhs
Providing BT topping to approach road extension of parking area in front of Admin Complex, Keepakam, SDSC SHAR.	T/C-26-033	₹ 28.55 Lakhs

Tender documents can be downloaded up to 26.11.2026, 14:30 hrs. For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html and tender free view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro

Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/ SDSC SHAR

Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation Ltd
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
(AN ISO 9001 - 2015 CERTIFIED COMPANY)
South Circle
No.1 Inspector Quarters, TSP 6th Battalion Campus, New Natham Road, Madurai - 625 014.
email id: sescmdutnphcl@gmail.com Phone: 0452- 2903019

e-tender Invitation for Bids No: 24/2026-2027 Dated: 11.11.2026

Name of Work	Approximate value of work in Lakhs (2025-2026)
1) Construction of Rural Police Station building at AYYAPURAM in Tenkasi District.	₹ 159.66 + GST @ 18%
2) Renovation of Sewage, Seepage and Drainage issues at DINDIGUL AR QUARTERS in Dindigul District	₹ 58.17 + GST @ 18%

1) For Tender document, visit https://tntenders.gov.in
2) Date and Time for downloading and submission the tender documents : 22.12.2026 from 12.00 Noon to 05.01.2027 upto 06.00 P.M
3) Date and time of opening of the e-tender : 07.01.2027 at 11.15 A.M
4) Detailed Tender Notice available in the website www.tnphc.com & www.tnpolice.gov.in

DIPR/3537/Tender/2026 Superintending Engineer, South Circle, TNPHC Ltd

TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas as per Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, New Delhi, Environment Impact Assessment Notification Number S.O.1533 dated 14.09.2006, public hearing at the site or in its close proximity, to be carried out in the manner prescribed in Appendix IV for ascertaining concerns of local affected persons for the covered in Schedule of the said Notification.

Whereas, the Public Hearing at or in close proximity to the site has to be conducted by the State Pollution Control Board concerned in the specified manner as per paragraph 7(i) III, stage(3) and appendix IV of the said notification.

Whereas as required public hearing is proposed to be conducted by Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board for the following project on the date, time and venue as mentioned below.

Sl.No	Name of the Project and Location	Venue	Date and Time
1.	M/s. R. Sudhakar Rough Stone & Gravel Quarry, S.F.No.111/1 of Pachapalayam Village, Sulur Taluk & S.F.No. 866/2 of Chettypalayam Village, Madukkarai Taluk, Coimbatore District over an extent of 1.66.0 Ha.	No. 270-2B, Suya Uthavi Kuzhu Building, Pachapalayam Panchayat, Periyakuyilai Village, Sulur Taluk, Coimbatore District.	16.12.2026 at 11 AM
2.	M/s. N. Balasubramani Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry, S.F.No. 362/6 (Part), Arasampalayam Village, Kinathukadavu Taluk, Coimbatore District over an Extent of 1.03.5 Ha.		16.12.2026 at 12 Noon
3.	M/s. Ultra Readymix Concrete Private Limited Rough Stone and Gravel Quarry, S.F. No. 244/2, Bogampatty Village, Sulur Taluk, Coimbatore District over an Extent of 1.46.0 Ha.		16.12.2026 at 1 PM

In this connection, it is informed that the Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Report and the Executive Summary in English and Tamil is made available for public reference at the following places.

1. The District Collector, Coimbatore District, Coimbatore.
2. District Industries Centre, Coimbatore District, Coimbatore.
3. The Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, (Monitoring), Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, 4th Floor, Door No: 34, Bharathi Park 8th Cross Road, Sai Baba Colony, Coimbatore - 11.
4. District Environmental Engineer, Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board, Plot No. E 55A, SIDCO Industrial Estate, Pollachi Main Road, Kurichi, Coimbatore -641021.
5. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, 76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai – 600032.
6. State Environment Impact Assessment Authority - Tamil Nadu, 9th Floor, No.327, Metros, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035.
7. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (SEZ), 1st & 2nd Floor, Handloom Export Promotion Council, No. 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai. -34.
8. Block Developmental Officer, Sulur Panchayat Union, Sulur Taluk, Coimbatore District.
9. Block Developmental Officer, Kinathukadavu Panchayat Union, Kinathukadavu Taluk, Coimbatore District.
10. Block Developmental Officer, Madukkarai Panchayat Union, Madukkarai Taluk, Coimbatore District.
11. Public Library, Pachapalayam Village, Sulur Taluk, Coimbatore District.

Suggestions, views, comments and objections from the public are invited within THIRTY DAYS from the date of publication of this notice by the District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Coimbatore (South).

All Persons including Bonafide Resident Environment Groups and other located at the Project site/ sites of displacement/ sites likely to be affected can participate in the Public Hearing and they can also make Oral/ Written Suggestions by email at deecbs@tnpcb.gov.in to the District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Plot No. E.55A, SIDCO Industrial Estate, Pollachi Main Road, Kurichi, Coimbatore – 641 021 on the above subject.

DIPR/ 966 /Display/2026 Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai

NOTICE INVITING BID
Odisha State AYUSH Society
National AYUSH Mission
Directorate of AYUSH
Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Odisha
Heads of Department Building, 3rd Floor (Annex), Unit-5, Bhubaneswar-751001,
Tel: 0674-2394577, Email: spmu.namodisha@gmail.com Web: https://ayush.odisha.gov.in

Bid Ref. NO.:NAM-PR-O-29/2026/10756/ OSAS, Dated: 12 NOV 2026

10001/709/2627: Online Bids through e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited exclusively from M/s Indian Medicine Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited, other Central Public Sector Undertakings, Public Sector Undertakings, Pharmacies and Co-Operatives Under State/UT Governments (having valid Ayurvedic Drug Manufacturing Licence and Certificate of GMP) for supply of Ayurvedic drugs for use in the Government Ayurvedic Hospitals/ Dispensaries and AYUSH Clinics co-located in the PHCs/CHCs of the State as per the particulars mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	13/11/2026, 3:00 PM	
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - tenderayushodisha@gmail.com	20/11/2026 up to 5:00 PM	
3.	Date & time of Pre-Bid meeting	23/11/2026, 11:00 AM	
4.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		25/11/2026, 3:00PM	24/12/2026, 6:00 PM
5.	Date & time for submission of Offline hard copy of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-VI of tender document	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
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6.	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	05/01/2027, 11:30 AM	
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The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: https://tendersodisha.gov.in and https://avush.odisha.gov.in/. The Authority reserves the right to accept/ reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notice will be published in the Director AYUSH website https://ayush.odisha.gov.in Hence the bidders are requested to visit Director AYUSH website https://ayush.odisha.gov.in time to time for any published notice against the tender.

Sd/- Director AYUSH-cum-MD, NAM
Directorate of AYUSH, Odisha

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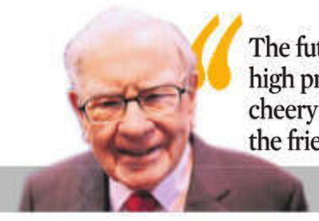
Bid Ref. NO.:NAM-PR-O-28/2026/10761/OSAS, Dated: 12 NOV 2026

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— Ramnath Goenka

INDIA STORY IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE PATHS TAKEN, ALSO THOSE LYING AHEAD

EXPLAINING India's growth story can be a complex task. But then, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is an expert at unravelling complexities. His message at the Diwali media meet in Delhi was concise: go beyond the daily news cycle and become chroniclers of a nation in the midst of transformation. Modi is a master of nuanced communication: with characteristic humour, he thanked journalists for attending a gathering of "non-breaking news". The lighter moment set the tone for a larger message about the urgency of India's development ambitions. His analogy between newsroom deadlines and national development targets was an innovative twist on how deadlines speed up the pace of work, sharpens priorities and creates a sense of purpose. India's ambition of becoming a developed nation by 2047, he clarified, needs similar commitment.

Modi's appeal to showcase the India Story was particularly significant. Citing the country's young population, affordable data services and achievements such as Chandrayaan-3, the Chenab railway bridge and UPI, he highlighted India's growing technological and engineering capabilities. Journalists must seek out grassroots stories of innovation, enterprise and social transformation was the fundamental message, as he drew a parallel with Mann Ki Baat, which brings lesser-known achievers and local initiatives into the national conversation. Most important was his appeal to publicise the danger of substance abuse among youth, and raising awareness about deepfakes.

It was a reminder that journalism's influence extends beyond reporting events to shaping public awareness and encouraging collective action. Modi was both Prime Minister and chief editor on the stage; his view was that reporting on infrastructure expansion, technological innovation and entrepreneurial energy must go hand in hand with explaining their economic and social impact. This explains how the country's progress is not a single narrative but a multitude of stories unfolding across regions, industries and communities. Bringing them together can help citizens understand both the scale of change and the possibilities ahead through sustained effort from every institution.

The media has a distinctive contribution to make in this endeavour: showcase achievements while illuminating shortfalls, connect local successes with national aspirations and keep public attention focused on the road ahead. Telling the India Story is not simply about celebrating how far the country has travelled; it is also about helping Indians understand how much farther India can go.

PUBLISH BUYING RECORDS TO PURGE BOGUS BOOKS

PUBLIC money has bought Tamil Nadu's libraries books allegedly written using artificial intelligence tools, allowing fiction to settle on shelves meant for reference. Browsing the collection at Coimbatore's Periyar Arivulagam library, writer Perumal Murugan encountered, on paper, a chief minister history seems to have elided over and a Nandi statue supposedly unearthed at Keezhadi. *Naladiyar*, the post-Sangam collection of verses, had acquired a new career as a poet. Discoveries of such fakery might have been amusing had the taxpayer not been billed for the volumes.

The scale of fraud is yet to become fully clear. This newspaper recently reported that about 2,200 books from publisher Agal Vilakku, whose office address led to a residential suburb in Chennai, had been removed from Tenkasi's District Central Library. An official in Tenkasi said librarians had hesitated to raise suspicions because certain higher authorities had been keen on the purchases and speedy payments for the books, most of which were priced above ₹1,000. Government sources told this newspaper that district central libraries across the state held more than 50,000 books from shady publishers.

Ordering an FIR, the Madras High Court observed that compliance with its 2024 directions, including adherence to the book procurement policy, would have prevented purchases from dubious sources. The November 2025 order governing book purchases for Periyar Arivulagam and other new libraries, for instance, clearly assigns responsibility for recommendations and approvals. Records should be readily available to establish who cleared these books. The government must publish those records and ensure that no official responsible for fraudulent purchases escapes accountability. The procurement policy lists familiar tricks such as altered titles and inflated page counts. Its unfair practices clause makes no explicit provision for AI fabrications. Yet, that omission offers no excuse for buying bogus books.

AI can produce believable rubbish fast enough to overwhelm scrutiny. Elementary errors gave these books away. Future fabrications may offer fewer clues. Better prose and convincing references could make falsehoods harder to detect, even for attentive readers. We cannot count on suppliers being careful. Rushed procurement leaves less room for scrutiny. Publishers must be able to substantiate authorship, and reviewers must have enough time to check them. Readers should not have to doubt every book a public library lends them.

QUICK TAKE

SEA OF TROUBLES

THE West Asia conflict has left many people stranded at sea over the past few months—literally. Sailors on ships that had crossed into the Persian Gulf, many of them Indian, found their tours worryingly extended when the Strait of Hormuz was sealed. This week, the conflict posed a rare problem for more than 200 families that had paid fancy sums to buy cabins on a 'forever cruise'. They were abruptly forced to leave *MV Odyssey* in Cambodia after the cruise company demanded extra fuel surcharges due to rising costs. The ship was later seized by Singaporean authorities over unpaid fuel bills. As the cruise craze picks up among Indians, those boarding would do well to read the operator's financial responsibility clause first.

As Nvidia shuffles its top deck, markets are trying to figure whether the AI rally will hang with the Huang saga. When vows are violated, rules struggle to define arm's length relationships

OF SPIES & CHIPS: THE PUBLIC PRICE OF PRIVATE LIVES



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IN the Insta world, the 'Kodak moment' has morphed long ago into the 'Coldplay moment'. This week, the romantic dalliance of Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang with Alice Huang, allegedly a Chinese spy, lit screens across the world. The meme-world is ablaze. If the old maxim said that two wrongs don't make a right, it's now saying two Huangs don't make it right. As the headlines play out, the capital markets are trying to price the risks.

Markets pride themselves in their ability to price anything and everything. They price wars, monsoons, elections, the derby and even the mood of central bankers. Nvidia can insure against fire, hedge its currencies, buy cover for its directors and even takes out a key-man policy in case the boss meets a bus. What companies and markets have struggled with is how to price character, how to map the unknown risks of leadership. The fatal attraction here is not the one between the Huangs, but between the market and a stock.

Beyond the salacious imagery, the worry for the investor world at large is if the AI rally will hang with Huang. Nvidia is around 6 percent of the S&P500 index, 10 percent of the Nasdaq100 and is on pension fund assets across the world. The best they have is phraseology: key-man risk. Ergo, they assume it and pay for the assumption when the unknowns become known.

Since Jensen Huang confessed to his extramarital affair on November 8, his company has lost over $500 billion in market cap. Huang, who owns 3.6 percent of the stock, lost more than $15 billion. Of every dollar that vanished, a little under four cents was his. The rest belonged to index funds, pension plans, insurers and the households behind them—none of whom were consulted on his weekends. The affair was private. The invoice is public.

Economists, being economists, have looked at the phenomenon. In 2018, Brandon Cline, Ralph Walkling and Adam Yore published a paper in the *Journal of Financial Economics* with the unimprovable subtitle '*Sex, Lies and Firm Value*'. They tracked 219 indiscretions by executives, the sexual, the dishonest, the intoxicated and the violent. On disclosure, the average company lost 1.6 percent of its value, or $110 million. When the sinner was the CEO, the loss was 4.1 percent, or $226 million. Nvidia's Monday was a textbook illustration with more zeros.

As the markets lathered, as Nikkei and Nasdaq yo-yoed, the board lawyered up preparing for a multitude of probes by an array of three-letter agencies, and enquiries by US House and Senate committees. Setting the stage for the company's defence, the board ousted Huang on November 12 and sppointed Chief Financial Officer Colette Kress as interim CEO.

THE THIRD EYE



SOURAV ROY

Great power, great temptations

Nvidia's is not the first CEO tripping on frailties. With great power comes great temptations. Literature has covered the ground the prospectus is struggling with. "I can resist everything except temptation," says Lord Darlington in Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan*.

Harry Stonecipher, brought back to clean up Boeing's ethics, was asked to resign in 2005 over an affair with a female executive. Mark Hurd left Hewlett-Packard in 2010 after an inquiry into his relationship with a contractor. Brian Krzanich quit Intel in 2018 over a past relationship with an employee. Steve Easterbrook was sacked by McDonald's in 2019, and Andy Byron of Astronomer gave the Coldplay moment its name in 2025.

As it always turns out, the plot is older. Ever since Washington curbed sales of advanced chips under the Biden administration in 2022, the many eyes and arms of US intelligence were tracing transactions and relations. Last Spring, a highly confidential memo went around to the top honchos of the Trump administration that a Chinese woman close to the Nvidia chief was a spy for the China's ministry of State security.

The troubles of Nvidia are likely to occupy prime time for weeks. The chairs of three Congress committees—the House China Committee, the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Intelligence Committee—have already summoned Huang to a closed-door meeting on November 18.

Should the Nvidia board have known better? Boards do have filters. The trouble is the mesh. Related-party rules—the Securities and Exchange Commission's Item 404 in the US and Section 188 of the Companies Act in India—define a related party by blood, marriage, household and shareholding. A lover is not a relative. The law requires arm's length relationships—rarely has a term been burdened with so much responsibility—with customers/clients. The SEC rule bites when accounts are restated, but not when vows are violated.

The question every board ducks is the 'what if'. Yes, there is a peculiar problem with founder companies. Tesla, for instance, has informed shareholders that "we are highly dependent on the services of Elon Musk" as if confession were a cure. Nvidia, which had crossed a valuation of $5 trillion as the world's most valuable company for a while, had a peculiar operating structure. Huang had over 60 heads reporting directly to him in a style he called "extreme co-design", which he said fosters innovation and accountability.

The chip-maker has no clear succession plan for such a large enterprise representing a landscape of systemic risks—from debt to equity, from supply to services. When the National Association of Corporate Directors asked American boards in 2024 about succession plans, 30 percent had no CEO successor identified "if the chief left tomorrow".

It is not that it cannot be done. Tim Cook ran Apple while Steve Jobs was ill before he inherited it. The saga has many parallels in India. The exits at Flipkart and iGATE are merely cases that surfaced. The troubles are often swept under the carpet. The need to map the law to check the myriad maze of relatives and relationships awaits the next scandal.

The Kodak moment went into the family album. The Coldplay moment into the mutual fund statement. Wilde's lord could afford his quip; he was spending his own money. Stakeholders deserve a board that has planned for the day the camera swings round.

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SLOW AND STODGY ON EASTERN FRONT



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ASIAN AXIS

THE word 'jamboree' probably accurately sums up what will unfold in Manila this Monday. As the 49th ASEAN Summit commences with the Philippines as the chair, the build-up to main summit of Southeast Asian leaders will be preceded by a flurry of meetings to set the tone and agenda, as well as multiple related mini-summits.

Most of this work is coordinated by the ASEAN secretariat. That and all the other coordinating group meetings in the run-up to the main event seek to align both the final declarations and review of the annual progress of the grouping. As an official process, it is a massive effort of many moving parts.

This year's summit theme—'Navigating the future, together'—remains critically distinct. For the first summit chaired by President Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr, it could not be more apt in describing what the bloc is facing given the turbulent world order at present, where fragmentation remains the key determinant of how systemic factors are shaped.

The year beyond the summit will be crucial for ASEAN's relevance in the region and the larger cause of how multilateralism evolves in the current environment. Given this backdrop, this article focuses on the year's core issues for the bloc and the manner in which the grouping may move prior to handing the chairmanship to Singapore in 2027.

The most interesting set of issues to watch out for during the summit will fall in three critical areas. First, how the ASEAN leadership under the Philippines addresses two of the core issues within the grouping—the situation in Myanmar, which remains far from seeing any resolution, and the manner in which geopolitics of South China Sea is being shaped through the year. The question that looms large is whether either of these issues will find any long-term answers at the summit.

The continuing military rule in Myanmar and the kind of electoral process held over three phases from late last year to early this year have not gone down well either within the ASEAN or in the rest of the international community. While ASEAN's principle of remaining out of the domestic politics of its member States may have held some significance in its early years, this option of ignoring the situation in member countries is no longer tenable.

Increasingly, the civil societies in countries such as Indonesia and the Philippines are coming out stronger against violence within States. ASEAN itself has been less than endorsing of the electoral results and the efforts of the Filipino special envoy to Myanmar has met with little success, though some progress is seen in terms of meeting the conflicting parties.



AFP

At its summit next week, ASEAN will not be able to mark serious progress on either addressing member State Myanmar's fragmented governance or a legally binding Code of Conduct for South China Sea. In its dialogue with India, stronger maritime security and supply chains will feature, not trade imbalance between the two

The situation also reflects the fact that the government of President Ming Aung Hliang is not in full control of the country and National Union government supported by the People's Defence Force and various ethnic armed organisations have a hold on a bit over 40 percent of the nation's territory. This unprecedented situation pushes ASEAN to continuously reiterate its original five-point consensus, which looks at an inclusive dialogue of all stakeholders. While the ban on inviting the Myanmar president continues, the ASEAN has been unable to deliver a resounding and effective result on the country. This remains far from being adequately addressed.

Through the past year, the bloc has had several rounds of meetings to look at furthering the Code of Conduct (CoC) for South China Sea. Even in January, when the Philippines took over the chair, it was assumed that the CoC would feature strongly in this year's agenda, based on the host's position and increasing geopolitical tensions in the area. There have indeed been intensive efforts throughout the year to finalise the negotiating rounds.

However, there is still some reticence to move forward on key issues, particularly on aspects such as the geographic scope of the CoC, the terminology used to address excesses in those waters, and the legally binding principles of the code. For the Philippines, securing a binding CoC remains critical—though such a move is supported by other claimant states, bringing China to the table to address it remains a challenge.

From New Delhi's perspective, this will also mark the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit, where the key focus will be on aspects of how to improve maritime security cooperation. Key to this is the increasing importance both sides are giving to enhancing maritime domain awareness, particularly looking at evolving joint working on this crucial aspect.

However, the continuing trade imbalance will be an issue of concern for India. As far as the India ASEAN free-trade agreement is concerned, exchange of goods remains in a state of limbo with the FTA negotiations not being able to address the huge deficit that India faces and the clarity on rules of origin.

The five-year review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement is not likely to move ahead during this summit. While extending digital public infrastructure and enhancing supply chain initiatives are clearly two key aspects of the Plus-One dialogue with India, it still remains lower than the optimum levels. Despite efforts, it's slow progress on this eastern front.

(Views are personal)

MAILBAG

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River consensus

Ref: *Damming a river* (Nov 12). Although India contemplated damming the Siang several decades ago, it failed to seize the opportunity then. Today, challenges are emerging from various directions. Sharing river flow data is the common ground. India must build domestic consensus, and take a decisive step forward to safeguard its strategic and ecological interests.
A Thirugnanasambantham, Coimbatore

Quieter Diwali

Ref: *Smokescreen on the subcontinent* (Nov 12). Even as I love our indigenous culture including its festivals, I am not in favour of raucous firecrackers as they cause a lot of disturbance. The original idea was only to light lamps and use sparklers. Factories making polluting fireworks should be banned. Service organisations and wise individuals have to spread the message in a friendly manner across the society without blaming religion.
U Atreya Sarma, Hyderabad

Universal alibi

Ref: *Blame it on gridlock* (Nov 12). Schoolchildren must be delighted to discover that international cricketers and American lawmakers are as adept as them at blaming traffic for late arrival. Why strain imagination inventing new excuses when such distinguished personalities have already established traffic congestion as a perfectly respectable alibi?
S Sundareswara Pandiyan, email

Leaders' example

Ref: *Emergency law & order review* (Nov 11). The growing audacity of criminals is evident from the brutal murder of a police sub-inspector in Theni and a sub-inspector in Tirunelveli narrowly escaping with his life. Equally disturbing are allegations of misconduct involving TVK legislators. One hopes the chief minister firmly cautioned the erring MLAs. The government must lead by example.
Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

Equip schools

Ref: *10+2 system rollout from next year* (Nov 12). One compelling reason for this reform is the high rate of dropouts after Class 10. The reform should, however, go beyond an administrative merger of institutions. The government must ensure that every senior secondary school has qualified teachers, well-equipped labs, libraries, digital learning facilities and adequate extracurricular infrastructure.
Vidyasagar Reddy Kethiri, Warangal

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Congress is the only option that can put Punjab back on the path to progress and prosperity. The shifting public confidence is a sign that Punjab now wants change



Aaditya Thackeray @AUThackeray
Given our population, demographic dividend, economic needs, the climate action we take in time at this juncture could become a major opportunity



Shivraj Singh Chouhan @ChouhanShivraj
As part of my pledge to plant a sapling every day, I planted one in Bhopal today. Let's all come together to plant saplings that nurture life

Foreign fund bill report likely in next session

Oppn members in JPC say consultations being rushed to meet the deadline of last day of first wk of winter sittings

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

THE joint parliamentary committee (JPC) examining the contentious Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 may submit its report during the winter session of Parliament, enabling the government to push for its passage in the session, sources said.

The bill was referred to the JPC on August 12 during the monsoon session after pushback from the Opposition, which alleged that the proposed legislation targets minorities and NGOs and demanded its withdrawal. Sources said the government may bring certain amendments to the bill, maintaining that the proposed legislation is not religion-specific and is aimed at regulating foreign contributions.

The 31-member panel, headed by BJP MP Sanjay Jaiswal, was expected to submit its report to the Lok Sabha by the last day of the first week of the winter session. Opposition members have alleged that consultations are being rushed ahead of the deadline.

Introduced in the Lok Sabha on March 25, the FCRA Bill proposes tighter oversight of NGOs and foreign contributions. The government had put it on hold following resistance from stakeholders.

The panel has held four sittings since September. Its study tour to Shillong, Kochi and Chennai on November 2, 3 and 4 drew objections from Opposition members. Among the bill's contentious provisions is a proposal to create a designated authority to manage and dispose of assets when an organisation's FCRA registration is cancelled or ceases to exist. At the JPC meeting on Thursday, Christian groups demanded withdrawal of the bill.

According to sources, Asir Ebenezer of the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) opposed the bill claiming that if it becomes a law, it will destroy the religious independence of the community. "Regulation of foreign funds must not become a means of restricting the constitutional freedom to profess, practise and propagate religion, or the right of minorities to establish and administer institutions," said Ebenezer.

The RSS-linked organisations sought further strengthening of the proposed bill.

Venugopal had written to Speaker last month

Last month, Congress MP K C Venugopal wrote to Speaker Om Birla seeking his intervention, warning that a push to pass the Bill could reduce parliamentary examination to a formality.





Security staff during search operations after terror attack in J&K on Thursday | PTI

Terrorists abduct and kill 2 SPOs in J&K, arms stolen

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

TWO Special Police Officers (SPOs) of the Jammu and Kashmir Police, who went missing on Wednesday while travelling to an Army post in mountainous Kishtwar district, were found shot dead in Dachhan forest on Thursday. Their bullet-riddled bodies bore multiple gunshot wounds, and their service rifles were missing.

The killings came as security forces continued a search operation in south Kashmir's Kulgam district for those behind Wednesday's terrorist attack on a CRPF naka in which three personnel were injured.

The deceased were identified as Rashpal Kumar, 45, and Bobby Chand, 57, both residents of Dachhan. Security officials said they appeared to have been shot from close range. The terrorists had taken away their service rifles, which were not found at the site.

Both SPOs were attached to the Jammu and Kashmir Police's Special Operations Group (SOG), which conducts anti-terror operations, and were deployed on rotational duty at the Army camp at Dharna in the Marwah sector of Kishtwar.

According to officials, they went missing while travelling from their camp towards an Army post at Dharna-Marwah after failing to report for duty. Their mobile phones were initially reachable but were later switched off.

Sources suspect a group of two to three terrorists was involved in the abduction and killing. They believe the terrorists may have tracked the SPOs before overpowering and abducting them in the dense forest on Wednesday. Security agencies are trying to establish whether the two were killed with their own service rifles or AK rifles carried by the terrorists. Security forces have intensified search operations, which began on Wednesday. The Army has deployed drones, helicopters and other surveillance equipment.

Singh tells IAF to keep hawk eye on tech

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

WITH its fighter strength at a six-decade low, the Indian Air Force (IAF) was told on Thursday that jet numbers alone will not win future wars. Victory, defence minister Rajnath Singh told the force's top brass, will also hinge on technological sophistication, speed of response and precision.

Addressing the Air Force Commanders' Conference here, Singh also asked the force to draw up dedicated doctrines and architectures for electronic, cyber and space warfare. According to the defence ministry statement, he wants these emerging domains made a "core priority" in planning and operations.

The conference, the first under new IAF chief Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, comes amid a grim force-level picture. The IAF is down to just 29 fighter squadrons, as against the sanctioned 42.5. Worse, three MiG-29 and six Jaguar squadrons are slated for retirement by the end of the decade.

Replacements, in turn, are not coming in fast enough. State-run Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is yet to deliver even one of the 180 Tejas Mk1A jets ordered while the mega project for 114 additional Rafales is yet to be inked.

All this comes when the IAF faces a collusive threat from China and Pakistan. China's PLAAF fields around 2,200 fighters, including over 300 fifth-generation J-20 stealth jets. Pakistan, for its part, is inducting Chinese J-10C fighters and eyeing J-35 stealth jets.

Centre, medical body agree to disagree on stipend parity



KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE Union Health Ministry is considering an appeal against the National Medical Commission's (NMC) inaction on stipend parity for undergraduate medical interns in government and private colleges, according to an RTI reply.

The ministry has written to the NMC twice, asking it to examine the issue. Medical interns' and resident doctors' associations, including FAIMA and FORDA, have repeatedly raised the demand. In February, the NMC acknowledged the absence of stipend parity and said an amendment was needed through the statutory process. However, responding to RTI activist Dr KV Babu's June 30 query, it said, "As and when the regulations are revised, the inputs will be sought from stakeholders."

Dr Babu, a Kerala-based ophthalmologist, told this paper that he filed an appeal with the ministry on July 15, seeking action against the NMC for failing to act despite two reminders. In an RTI reply dated October 22, the ministry said his "appeal is under consideration." "The issue of stipend parity for interns has been pending with the government for over four years and with the NMC for more than a year," he said.

"Even though the Ministry of Health wrote to the NMC in November 2025 to review the stipend provision for UG interns under the CRMI Regulations, 2021, considering the rules under PGMER, 2023, the NMC has not acted yet," he added.

Ministry to NMC

The ministry had asked the NMC to examine amending the Compulsory Rotating Medical Internship Regulations, 2021, which state that "interns shall be paid a stipend as fixed by appropriate authority."



Medical PG course makes IIT debut

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

IIT Kharagpur announced it will become the first of India's 23 IITs to offer postgraduate medical degrees, with 12 National Medical Commission-accredited MD seats from December 2026.

It will offer two seats each in General Medicine, Radiology, Physiology, Pathology, Community Medicine and Biochemistry. The first batch will study at the Dr B C Roy Multi-Speciality Medical Research Centre.

"In a landmark development for Indian higher education and healthcare, IIT Kharagpur, the country's first IIT has achieved another historic first—becoming the first IIT to introduce postgraduate medical degree programmes accredited by the NMC," an official release said.

A university representative said, "These programmes will be available for consideration in the second round of counselling. The counselling process going on for the academic year 2026-2027 will take 1.5 months to end. So, by the end of December, we expect to commence the academic session with the first batch of MD students."

Director Suman Chakraborty said, "Our vision is not simply to train specialist doctors, but to create an ecosystem where clinical excellence meets engineering ingenuity, artificial intelligence and translational research. We want our medical graduates to be not only outstanding clinicians, but also innovators capable of addressing some of humanity's most pressing healthcare challenges."

EXPRESS READ

Farmers' strength key to agri biodiversity: Mishra

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr. P.K. Mishra, emphasized the importance of recognising farmers as custodians and innovators of India's agricultural biodiversity. During his address at 22nd Foundation Day of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, he stressed the need to link traditional knowledge with scientific research.

Trainee pilot unhurt after hard-landing plane

A woman trainee pilot escaped unhurt after she made a hard landing of the aircraft she was flying from Baramati to Solapur airport in Maharashtra around 2 pm today. The nosewheel was damaged and got loosened due to the impact and the plane is presently standing in a semi-vertical position at the airport. The TECNAM-P Mentor aircraft is operated by Redbird academy.

PM to travel to Philippines next wk for ASEAN and East Asia summits

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will travel to Manila on November 16 for the ASEAN meeting and the East Asia Summit (EAS), hosted by the Philippines, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Thursday. The MEA did not confirm whether Modi will meet US President Donald Trump on the sidelines, or whether the Quad leaders will meet. "This is a programme that is quickly being developed and we don't have information as of now about it, except that the PM is attending the ASEAN meet in the Philippines," Secretary (East) Rudrendra Tandon said at a special briefing.

Last month, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the four Quad countries had agreed to hold the summit in Manila. He said it would deliver "concrete actions" rather than be a social gathering. Trump, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi and Australian PM Anthony Albanese are all due in Manila. If the four leaders meet, it will be the Quad's first leaders-level meeting since the Wilmington summit in September 2024. A Modi-Trump meeting in Manila would be their first since the Republican Party's setbacks in the US midterm elections. It would also come with the India-US trade deal still unsigned.

Tandon described engagement with ASEAN, now an 11-member bloc, as a key pillar of India's Act East policy. "We strongly believe that, as an Indian Ocean country that abuts this very important Southeast Asian maritime zone, a strong strategic relationship with the ASEAN member states, as a collective as well as individually, is good for both of us," he said.

India has sought a review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) because of its trade deficit with the bloc. Tandon said the review was taking time because it involved negotiations among several countries.

Testing agency has plans to onboard ex-armymen as observers in exams

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

IN order to ensure that the competitive exams conducted by the the National Testing Agency (NTA) from 2027 are foolproof and secure, the agency plans to rope in retired armed force and paramilitary personnel as independent observers. The agency also announced on Thursday that it was carrying out recruitment drive to fill up vacancies across grades as well as called upon eligible institutions to get empanelled as examination centres.

These are among the measures the organisation is taking to improve the security set up following the massive uproar over the leak of the NEET-UG exams and irregularities in other competitive exams.

The NTA conducts competitive exams in the country including for the NEET-UG, JEE-Main, UGC-NET, CSIR-NET, CUET inside India and abroad. Many of the exams were marred by irregularities this year. Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had to resign due to protests following the NEET-UG paper leak.



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NTA

The agency had on its website announced two separate expressions of interest seeking applications from eligible institutions and persons. It stated that it was creating a permanent pool of independent observers, including retired armed forces and paramilitary personnel and retired state and Central government officers, as part of a wider overhaul of the examination system.

NTA deploys an independent observer at every test centre. "The observer is NTA's own representative at the centre, distinct from and in addition to the City Coordinator and Centre Superintendent, and is entrusted with monitoring the fairness, security and smooth conduct of the examination and reporting directly to NTA," the document said. "To meet this need in a timely manner across an annual examination cycle, NTA proposes to build and maintain a standing, pre-verified pool of empanelled observers, drawn from retired and serving academic and administrative staff of government institutions, from which exam-wise deployment orders can be issued in advance of each exam" it added.

The application is being sought in three categories: Retired central and state government officers; retired armed forces or paramilitary staff; and retired or serving teachers and professors from government institutions.

India records 38% dip in TB mortality: WHO

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

INDIA is among the top eight countries which reported the highest number of people developing TB disease in 2025, according to the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 released on Thursday. The report added that India saw a record 38% decline in TB mortality since 2015, compared to a global decline of 35%, and a 94% treatment success rate.

Indonesia, the Philippines, China, Pakistan, Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Bangladesh follow India in TB cases.

Reacting to the data, Health Ministry officials said the global report reflects India's sustained progress towards eliminating TB through "early detection, timely treatment, technological innovation and comprehensive patient care."

"Most of the people who develop TB disease each year are in 30 high TB burden countries: they accounted for 88% of the global total in 2025. The top eight (67% of the worldwide total) were India (25%), Indonesia (10%), the Philippines (6.8%), China (6.5%), Pakistan (6.4%), Nigeria (4.9%), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (3.9%) and Bangladesh (3.7%)," the report said.

Although the report put India among the top eight TB countries, it said estimates of TB incidence in India are under review and revised estimates will be released by early next year. Officials said the revised estimates would show a drop in TB mortality, indicating the tremendous progress India has made in its war against TB.

The report said that in 2025, 54% of people who developed TB were men, 35% were women and 11% were children. Globally in 2025, an estimated 10.6 million people fell ill with TB, a reduction of 75,000 compared with 2024. "Globally in 2025, the TB incidence rate was 129 new cases per 100,000 population. This was a 1.6% decline compared with 131 in 2024," it added.

The report praised India for its "substantial progress" in recent years for its various initiatives to reduce the TB burden. Officials said India's reduction in TB mortality highlights the country's strong performance in reducing TB-related deaths.

"Treatment success rate of 94% demonstrates the effectiveness of India's patient-centred approach, strengthened treatment delivery and sustained support for people affected by TB," an official said.

The WHO also credited India with funding various TB programmes.

"India's commitment is further reflected in 96% of TB programme funding requirements being met through domestic resources, demonstrating sustained national investment, strong political commitment and a whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach to TB elimination," the officials added.

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HOAX

A bomb threat led to an express train halting for 1.5 hours at the Rajnandgaon station in Chhattisgarh on Thursday, but it turned out to be a hoax and a passenger is being questioned, officials said.

5 HURT AFTER CLASH OVER MAHA FIRECRACKERS

INDIA WEATHER

CITY/STATE	Max	Min	CITY/STATE	Max	Min
Andaman Islands	31	27	Meghalaya	23	19
Gokarna, Karnataka	27	26	Ooty, Tamil Nadu	21	16
Goa	28	26	Rishikesh	33	27
Jorhat	33	28	Spiti Valley, HP	22	12
Kashmir	23	17	Udaipur	33	26
Lakshadweep	30	28	Varanasi	34	28
Leh, Ladakh	21	10	Wayanad, Kerala	24	22



Kuki woman killed, 2 injured in fresh attack in Manipur

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

A Kuki-Zo woman was killed and two others from the community were injured in a suspected militant attack in Kangpokpi district on Thursday.

Kuki-majority Kangpokpi borders Naga-majority Senapati district. Kangpokpi-based Kuki organisation Committee on Tribal Unity (CoTU) said the deceased, Kimneineng Chongloi, and the injured were harvesting paddy at their fields when they came under the attack from alleged Naga rebels.

The incident came amid protests by CoTU against non-fulfilment of its charter of demands in connection with the recent abduction and killing of two Kuki-Zo civilians from Taphou Kuki village. The case has been handed over to NIA.

CoTU said that before the wounds inflicted by the killing of the two people could begin to heal, a young mother's life had been cut short, while two other villagers were left fighting for survival. The organisation said its previous charter of demands was a constructive roadmap to prevent further bloodshed and address security failures.

"With the seven-day window provided to the governments nearing its conclusion, we will be compelled to review our decision and determine our subsequent course of action in the absence of tangible and satisfactory action," CoTU said. It warned that Manipur and the Centre would bear responsibility for the consequences of their continued failure to ensure civilian security.

Chief Minister Y Khemchand Singh met the families of the two victims at Taphou Kuki village on Monday.

CM meets victims' kin

Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh met the families of the two victims at Taphou Kuki village on Monday, who were killed earlier.

BJP eyes tribal seats with Modi rally outreach

With AAP gaining ground, Gujarat govt approves ₹2,300 crore for schemes that will celebrate icons like Birsa Munda

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

AHEAD of 2027 assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposed visit to Ambaji temple town in the Banaskantha district in Gujarat is seen as the BJP's early push to consolidate its hold over the state's 55 tribal-dominated assembly constituencies.

With the AAP gaining ground in the tribal areas, the BJP government's ₹2,300 crore development package for the Ambaji-Umargam belt is aimed at countering the Opposition's growing influence. Besides the package, the week-long 'Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah' from November 12 to 18, a programme to celebrate Birsa Munda's legacy, will feature forest rights and tribal welfare initiatives.

Modi was scheduled to reach Gujarat on November 13 and offer prayers at the Ambaji Shaktipeeth the following day, coinciding with Labh Pancham. "The visit is emerging as more than a religious engagement, with the BJP sharpening its focus on 55 tribal-dominated constituencies," a party leader said. He said the Janjatiya Gaurav Saptah is coordinated political and development outreach targeting tribal voters.

The ₹2,300 crore package combines infrastructure development with cultural recognition. The government will distribute 7,112 forest rights certificates and provide records of rights to 11,421 beneficiaries.



Birsa Munda statues will be installed and Shabari booths, traditional tribal 'haat' and Johar Cafes serving millet-based food will be established. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, Deputy CM Harsh Sanghavi and other ministers will participate in events in the tribal region.

Analysts say that behind the development push lies a challenge: AAP's expanding footprint in the tribal belt. AAP's win in 15 of 22 seats in the Narmada district panchayat in April has unsettled the BJP and replaced the Congress as a challenger in of Narmada, Bharuch, Tapi and Dang. Despite reported efforts to bring tribal leader Chaitar Vasava into the BJP fold, he has remained with AAP. The discontent, flagged by MP Mansukh Vasava, has complicated matters.

No AAP ticket for Badal-buster minister in Punjab 2nd list



HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday released its second list of 31 candidates for the 2027 Punjab Assembly elections, dropping Agriculture Minister and sitting MLA from Lambi, Gurmeet Singh Khudian, who had defeated five-time former chief minister and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) stalwart Parkash Singh Badal in the 2022 polls.

The list names two sitting MPs, Raj Kumar Chabbewal from Phagwara and Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer from Barnala, while re-nominating two sitting MLAs, Saravjit Kaur Manuke from Jagraon and Amandeep Singh Goldy Musafir from Balluana. Six sitting MLAs have been dropped, including Khudian; former ministers Laljit Singh Bhullar and Anmol Gagan Mann; Amit Rattan Kotfatta; Raman Arora; and Charanjit Singh. Another sitting MLA, Kunwar Vijay Pratap, resigned despite figuring in the first list.

Khudian has been denied renomination despite the high-profile victory. A few months ago, he had a showdown with Punjab AAP incharge Manish Sisodia at a party meeting. His nephew Randhir Singh Dhira has been given the ticket from Lambi instead.

A father-son duo has been nominated. Raj Kumar Chabbewal will contest from Phagwara, while his son Ishank Kumar Chabbewal was given the ticket from Chabbewal in the first list announced on October 31.

Former minister Laljit Singh Bhullar has been dropped from Patti, where Jaskanwar Singh Gill, alias Jassa Patti, has been nominated. Anmol Gagan Mann has been replaced by Parminder Singh Goldy in Kharar; Amit Rattan Kotfatta by Gopal Singh in Bathinda Rural; and Raman Arora by Nitin Kohli in Jalandhar Central.

Badal, BJP tie-up likely, SAD revival on cards before polls

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AHEAD of the 2027 Punjab Assembly elections, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal is wooing estranged leaders. Former MP Prem Singh Chandumajra has returned; former SGPC president Bibi Jagir Kaur is scheduled to return on November 13. The appeal is part of the SAD's effort to consolidate its support ahead of the polls.

Chandumajra and Jagir Kaur had joined SAD (Punar Surjit), formed last August by former acting Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh. Chandumajra cited Badal's appeal against "anti-Punjab forces", including the Congress and ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). Bibi Satwinder Kaur Dhaliwal and Barjinder Singh Brar, son of former minister Tota Singh, rejoined in April; former Garhshankar MLA Surinder Singh Bhulewal Rathan returned a month earlier.

In October, the SAD leader launched a door-to-door campaign from Gidderbaha, promising statewide coverage within 20 days. His "people's manifesto" promises a 3,100 old-age pension, the Atta-Dal scheme and a 1 lakh Shagun payment. Sources said younger leaders and grassroots workers, including constituency in-charges, have strengthened the organisation.

Jangveer Singh, Sukhbir's media adviser, said, "In the last two months, the party has launched a vigorous campaign against drugs, with Harsimrat Kaur Badal receiving a huge response from women who are determined to support the party's campaign against the drug menace, as they believe the SAD alone has the political will to put an end to this scourge once and for all. The party has also outlined the policy changes it will make to wipe out this menace."

Sukhbir avoids criticism of BJP, targets AAP, Cong

Sukhbir has blamed the Congress and AAP for misgovernance but has avoided similar criticism of the BJP. BJP surveys reportedly favour an alliance with the SAD; without one, the Congress could gain an edge. Former Punjab Congress president Raja Warring has said both parties are fighting for their survival, not for Punjab.



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Jangveer Singh, SAD leader

The SAD remains strong in rural Malwa and parts of Majha but faces a credibility deficit over sacrilege, drugs, alleged mafia links and 'neo-Panthics'.

The scale of its electoral decline since 2015 is evident from its performance in successive elections. In the 2024 Lok Sabha election, it won only Bathinda, retained by Harsimrat Kaur Badal, with just over 13 per cent of the vote. It won three of Punjab's 117 Assembly seats in 2022, against 15 in 2017. In 2012, it had won 56 seats and formed its third government under Parkash Singh Badal.

The Sukhbir-led SAD remains the largest Panthic party, with a century-old legacy, extensive organisational network, leadership, resources and deep rural roots. In the November 2025 Tarn Taran bypoll, AAP's Harmeet Singh Sandhu won 42,649 votes, while SAD's Sukhwinder Kaur Randhawa polled 30,558, a margin of 12,091 votes. In December, the SAD won 46 seats in 22 zila parishads and 449 panchayat samiti zones, finishing third behind the Congress but ahead of the BJP.

Amid speculation about a possible alliance with the BJP, the SAD is seeking to strengthen its organisational position before negotiations. Party insiders said, "The SAD is trying to consolidate so that it can project itself as a stronger contender for an alliance than the rebel factions, which are not even registered parties."

Asked about the possible alliance timeline, Sukhbir said, "I am not an astrologer, you will get to know in a few days." Speculation gathered pace after he was seen with BJP leaders at a wedding reception.

In 'clean-up' ops, burglars decamp with ₹12 cr jewellery from MP shop

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

A wall was battered in the dead of night, CCTV cameras went blind and a fortune in gold and diamonds vanished.

By the time Kisna Jewellers rolled up the shutters on Thursday morning, the showroom in Madhavnagar, in Madhya Pradesh's 'Lime City' Katni, had been stripped bare. More than 12 crore worth of jewellery, according to its owner, had disappeared.

Left behind were a gaping hole in a nine-inch-thick wall, around 50 fingerprints, a gas cylinder and a collection of tools that could hold the key to unravelling one of the region's most audacious jewellery heists.

"The entire jewellery stock has been taken. The burglars created a huge opening in the rear wall to enter the showroom. We have lost all our jewellery," Bajaj said.

The scale of the break-in became apparent as police examined the premises. The burglars had smashed through the showroom's nine-inch-thick rear wall to enter the building. Beyond the wall lies an isolated stretch bordered by a cluster of trees, a graveyard and an abandoned bauxite mine—a relatively secluded approach that may have allowed the gang to work without distractions.

The abandoned mine, in particular, has emerged as an important part of the investigation. Police recovered a gas cylinder and tools too.

More intriguing is the recovery of around 50 fingerprints from the jewellery showroom. Sources told TNIE that investigators are examining these prints for possible leads to the identities of those involved.

Police suspect the burglary took place between 2 am and 3 am on Thursday. Preliminary findings indicate that the accused switched off the showroom's CCTV cameras.

The break-in raised uncomfortable questions about the security arrangements. The showroom's security alarm reportedly went off during the night, but the guard on duty allegedly failed to respond. Police are questioning him.

There is a discrepancy in the estimated value of stolen property. While Bajaj has pegged the loss at more than ₹12 crore, Katni SP Abhinay Vishwakarma said, "Investigations suggest the stolen jewellery could be worth around ₹10 crore."



'LIME CITY' HEIST

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- Left behind gas cylinder and burglary tools
- Around 50 fingerprints recovered from showroom
- The amount of theft described by police and owner varies by ₹2 crore

EXPRESS READ

Ladakh body defies ban on protests, starts indefinite dharna in Leh

Defying restriction imposed by the administration on protests and sit-ins, the Leh Apex Body (LAB) on Thursday launched an indefinite dharna in Leh, demanding deferment of Hill Council elections. It also sought resumption of dialogue between the Centre and Ladakh leaders and the release of judicial inquiry report into September 2025 violence.

MP unveils ₹330 crore plan for 100 villages in naxal-free Balaghat

Eleven months after Madhya Pradesh was declared free from left-wing extremism, the state officials on Thursday presented an action plan of ₹330 crore to develop 100 villages in Balaghat, a district that was among the last Maoist strongholds in central India. The projects worth ₹266 crore have already been approved, the officials said.

MOHAN BHAGWAT

'India must offer traditional wisdom to world'

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday said India could draw on its traditional knowledge and experience to offer the world a new model of development as countries increasingly looked for solutions.

"We are not masters of nature; we are a part of it. We need harmony between human life, animal health, and the environment," Bhagwat said at the inauguration of a veterinary and agriculture college of the Datta Meghe Foundation at Ramtek in Nagpur district.

"Biodiversity, ecology, animal health, and environmental conservation were essential for human well-being. Our vision of life should be such that it is not merely about my life, but about everyone's life," he said.

"People should not become arrogant after achieving success or fame and should remember those who had been left behind. The modern world had earlier viewed humans as masters of nature and believed natural resources could be exploited without consequences. However, it was now realising that all life forms were interdependent," he said. "If the environment is not healthy, we cannot remain healthy," the RSS chief said, adding that diseases affecting animals could spread to humans.

He stressed the importance of self-reliance, saying dependence on others could expose nations to exploitation. "Self-reliance is extremely important because it makes human beings independent," he said.

He said, "People remind me that I am a vet. Yes, I am indeed a veterinary doctor. A few years ago, many people felt hesitant to identify themselves as veterinary doctors. However, that situation has now changed."

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Mohan Bhagwat with Union minister Nitin Gadkari in Nagpur on Thursday | EXPRESS

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State's craftsmanship shines in 'Ramayana'

Assam's handcraftsmanship has found a place on the big screen. The state's artisans intricately handcrafted the cinematic armour for Lord Ram and Lakshman in Nitesh Tiwari's film "Ramayana" using indigenous cane, jute, and local wood elements. Assam minister Nilima Devi called it a proud moment for the state. "Film's costume designer Ajay Kumar visited Assam to learn about these indigenous crafts and, along with his team, brought this unique creation to life. The recognition of Assam's rich traditions and indigenous craftsmanship on a global platform is a matter of pride for every Assamese," she said. Fellow minister Kaushik Roy said, "From 14th-century Saptakanda Ramayana by Madhava Kandali to today's silver screen, Assam's bond with the Ramayana continues to shine."



Project on the cards to reclaim eroded land

The Assam government is considering a project to reclaim land that has surfaced due to changes in the Brahmaputra's course. After visiting some places to assess the feasibility of the project, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said a vast chunk of land in Assam was lost to erosion by the Brahmaputra. As the river changed its course over time, substantial land emerged from the riverbed, he added. A swathe of land has been freed in Dhemaji district. The chief minister stated that his government is considering a scientific study-based project to reclaim land lost to erosion but has emerged now from the riverbed.

Black softshell turtle hatchlings released

In a move towards conservation of black softshell turtle, 240 hatchlings were released into a protected water body under Assam's Biswanath wildlife division recently. Wildlife Survival Alliance Foundation India organised the release in collaboration with Biswanath wildlife division, Kaziranga Tiger Reserve and forest department. Declared 'extinct in the wild' in the early 2000s, the species has now a stable population in the Brahmaputra-Kaziranga landscape. Eggs collected during the nesting season from a temple pond premises are artificially incubated under controlled conditions to minimise predation by mongooses and improve hatching success. The hatchlings are reared in a grow-out facility and fed small fish for three months to improve body weight before the release.

14 killed,
30 injured after a truck hit several vehicles in the United Arab Emirates

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

COUNTRY	Max	Min		COUNTRY	Max	Min	
Australia (Canberra)	18	4	SNY	Singapore	30	27	SNY
Indonesia (Bali)	27	21	LC	South Korea (Seoul)	17	7	LR
Italy (Rome)	22	9	LC	Switzerland (Bern)	17	4	SNY
Japan (Tokyo)	23	16	LR	Thailand (Bangkok)	33	25	LR
Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur)	29	24	SNY	Türkiye (Ankara)	16	11	LC
Maldives (Male)	29	29	LR	UAE (Dubai)	33	28	SNY
Mauritius (Port Louis)	29	22	SNY	Vietnam (Hanoi)	32	23	LR

Putin rules out compromise, dashes Ukraine peace hopes

Offers short ceasefire in Kostyantynivka; US envoys to meet Zelenskyy

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN president Vladimir Putin indicated on Thursday that Russia will not compromise on its hardline demands to end the Ukraine offensive, but offered a short-term ceasefire in a key frontline city during a Kremlin meeting with US envoys.

Putin said he would not water down his territorial demands to control parts of Ukraine that Russia claims to have annexed, and ruled out agreeing to foreign peacekeeping troops being stationed in Ukraine — a deployment that he said would be a "continuation of war". Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff were in Moscow after two days of talks in Abu Dhabi searching for a way to end Europe's worst conflict since World War II. They will travel to Dublin, where a European summit is taking place, to meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy later on Thursday.

Putin's comments appeared to douse hopes of a deal, after Zelenskyy said there was a "window of opportunity" for a result before 2027. Putin rejected any territorial settlement involving "grey" or demilitarised zones, and proposed a "humanitarian mission" to frontline Kostyantynivka, where 400-500 civilians remain. Russia claims to have captured the city, but Ukraine says fighting continues.



Russian president Vladimir Putin greets Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, and US special envoy Steve Witkoff during their meeting in Kremlin, Moscow | AP

US wants Europe at talks table

Kushner said the talks sought Putin's approval for European involvement in broader security negotiations. The US and Zelenskyy want Europe to appoint a single negotiator, but Moscow opposes direct European participation, citing their military support for Ukraine.

Moscow has reframed the war talks around wider European security, but Kyiv and European leaders have opposed a new "Yalta" and urged a focus on ending the Ukraine war.

US Starshield woes return

Ukraine is experiencing another slowdown in the US Starshield system — SpaceX's military-grade version of the Starlink satellite internet service — that the country needs to defend itself against Russian attacks, Zelenskyy said Thursday on social media. Military units have recorded "significant disruptions," including speed restrictions limiting its drones to 161 kph, Zelenskyy said, adding that a military investigation established that the restrictions weren't random errors.

Car bomb kills Russian colonel

A Russian colonel was killed in St Petersburg when a bomb exploded in his vehicle, Russia's Investigative Committee said. Moscow has blamed Ukraine for attacks targeting senior officers, while Kyiv has claimed responsibility for some.

Pressure mounts on Ireland

An Irish refinery owned by Russian aluminium giant Rusal ships alumina to Russia, despite calls for sanctions. Dublin says there is no evidence the material reaches Russia's military supply chain, while critics argue some likely ends up in defence production. *Agencies*

Zelenskyy warns Europe over US-Russia security talks

DUBLIN: More than 40 European leaders gathered in Dublin on Thursday to discuss Ukraine and Europe's security. Zelenskyy warned against a new US-Russia security framework, saying Europe must "pay close attention". Emmanuel Macron said Europe needed a "clear and united vision", while German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said it was first necessary to get Putin to the negotiating table before choosing a European envoy. EU leaders said existing officials could represent the bloc.

Bibi govt defends right to order strikes as Gaza hospital bombed

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI caretaker Defence Minister Israel Katz said on Thursday that the outgoing coalition does not need permission from the opposition to decide on fresh military operations, following calls to show restraint.

Meanwhile, Israeli fire killed 10 people in Gaza on Thursday, six of whom died in the bombing of Nasser hospital in south Gaza early in the day, health officials said, the deadliest single strike since Israel's elections last month.

Caretaker government

Katz said on Thursday that the outgoing coalition had "demonstrated resolve and sound judgment in dealing with Iran, in full coordination with the IDF -- and that will remain the case now, as circumstances require". Netanyahu agreed to meet on Thursday with Eisenkot to discuss national security following the row over whether the outgoing government can resume the conflict.

In a short joint statement, Eisenkot and Netanyahu said they would meet at the prime minister's office for a briefing attended by Netanyahu's military aide.

The Israeli military confirmed the attack on the medical complex, saying they targeted "a senior Hamas terrorist and additional terrorists from Hamas's military wing" who it said were operating from the hospital, which it has long accused the Palestinian Islamist movement of using to shelter militants.

Hamas has denied this, and both parties frequently accuse each other of violating the terms of a US-backed ceasefire agreement that took effect in October 2025. *AFP*



WAR WATCH

People inspect damage to Nasser Hospital after it was hit by an Israeli airstrike in Khan Younis, Gaza Strip | AP

Erdogan urges US-Iran diplomacy

ANTALYA: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan urged diplomacy to resume "without further delay" to end the US-Iran war after talks with his Iranian counterpart Masoud Pezeshkian. Erdogan said Turkey would continue supporting peace efforts, while Pezeshkian accused the US and Israel of causing severe environmental damage during attacks on Iran.

Iran-linked spies convicted in UK

LONDON: Two Iranian men were convicted in London on Thursday of spying for Iran's intelligence service, after carrying out surveillance on journalists and other critics of Tehran. Mostafa Sepahvand and Farhad Manesh were found guilty, while a third defendant, Shapoor Noori, was acquitted. Sepahvand was also prepared to commit physical attacks, prosecutors said.

No need for Iran deal is the new Don tune

AUGHINISH

DONALD Trump said on Thursday that he was directing Vice President JD Vance to focus completely on domestic anti-fraud efforts and not negotiations towards a deal to end war with Tehran. "We don't need a deal with Iran. Those days have long since passed. We've got their money, Hundreds of Billions of Dollars, and we've got their Strait!" Trump wrote on his *Truth Social* platform.

His comments came shortly after the *Wall Street Journal* reported Wednesday that Vance was mulling face-to-face talks with a top Iranian security official. The Journal's report added Trump had told aides and counterparts that he was open to Vance reopening talks with Tehran, and that the president had empowered Vance to negotiate. Such an in-person meeting would mark an unusual move.

Oil prices rose after Trump's remarks on social media, while Wall Street futures slipped further. Trump's comments also come after his Republican Party were hit by sweeping losses in this month's midterm elections, with Democrats gaining control of Congress. Anger over war with Iran, which has caused fuel prices to surge in the United States, has been seen as a key factor pushing voters away from Republicans. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Missing teen found alive after 6 days in the woods

MELBOURNE: A 17-year-old boy with autism was found alive Thursday after six days lost in eastern Australian woodlands. The boy, whom police identified only as William, had begun camping with a teenage friend when he disappeared last Friday near Walhalla.

14 dead as van crashes on Nepal mountain road

KATHMANDU: At least 14 people were killed and six others injured on Thursday when a bus they were travelling plunged down a hilly road in Nepal while they were returning home for the Chhath festival, police said. The accident occurred at 5:45 am in Makwanpur district.



8 DEAD IN U.S. BUILDING COLLAPSE

Rescue works on after a building collapsed in the Brooklyn borough of New York on Wednesday. At least eight people died after the three-story building collapsed at the edge of a construction site. The building gave way while construction workers were digging at a neighbouring lot, a city official said. The cause was still under investigation | AP

TRILATERAL MEET

Trump, Xi plan to discuss denuclearisation in China

WASHINGTON

TOP Chinese and US diplomats raised the possibility that Presidents Xi Jinping and Donald Trump could discuss denuclearisation during a potential trilateral leaders' meeting with Russia next week, according to the US State Department.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi spoke by phone ahead of the November 18-19 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) conference in the Chinese tech hub of Shenzhen, both countries said. Donald Trump, Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin could also hold a trilateral meeting on APEC's sidelines, after US, Chinese and Russian officials each said their countries were in discussions about such talks. Trump said Sunday he would likely be meeting Xi and Putin to discuss ending the Iran war.

During their call, Rubio and Wang "agreed on the importance of meaningful leader-level conversations to advance goals such as peace and denuclearisation, including at any potential trilateral leaders meeting with Russia," the US State Department said Wednesday on social media.

The call came at China's request, it added. Trump has said he would like to discuss denuclearization with Xi and Putin, although Beijing has not confirmed nuclear arms control would feature on a trilateral agenda. Washington earlier said it wanted China to be part of a nuclear arms control deal after a bilateral treaty with Moscow expired in February.

At the time Beijing declined to join disarmament negotiations, saying its nuclear capabilities were of a different scale to those of Russia and the US. *AFP*

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No. e-tender//6506// RWC// BAM // Dated.10.11.2026
1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No.
Online Tender/23-2026-27/BPR

25001/1539/2627 : 1) The partial modification of Road works under **MMSY-TRIP & MMSY-CUVDA for the year 2025-26 and MMSY-IMPROVEMENT TO EXISTING RD ROAD for the year 2026-27** vide above Identification has been made as follows.

1.	Date of availability of tender	::	**20.11.2026 to 04.12.2026 upto 5.30 PM** instead of 03.11.2026 to 13.11.2026 upto 5.30 PM.
2.	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	::	**02.12.2026 at 5.30 PM** instead of 02.11.2026 at 5.30 PM
3.	Date of opening of Technical Bid.	::	**05.12.2026 at 11.00 AM** instead of 16.11.2026 at 11.00 AM
4.	Date of opening of Financial Bid	::	**Will be intimated later on.**

All other contents will remain unchanged. **Sd/- Chief Engineer,**
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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8 (1) (For Immovable Property)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated below on dates specified to repay the outstanding amount indicated below with interest 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 borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the properties mortgaged with the Company described herein below on the respective dates mentioned in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Sub–section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The borrowers 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. The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned and interest thereon.

Loan Account No : ML01THV00000064189; **Name and Address of Borrower:** 1. P PANDIKANNAN (APPLICANT), 2. S SAROJADEVI (CO-APPLICANT), NO. 107, FCI COLONY, SEVVAPETTAI, THIRUVALLUR – 602025, 3. P PANDIKANNAN (APPLICANT), NO. 26 AD, BHARATHI NAGAR SOUTH, 5TH STREET, KALAVASAL STREET, CUMBUM, THENI – 625516. 4. P PANDIKANNAN (APPLICANT), NO. 480, 3RD FLOOR, KHIVRAJ COMPLEX I, ANNA SALAI, NANDANAM, CHENNAI – 600006.; **Date of Demand Notice :** 11/07/2026; **Out Standing Amount :** Rs.36,59,333/- as on 11/07/2026 and interest thereon. ; **Date of Possession :** 11/11/2026. **Description of the Immovable Property :** Property belongs to Mr. Pandikannan (Applicant) : - All that piece and parcel of Punjai Old S. No.859/9C, Western Part of Plot No.4, T.S. No.19/24 and 19/25, Ward-B, Block-10, Situated at Periyakulam Road, Cumbum Sub, Uthamapuram Village, Ward-19, Varadharajapuram East Street, Door No.26AD, Theni District. Bounded on the North By: Murugan's Plot, South By: Saraswathiammal's Plot, East By: Pandisabari@ Pandisabarinathan's House and Common Pathway and West By: Vadivelu's Plot. Totally admeasuring to an extent of measuring 787 Sq. Ft including ½ share i.e. 52 Sq. Ft in the North Eastern Part measuring 104 Sq. Ft along with 567 Sq. Ft GF and 368 Sq. Ft Building and all amenities thereto lying within the Sub Registration District of Periyakulam and Sub Registration District of Cumbum.

Date : 13/11/2026 **Authorized Officer**
Place : THIRUVALLUR **For Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Asset Recovery Management Branch-I
No. 524, 8th Floor, Canara Towers, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai-600018 Tel.No.2849 6339 / 6900
E-MAIL:cb2361@canarabank.com
Website: www.canarabank.com

E-Auction Sale Notice

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation 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 Borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Symbolic Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Chennai Thousand Lights Branch, since transferred to Asset Recovery Management Branch I, Chennai of the Canara Bank, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 02.12.2026, (Time 10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.** (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) for recovery of **Rs. 5,21,94,166.69 (Rupees Five Crore Twenty One lakhs Ninety Four Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Six and Paise Sixty Nine only) due as on 07.11.2026** with further interest and other incidental charges thereto incurred by the bank to the Asset Recovery Management Branch I, Chennai of Canara Bank from **M/s.ASPV International Production Private Ltd,** No 45, Kasi Towers, Bypass Road, Chennai Tamilnadu - 600095. **Mr. Saravanan.S.P,** No 45 Kasi Tower, Om Sakthi Nagar, Vanagaram, Chennai - 600095. **Mr.Vihas Priyan.P,** S/o. Pandiyan, Bharadiyar Street, Shankar Nagar, Ponneri, Krishnapuram, Tiruvallur, Tamilnadu - 601204. **Smt. V Sharmila** W/o. Vinoth Kumar, Old No.10, New No. 19, Balaji Street, Saidapet, Chennai – 600015. **Smt. Annie Vinitha,** 2/157, S P V Nagar, Kalligudi Taluk M Puliyankulam, Madurai - 625707.

Description of the Property : Possession Status : Symbolic, Property in the name of Mrs.Sharmila V. (CERSAI ID: 400076524436) Item No.1: All that Piece and Parcel of property situated at Agoor Village, Comprised in Punjai Survey No.346/ - **1 Acre and 52 Cents**, comprised in Punjai Survey No. 345/2 – **1 Acre and 58 Cents** (0A.79 Cents + 0A.79 Cents), in all **total extent of 3 Acre and 10 cents**, within the Sub-registration district of Tiruttani and Registration District of Tiruvallur.

Item No.2: All that Piece and Parcel of property situated at Agoor Village, Comprised in Punjai Survey No.345/3B, as per patta Punjai Survey No.345/3B1, land measuring an extent of **0 Acre and 95 Cents** out of 1 Acre and 58 Cents, Bounded on the North By : Survey No.345/2, South By : Survey Nos. 345/4 and 346/2, East By : Survey Nos. 346/1 and 346/2, West By : Remaining land of Mr. R Chandramohan, within the Sub-registration district of Tiruttani and Registration District of Tiruvallur.

Reserve Price: Rs.3,70,47,000/- **EMD Price : Rs.37,04,700/-** **Bid Increase Amount : Rs.1,00,000/-**

Date and Time of e-Auction
02.12.2026 at 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM
(With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Date and Time of Inspection of Property
30.11.2026 between 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Last Date of Submission of EMD : EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan **on or before 01.12.2026 till 5.00 PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website **(www.canarabank.com)** or may contact Canara Bank, **Asset Recovery Management Branch - I,** Chennai **(Ph. No. 044 - 2849 6339 / 2849 6900)** E-mail: cb2361@canarabank.com during office hours on any working day or Details of Auction Service Provider : **Baanknet (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), (Contact No. 7046612345 / 6354910172 / 8291220220/ 9892219848 / 8160205051, Email:support.baanknet@psballiance.com/ support.baanknet@procure247.com).**
Portal of E-Auction:https:// baanknet.com

For the properties which are in symbolic possession of the bank, the Auction purchaser has to comply with the following terms and conditions in addition to the standard terms and condition of the sale.
1. The bidder is purchasing the property in Symbolic Possession at his /own risk and responsibility. 2. Bank will not be responsible or duly bound for handling over of physical possession. 3. Successful Auction Purchaser will not be entitled to claim any interest, in any case of return of money. 4. Successful Auction Purchaser has to submit the Declaration cum undertaking confirming the above terms and conditions (1 to 3) immediately after e-Auction. 5. Subsequent to sale if successful bidder fails to submit Declaration cum Undertaking, the bid EMD amount will be forfeited.

Date : 10.11.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Chennai **Canara Bank**

IndusInd Bank

INDUSIND BANK LIMITED
NO.36 Gopathi Narayanswami Chetty (G.N.) Road in T.NAGAR, Chennai - 600017

APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)] 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 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) and Guarantor(s) that the below described secured asset is mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken on **11.09.2026** by the Authorised Officer of M/s. IndusInd Bank Ltd. The secured creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", **"As is what is", and "Whatever there is"**basis on **11.12.2026** for recovery of Rs.78,14,841.53/- **(Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty One and Fifty Three Paisa Only)as on 31.10.2026** with further interest at the contractual rate and costs, charges and expenses due to IndusInd Bank Ltd., from the borrower **M/s. Edlocus Solution Pvt Ltd.**, and guarantors **Mr. Yadhavan Babu and Mrs.Juvvala Devi.**

Names of Borrower	**M/s. Edlocus Solution Pvt Ltd.,**
Property of Mr. M S Yadhavan Babu, S/o Mr. M V Samy Rao, Sale Deed Document No.623/2003, dated 19-02-20203 All that piece and parcel of land and building situated at Madurai District, Madurai North Taluk, SambandarAlangulam, bearing Door No.7-15/1, Thamarai Malar Street, Comprised in Old S No.17/2, then R S No.35/3, Now New R S No.35/3A, bearing Plot No. D, Northwest Partition (Layout approved by the Commissioner, Madurai West Panchayat Union, vide its approval bearing No.9428/81A-2 dated 21.09.1981), measuring an extent of 851 Sq.ft., together with building along with other amenities and bounded on the On the North : Common wide 20 feet road leading to East to West, On the South : Land bearing Plot No. D (Southern Side) belonging to Mr. Kulasekaran, On the East : 5 feet wide vacant plot belonging to Mr. Kulasekaran, On the West : Plot No. C, belonging to Mr. Dharmaraj **Measuring :** East to West on the Northern Side : 23 Feet, East to West on the Southern Side : 23 Feet, North to South on the Eastern Side : 37 Feet, North to South on the Western Side : 37 Feet And situated within the Registration District of Madurai North and Sub-Registration District of Chokkikulam	
Reserve Price: Rs.36,19,050/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Nineteen Thousand and Fifty Only)	
Earnest Money Deposit (10% of Reserve Price) : Rs.3,61,905/- (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five Only)	
Known encumbrance, if any	**NIL to the knowledge of the bank.**
Claims, if any, which have been put forward against the property and any other dues known to Secured creditor and value: Not Known to the best of knowledge of the Bank.	
Inspection of Property: On **04/12/2026** between **11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.**	
Contact Person & Phone No: Ms.A.Krishnakumari(Authorized Officer) Mobile No: 9342332287 ,Email id: Krishnakumari.A@Indusind.com, Mr , Kamal Mishra, Mobile No.9819820760	
Last date for submission of Bid/Bid:10/12/2026 till 04.00 PM	
Time and Venue of Bid Opening: E-Auction/Bidding through website: on (https://www.bankeauctions.com) on 11/12/2026 from 11.00 am to 12:00 noon.	
Bid increment	Rs.50,000/-

For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website i.e. **https://www.indusind.com** for detailed terms & conditions of e-auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the e-auction. Bidders may also visit the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com** or contact service provider M/s. C1 India Private Limited. Bidder Support Nos.: 0124-4302020 / 21 / 22, +91 7291981124 / 1125 / 1126; email: support@bankeauctions.com, Mr.Prabakaran, Contact No. +91 7418281709

This notice of 30 days is being given to all of you in compliance of Rule 8, sub rule 6 of SARFAESI Rules under the SARFAESI Act 2002

Sd/-
Place : Chennai **Authorized Officer**
Date : 11.11.2026 **IndusInd Bank Ltd**

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सिंडिकेट Syndicate

WEST CAR STREET BRANCH

SALE NOTICE
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **WEST CAR STREET Branch** Secured Creditor, will be sold on AS is where is", As is what is", and Whatever there is" on **12-11-2026** foramount of **Rs.4,65,610.43/-(Rupees Four Lakh Sixty-Five Thousand Six Hundred and Ten and Forty-ThreePaiseOnly)** with further interest + cost thereondue to the Secured Creditor from **M/S SRI GOMATHY SANKAR MILLS.**

The reserve price will be **Rs.15,80,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 1,58,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty-Eight Thousand Only).**

Date & Time of Auction Portal of E-Auction : 13-12-2026 from 3.30P.M to 4.30P.M. The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 12.12.2026 from 10 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.

DETAILS AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY (IES):

PROPERTY BELONGS TO MR. T SUBRAMANI: "Vaiyapuri Nagar" Chettinayakkanpattivillage, Dindigul Taluk,Dindigul Joint II SRO Dindgiul Regn District. Plot No.36 comprised Old S.F.No.545/5, New S.F.No.545/5A2, Measuring in East West, Northern side 57. ½ feet, Southern side 56feet,North South in both sides 50feet having total extent of 2837. ½ sq. Feet Vacant Land.Boundaries: North-Plot no.35, East- 20 feet Breadth North South Road, West-Land in S.No.545/7&8, South-Plot No.37.TOTAL 2837 ½ Sq.feet Land and Building.

Date : 12-11-2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Dindigul **Canara Bank**

Service Provider: M/s. PSB Alliance (Ebkray), (Contact details 7046612345/ 6354910172/ 8291220220/ 9892219848/ 8160205051)
Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com.

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD*		SILVER*		FOREX	
31.61 ▲	Sensex	81,911.01	218 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹ 13,980	1 kg ₹ 200,000	Dollar	93.76
44.30 ▲	Nifty	25,299.35	200 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹ 12,815	10 gm ₹2,000	Euro	103.84

*Delhi Mandi Price

Adani eyes $6.4 bn debt for Evos buy, refinance

The group is seeking funds to finance the recent $2.9-bn acquisition of European liquid-storage operator Evos

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

BILLIONAIRE Gautam Adani-led Adani Group plans to tap nearly a dozen global lenders to raise as much as $6.4 billion to fund a recent acquisition and refinance its earlier debt, in what could be termed as one of the biggest fund raising exercises in corporate India in the recent past.

Adani group is raising funds to finance the recent $2.9-billion acquisition of European liquid-storage operator Evos by its subsidiary Adani Ports, and also to refinance the $3.5 billion it had raised to fund the ACC-Ambuja Cements acquisition in September 2022.

The three-year $3.5-billion debt, raised in October 2023, is up for renewal next month.

The $2.9-billion Evos deal is yet to be concluded.

Among the dozen overseas lenders it has approached for funds are the Japanese majors MUFG, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and Mizuho Bank for refinancing, and First Abu Dhabi Bank and Singaporean lender DBS, among others, for the Evos deal, according to a person familiar with the development. The person did not want to be named, citing the sensitivity of the matter.

The group may also tap the country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI), the person added. An email sent to the Adani Group seeking a response to this story remained unanswered.

In February this year, the RBI opened the doors for domestic lenders to finance M&As by issuing the acquisition finance framework. At the recent earnings call, SBI chairman CS Setty told reporters that the bank was very active on the M&A financing front and was part of many recent deals. However, he did not disclose how much it had financed, saying that, given its large overall book of over ₹52 trillion, this was not significant enough to quantify.

The new refinancing facility will replace the financing completed in October 2023, when Adani Cements, through Endeavour Trade and Investment, had raised $3.5 billion to buy ACC and Ambuja Cements from a syndicate of 10 international lenders led by the Japanese majors MUFG, SMBC and Mizuho Bank; Singapore's DBS Bank; First Abu Dhabi Bank of the UAE; the French lender BNP Paribas; German major Deutsche Bank; ING Bank of Australia; and the British lenders Standard Chartered Bank and Barclays.

The Gautam Adani-led group has been on a debt-driven growth spree for long.

The combined debt across its four largest borrowing entities exceeded ₹3.5 tn as of September 2026.

Of this, the largest was with Adani Green Energy at ₹1.03 trillion, followed by Adani Enterprises at ₹97,294 crore, Adani Power at ₹61,000 crore and the group flagship Adani Ports & SEZ at ₹57,700 crore.

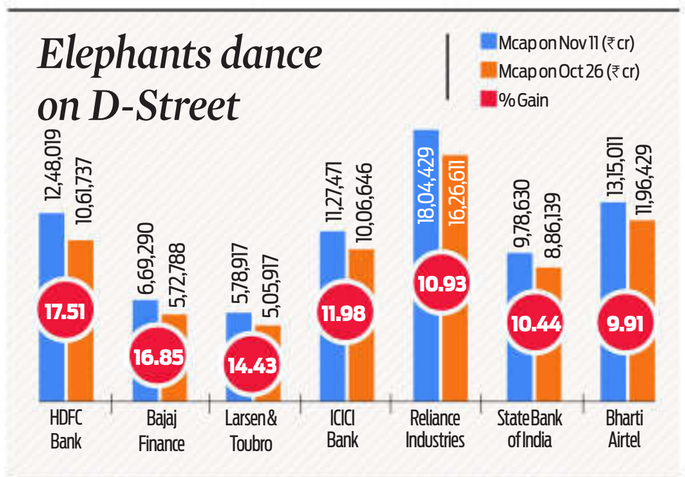
On a fundraising spree

One of the biggest debt-raising exercises in corporate India



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Elephants dance on D-Street



Raging bull run triggers ₹61 lakh-crore wealth bonanza for investors

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE blistering rally in Indian equities has unleashed a massive wealth bonanza for investors, adding a staggering ₹61 lakh crore to their collective wealth in just 14 trading sessions. Supported by buying across the board during which headline indices NSE Nifty50 and BSE Sensex advanced 12% each, the market capitalisation of all BSE-listed companies has soared from ₹452.40 lakh crore at the start of October 26 to ₹513.54 lakh crore at the end of the November 12 session.

A large portion of this wealth is created by India's most valuable companies. Data shared by SBI Securities shows that HDFC Bank added ₹1.86 lakh crore to its m-cap between October 26 and November 11, backed by a near 18% rally in its share. The country's largest private lender had an m-cap of ₹12.48 lakh crore on November 11.

Following the sharp wealth creation, India has regained its position as the world's fifth-largest stock market, with the value of its listed equities rising to $5.4 tn and overtaking Taiwan. The US, China, Japan and Hong Kong remain the four larger markets, according to Bloomberg data.

Reliance Industries Ltd, the largest listed entity on bourses, saw its valuation surging from ₹16.26 lakh crore to ₹18.04 lakh crore between October 26 and November 11, a net addition of around ₹1.78 lakh crore. On November 2, RIL added ₹1.83 lakh crore in a single session to its m-cap, its biggest single-day increase since April 2020, following a record quarterly profit.

RIL's revenue from operations rose 29% year-on-year to ₹3.32 lakh crore in Q2FY27 while consolidated net profit surged sharply by 41% to ₹25,548 crore.

Bharti Airtel and ICICI Bank are the two other heavyweights which added more than Rs 1 lakh crore each in m-cap during the mentioned period. WhileAirtel's valuation surged by ₹1.19 lakh crore to Rs 13.5 lakh crore, ICICI Bank's m-cap grew by ₹1.23 lakh crore to ₹11.7 lakh crore.

The fifth largest wealth creator between October 27 and November 11 was Bajaj Finance. The NBFC giant's valuation soared by over ₹96,500 crore to ₹6.69 lakh crore.

State Bank of India, Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M), L&T, Maruti Suzuki India, Divi's Laboratories, Titan and NSE are other major wealth creators during this period. Supported by easing crude oil prices, a revival in foreign portfolio investor (FPI) inflows, a shift away from global AI-linked investments and strong corporate earnings in Q2FY27, Indian equities are going through a bull phase.

NVIDIA'S HUANG STEPS DOWN AMID 'SPY' CONTROVERSY

NVIDIA CEO Jensen Huang has resigned following reports of alleged extramarital affairs that raised national security and corporate governance concerns, leaving the $4 trillion chipmaker searching for a successor and casting uncertainty over the artificial intelligence industry.

Chief Financial Officer Colette Kress will take over as interim CEO while the company considers internal and external candidates for the permanent role, Nvidia said on Thursday.



Huang, who co-founded Nvidia and holds a 3.61% stake, making him the company's fourth-largest investor, will also step down from its board.

The resignation follows growing calls for his exit after reports alleged that he had an affair with a woman suspected of being a Chinese spy. Further media reports on Wednesday alleged that Huang had relationships with Nvidia employees, including a senior executive who reported to him.

Nvidia's board met on Wednesday to discuss his position, a person familiar with the matter said. The development comes at a critical time for the chipmaker, whose processors have become central to the global AI boom. Huang had also played a key role in financing the wider AI ecosystem, directing Nvidia's growing cash reserves towards cloud providers, suppliers and leading AI companies. His departure could unsettle investors and partners as Nvidia navigates the next phase of the AI boom.*PTI*

Kia India to invest fresh $2 bn in Andhra manufacturing facility

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@New Delhi

SOUTH Korean carmaker Kia India on Thursday said the company and its supply partners will invest $2 bn to set up a second manufacturing facility in Andhra Pradesh. With this, the facility will add 2 lakh units of annual manufacturing capacity, taking Kia India's combined capacity across both plants to 6.30 lakh units.

The proposed facility, spread across a combined 465 acres, is expected to generate approximately 12,000 more direct and indirect job opportunities, the company said.

Kia has invested roughly $2.9 billion in its existing Anantapur facility which has a production capacity of 430,000 units per annum.

Last month, Hyundai Motor Group had committed investment of $15.5 billion from 2026 through 2032 in India following a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Hyundai Motor Group Executive Chair Euisun Chung at the



Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi on October 13, 2026.

Kia and Hyundai operate independently, but Hyundai is the parent company of Kia Motors. A large part of the investment is allocated towards expanding manufacturing capacity across Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) and Kia India.

With a cumulative investment of up to $5 billion across its two plants, Kia said it continues to deepen its presence in India, reinforcing the country's strategic importance to its ambitions while contributing to manufacturing development, employment generation, and the broader automotive ecosystem.

The fresh expansion by the manufacturer of Seltos and Sonet SUVs comes as it is operating at near full capacity at its existing plant to meet the growing demand.

By dispatching 2,86,470 units between January and October 2026, up 21% year-on-year, the automaker surpassed its entire calendar-year 2025 sales in just 10 months. Kia averages around 28,000-30,000 units per month with the Seltos being its main volume driver.

The upcoming facility will manufacture Kia's internal combustion engines and battery-powered vehicles.

"Our second manufacturing plant marks a significant new chapter, strengthening our ability to respond to customer demand with greater speed and flexibility, while supporting the introduction of new models across ICE and EV powertrains," said Gwanggu Lee, Managing Director and CEO, Kia India.

Gold jewellers hope for robust Q3 on festive demand

DEVIKA SINGH @ Mumbai

GOLD jewellery players Kalyan Jewellers, Titan Company, and PNG Jewellers, buoyed by a robust festive season, expect the momentum to continue through Q3.

The quarter has started with encouraging growth, Ramesh Kalyanaraman, executive director of Kalyan Jewellers, told investors during an earnings call on Wednesday. "We are also approaching the wedding season and expect to end the quarter on a strong note," he added. Titan Company, which houses brands like Tanishq, CaratLane, and Mia by Tanishq, derives 88% of its sales from the jewellery segment. During its earnings call last week, the company said it had seen strong demand during Navratri, followed by a brief slowdown towards the end of October.

However, consumers were returning to stores this month, it added. Saurabh Gadgil, chairman and managing director of P N Gadgil Jewellers, also said Navratri and Diwali were strong for the company .

Twenty-four carat gold prices had climbed to as high as ₹1,80,000 per 10 grams in January-end, remained above ₹1,50,000 for the next few months, and have now inched down to ₹1,41,000-levels. The fall in prices has boosted demand, said Rajesh Rokde, chairman, All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC).

According to the GJC, gold jewellers across the country clocked sales of ₹60,000 crore-₹70,000 crore during Dhanteras, considered an auspicious day to buy gold. This was 30% higher than last year in value terms, while sales in volume terms remained flat. Analysts had expected gold jewellery companies to deliver subpar results in the second quarter as the festive period shifted to Q3 in FY27. But the companies surprised the street.



Sales touch ₹70,000cr during Dhanteras

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EXPRESS READ

Manappuram Finance Q2 profit jumps over 3X

NEW DELHI: Gold loan financier Manappuram Finance on Thursday reported a more than three-fold year-on-year increase in its consolidated profit after tax (PAT) to ₹701 crore for the September quarter of FY27. The company had posted a PAT of Rs 217.31 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal. On a sequential basis, net profit rose 20 per cent from ₹585 crore in the June quarter. Total income increased to ₹3,312 crore in the second quarter of FY27, compared to ₹2,275 crore in the year-ago period, it said. The company's total assets under management stood at ₹73,303 crore as of September 2026. *PTI*

TV Narendran to head Tata International

TV Narendran, Tata Steel managing director and chief executive, will take over from Noel Tata as chairman of Tata International from Thursday. In an exchange filing dated November 7, the company had said that Noel Tata will be stepping down from his role as non-executive, non-independent director and vice chairman of the board from November 11 as per Tata Group Governance Guidelines. Noel Tata will turn 70 on November 12. The segment revenue dropped to ₹420 crore from 688 crore. The automaker is restructuring its retail network by switching from company-owned stores to dealers.



Godrej Capital gets ₹2,500 cr from Temasek

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Pune

SINGAPORE'S state-owned investment firm Temasek Holdings will invest ₹2,500 crore in Godrej Capital, the financial services arm of Godrej Industries, valuing the company at up to ₹28,000 crore, the latter said in a statement on Thursday. Post the transaction, the Godrej group will retain 80% ownership. The investment is routed through Temasek's affiliate Jongsong Investments.

This is Temasek's latest investment in Asia's third-largest economy. According to Temasek, India has been the company's best-performing market over the past decade, during which the firm's investment exposure grew more than fourfold to US$42 bn as at 31 March 2026. Over the past three years, Temasek deployed close to US$9 bn in India across companies, sectors and stages of growth.

The Godrej investment comes against the backdrop of sustained growth in India's non-banking financial company sector. Credit extended by NBFCs grew 15.4% year-on-year in September 2026, compared with 13.3% a year earlier, according to the Reserve Bank of India.

ON TECH TRACK

Transport cos shift gears from GPS tracking to predictive intelligence

GEETA NAIR @ Pune

FOR years, vehicle tracking in India's transport industry was largely about knowing where a vehicle was and whether it was following its designated route. That is beginning to change with the transport operators increasingly looking beyond basic GPS tracking to use vehicle data to anticipate mechanical failures, monitor driver behaviour, improve fuel efficiency, and reduce operating costs.

Nearly 80 companies have entered the VLTD market, including Intangles Lab, Lumax Ituran, Jio Things, an IoT subsidiary of Jio Platforms, ZF Commercial Vehicle Control Systems India, Etrans Solutions and Containe Technologies.

Such a shift is significant for an industry that operates on thin margins and struggles with high logistics costs. For truck operators, whose margins are typically in the single digits at 4-5%, even a modest improvement in vehicle utilisation or a reduction in unplanned stoppages can make a difference to profitability.

The AIS-140 standard mandates the installation of Vehicle Location Tracking Devices (VLTDs) in all new commercial vehicles and their integration with the government portal. Existing vehicles must also install them when goods carriers renew permits or obtain fitness and pollution certificates.

The requirement has drawn resistance from transport operators, with device acquisition costs ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹15,000 and monthly subscriptions costing ₹500-1,500 per vehicle.

However, the technology is finding applications beyond regulatory compliance. For instance, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan are using tracking devices to monitor the transportation of minerals and stones to curb illegal quarrying and unauthorised movement of minerals.

Schools are deploying them to monitor driver behaviour and improve student safety. Truck and bus operators are using vehicle data to improve service reliability, reduce breakdowns and minimise unplanned stoppages. Anup Patil, CEO of Intangles Lab, a physics-based deep-tech predictive AI company, said technology can help address some of the structural inefficiencies in the transport sector.

Intangles recently launched a range of AIS-140-certified products. Its technology converts real-world vehicle data into predictive intelligence, helping fleet operators identify potential problems before they result in breakdowns. The company's device can capture 450 signals from a vehicle.

The market is also attracting international technology players. Israeli technology company Ituran has entered India, while electric mobility maker Omega Seiki Mobility (OSM) has partnered with it to bring connected-vehicle solutions to its fleet.

Uday Narang, chairman of OSM, said the company is looking to move beyond vehicle tracking towards intelligent mobility.

"We believe the future of electric mobility will be driven not just by vehicle electrification but also by intelligent data, predictive diagnostics, battery performance monitoring and operational efficiency.

SMARTER MOBILITY

Conventional GPS tracks location and routes; predictive systems flag potential faults before breakdowns

It can also track vehicle health, driver behaviour and fuel efficiency to reduce breakdowns and costs

Nearly 80 companies have entered India's vehicle location tracking device (VLTD) market

The sector is also attracting international technology players



United fire coach Carrick after worst start to a PL season

Michael Carrick was fired by Manchester United on Thursday after overseeing the 20-time English champion's worst start to a Premier League season, with US men's coach Mauricio Pochettino a potential candidate to succeed him. Carrick's departure comes less than six months after he was given a two-year contract and the responsibility of reviving the fortunes of the once-dominant force of English soccer.

Usha refuses to quit, re-enters fray

Current IOA chief, who lost SOM election, has been nominated by ice hockey association

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

THE Indian Olympic Association (IOA) election is getting more and more interesting. Just a day ago, IOA president PT Usha was not in the picture. She had just lost the Sportspersons of Outstanding (SOMs) election and everything seemed to be against her but on Thursday, when the National Sports Federations (NSFs) nomination deadline was over, one name that stunned everyone was Usha's. The current IOA chief is back in the fray again through the Ice Hockey Association of India and as of now is expected to send her nomination to contest the election on December 5. Her nomination has raised quite a few eyebrows including some executive committee members who got together to defeat her in the SOM election.



PT Usha | FILE PIC

It is understood that the sports ministry too would be a little wary because officials were in touch with Usha camp for withdrawals. The men's side of the SOM did not have an election as four of them got elected unopposed but it is learnt that the quid pro quo in the women's side was not kept. Instead of four unopposed candidates, the list had six and Usha finished fifth to lose out. It needs to be seen how Usha entered the election process again. There is a section in the NSFs who would be supporting her but until there is some kind of a nod from the government, things might look different. The last election was a testament to this and Usha was a last-minute choice. One more thing that could give the sports ministry sleepless nights is the way they handled the situation. This once again puts them in a fix as there have been allegations of interference from different quarters. The IOA election was not supposed to be a mess like this and the letter to the International Olympic Committee, which Usha sent, would adversely affect the image of the country that is bidding for the 2036 Olympics. One major presentation is supposed to be on November 26 and Usha is an integral part of it. Since she is the president until the election on December 5, it needs to be seen if she would be presenting India's bid for the Olympics in 2036 on November 26.

Apart from Usha, the names that have generated interest are Adille Sumariwala, who withdrew from the SOM race. The former Athletics Federation of India president's nomination means he is likely to get a position in the EC. One name that has not much to do with sports except for its business is Udith Seth, who has been nominated by the Handball Federation of India. Tamil Nadu sports minister and Basketball Federation of India (BFI) president Aadhav Arjun too is in the fray and he could be holding a position of repute in the executive committee. Then there are quite a few members from the last EC like Sahdev Yadav (treasurer) who had an open tiff with Usha. Other notable names are Bhola Nath Singh from Hockey India and Chintan Parekh from All India Tennis Association. Rohit Rajpal, who is part of the IOA Executive Committee, is missing. The AITA election will be held on November 27 polls and it might be difficult to change the name.

It is learnt that there have been hectic parleys from the ministry's part to get representatives of their choice in certain federations. If certain federations are to be believed there could be a get-together on Friday in New Delhi called by the sports ministry on the sidelines of the national sports awards. Whatever it is, Usha's re-entry has created a stir and will remain until there is clarity on the IOA president's candidature. As of now, there is a strong possibility Gagan Narang (SOM) is the front-runner.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

IOA POLLS: MULTIPLE CALLS TO WITHDRAW, SAYS SODHI

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

A DAY after former track and field star Ashwini Nachappa spoke about how she was forced to withdraw her candidature, a feature this daily has been highlighting for a while, another prominent Sportsperson of Outstanding Merit has come out in the open. 2010 Asian Games champion and multiple World Cup medallist Ronjan Sodhi told this daily that he received calls to withdraw too. As one of the last SOMs to withdraw, he received calls from multiple people involved with different sports bodies.

During a free-flowing interview with this daily from his farm in Ferozepur, Punjab, Sodhi said how multiple calls from various stakeholders compelled him to withdraw – one such reason was getting elected to the eight SOM posts (four male and four female) in the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) general assembly. However, after his withdrawal, the women's section went to election with six candidates still in the fray. Only the male section did not have an election. In that case, he felt, even the male section could have had an election. Excerpts.



Ronjan Sodhi had withdrawn from the SOM election at the last minute

You applied, then withdrew; why?

This was my debut in sports administration. And what a learning experience it's been for me. I actually walk away with a lot of lessons, perspective, and certainly a little more wisdom. If you actually see the entire thing, I only wish there was an award for the best debut, which would definitely come to me.

What led you to withdraw his nomination at the last moment?

As far as my withdrawal is concerned, it was because of repetitive requests. I know some people were promised, some were threatened — not physical harm or anything, but apparently threatened that it won't be good for your career or whatever. But nobody threatened me, and nobody dared threaten me. I felt too many requests by a lot of people. I always say that we sportspersons have handled enough pressure on the field so off the field, I will request everyone not to add any more pressure, especially in the month of November when the AQI is almost 500. It is not good for your health. Politics and sports should be left alone.

In 2013, when I was an active shooter, I had raised this issue when we could not compete under the Indian flag (IOA was suspended), that the sports ecosystem in India should be fair and clean. Unfortunately, (though) it's much better than what it was, but a lot has to be done. We have to revamp the entire sports ecosystem — I'm not talking about IOA, I'm talking in general. I've always given back to the sport, and I always believe in giving back to the sport. And this time, I had to take my nomination back, which was not a very good feeling.

On contesting election

I did not file my nomination to take it back, and there would have been an election which would have been very fair because if there was an election in women, there should also have been an election in the male category.

On pressure to withdraw

I had multiple requests to withdraw, and no specific reason. It was just a request, not one, many, many requests, and initially I did not understand, and multiple people calling and requesting, "No, please withdraw." I understand the reason, but I didn't see the bigger picture, what's going to happen and all that. So, I said, "Okay, if I'm getting so many requests, maybe I don't deserve to be there, or maybe my well-wishers think that nobody is going to vote for me." I realised later that a lot of senior and accomplished sportspersons, asked me, "Why did you, why did I withdraw?" So, in fact, I didn't have any answer. So, the only answer was, I said, "Diwali time," and I thought, "Okay, this will be the best gift I can give to the people who are calling me, rather than celebrating the festivities, busy with all this."

Was election free & fair?

As sportspersons, canvassing for each other is okay. You call up someone, and you explain to that person why you're standing for this position, which is fair. But any kind of groupism is not; not very nice. But there is no harm in canvassing for yourself because you have to tell the other person why you are fighting and what your thoughts are. I am not against that, but groupism and politics are not good in sports. You should keep sports as clean as you can keep, because it is fair play, something which we learn when we compete for the country.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Nabi relishing ODI challenge in NZ

GOMESH S @ Chennai

AT this point, Auqib Nabi has said several times how he did not expect to play white-ball cricket for India before getting his Test cap. After all, he came in with the reputation and weightage of Ranji Trophy wickets and a trophy for Jammu and Kashmir. And for reasons he could not be blamed for, the ODI debut did not go well. The seamer, known for his seam and swing rather than pace, went wicketless while conceding 84 runs against West Indies in Guwahati on a surface that coach Gautam Gambhir was not pleased with.



Auqib Nabi in action | BCCI

The thing with Nabi, however, is that the team management knows what he brings to the table. They were not worried about the runs he gave on a flat pitch in India. Instead, they were more than happy to see what he could do in SENA conditions. For starters, New Zealand. And since landing in the country, he has taken two three-fers for India A with the red-ball. It impressed the selectors to an extent where he was added to the squad for the first three ODIs too. And he delivered, providing early breakthroughs with white ball in Wellington.

Though there are two more ODIs to go, Nabi has grown in confidence. He also knows his strengths and why it works in New Zealand conditions. "Obviously, if you have the pace, it's very good. But my skill, I back that. I have done well in domestic cricket. Here, I have come on skill. if there is pace, it is a plus factor. But I back my skill. What I did well in domestic will be useful here as well," said Nabi.

What has also helped him is bowling in the nets to the trio of Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. "Actually, this is my first time putting a ball in New Zealand. So, it is a little different here. Here, you have to depend more on the seam movement. Because the top level batters play swing. So, that was their feedback (the trio). Here, if you do scramble seam or hit the deck, there is a chance to get more wickets here. That is what they told me," he said. While he acknowledges that the ODI call-up came as a surprise, Nabi has adapted to the challenge. "To be honest, I wasn't expecting my first call to be in white ball. I was expecting it to be in red ball. Nonetheless, it's a good opportunity for me to show my skills."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

CAN KIWIS AVOID SERIES LOSS

AFTER THE WASHOUT IN THE THIRD MATCH, HOSTS LOOK TO BOUNCE BACK IN MOUNT MAUNGANUI. A LOOK...

CHANCE FOR THE REST

With at least three Test regulars leaving, Ishan Kishan could be opening the batting and keeping wickets. There is also a chance for Tilak Varma and Ruturaj Gaikwad to get some gametime in the absence of KL Rahul and Shubman Gill.

WILL SIRAJ GET A GAME?

Md Siraj has often spoken about how he needs overs under his belt before a Test match. However, he has not taken the field yet in this tour. He played the first two Ranji games and the second India A match, but it remains to be seen whether will get a game.

NEW ZEALAND VS INDIA, 4TH ODI, LIVE ON SONY SPORTS NETWORK, 7.30 AM

EXPRESS READ

US pulls team from FIFA U17 World Cup in Qatar

GENEVA: The United States soccer body pulled its team from the boys' U17 World Cup in Qatar starting next week for security reasons. Qatar and the Gulf region have been on high security alert since the United States military attacks on Iran started in February, though an F1 race is scheduled in Doha this month.

Srikanth stuns Naraoka, Lakshya also wins

KUMAMOTO (JAPAN): Veteran shuttler Kidambi Srikanth and Lakshya Sen progressed to the men's singles quarterfinals at the Kumamoto Masters Japan Super 500 badminton tournament. Srikanth stunned world No 8 Kodai Naraoka of Japan 21-15, 11-21, 21-18. Lakshya beat Dong Tian Yao of China 21-8, 21-14.

National Sports Awards 2025 to be given today

ENS @ Chennai

THE National Sports Awards 2025 will be given to the selected athletes in a function at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Friday. As many as 17 sportspersons will be conferred the prestigious Arjuna Award during the function, which will also be attended by the union sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya. It should be noted that the award ceremony got delayed by more than a year.

Interestingly, the list of awardees itself got pruned a few months ago with seven from 24 names recommended by the selection panel eventually struck off. The ministry of youth affairs and sports announced the final list on August 18.

Apart from Arjuna Awards, Dronacharya Awards will also be given to three coaches. In lifetime category, two coaches will be conferred Dronacharya Awards while one sportsperson will be given Arjuna Award in the lifetime category.

Meanwhile, Army Paralympic Node, Pune will be given Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar. President Droupadi Murmu will confer the awards on the selected athletes in the function.

Vivaan wins trap silver, secures LA28 quota

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

VIVAAN Kapoor was in a happy flow on Thursday. The trap shooter from India produced a shooting masterclass to claim a silver medal and capture the all-important LA28 Olympics quota for the country.

In a field that comprised Olympic champions and world champs, Vivaan was ice cool throughout the 30-shot final in the ongoing ISSF World Championships in Doha, Qatar. He just had a single miss — which came towards the closing stages — and eventually bagged the second prize after losing the shoot-offs. This is India's third quota so far after Jaypal Malviya (men's 10m air pistol) and Niraj Kumar (men's 50m rifle 3 positions).



Vivaan Kapoor (R) celebrates his silver medal in Doha, Qatar on Thursday | ISSF

As more-renowned shooters erred, the Indian, along with Abdulrahman Al Faihan of Kuwait, shot down the clay targets with aplomb. Just when it seemed like the two could potentially head into shoot-offs for the gold medal, Abdulrahman shot a blank to tilt the contest in the Indian's favour. However, in the final five-shot series, Vivaan also hit a blank, ensuring a shoot-off in the process.

In the shoot-off, Vivaan was the first to err — his third shot — and Abdulrahman converted his chance to walk away with top honours. Paris Olympics silver medallist Qi Ying won the bronze to clinch the third and final quota on offer in the event. The Jaipur shooter, who was making his first appearance in a final of a World Championship, thanked his coaches and said that he was just looking to do his job. "I just gave my best. I just foucssed on my job. I have been up against all these shooters, the experience helped me. Also, big thanks to Peter Wilson for training us before this competition (...). In the end, I was just trying to do my job," Vivaan told ISSF YouTube channel.

"I feel it's a great thing that I could do for the country. Let's hope I can give my best further more and hope to shoot better and better," he added.

Hungary tries to recapture its lost chess glory

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Budapest

A FEW months after Peter Magyar defeated Viktor Orban in the Hungarian elections, the Prime Minister nominated Judit Polgar for the role of President of the country. Polgar, one of the greatest chess players of all time, had rejected that nomination. "I," she had explained in an elaborate social media post in July, "do not feel enough strength within me to take on the historic responsibility of uniting a divided nation, so I am unable to accept the request."

Magyar's nomination of Polgar had brought one of Hungary's biggest sporting legends front and centre. "Our country needs unity, peace and a president that all Hungarians can be proud of," Magyar had stated when he was nominating Polgar. "Judit Polgar's name has been synonymous with talent and perseverance for decades."



Hungarian GM Peter Leko

It also shone a light on chess. For a period of time, Hungary, a country with a population of around 10 million in the early 1990s, used to figure in almost every prominent chess conversation. Sure, Judit and the two other Polgar sisters — Susan and Sofia — were remarkable for what they did in the world of chess (Judit is the only woman to have been ranked inside the world's top 10). Even otherwise, Budapest was a prominent chess city.

There was Lajos Portisch, widely regarded as one of Hungary's greatest chess players. Ranked as high as No. 3 in the 1970s, Portisch had qualified for the Candidates over five times across a barely believable 20-year cycle of dominance. Before Portisch, they had swept home the first couple of Olympiad gold apart from a raft of other medals. Portisch himself played a big role in handing the Soviet Union an upset defeat at the Buenos Aires Olympiad in 1978. They tasted the last of those glory days in 2014, when a side featuring Peter Leko, Judit and a young Richard Rapport won silver at the Tromso Olympiad.

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Leko is an immensely respected figure in the world of chess. The 47-year-old Hungarian GM, who is usually inside the commentary box whenever any event of note is taking place, yearns for the glory days to return. "It means a lot," Leko says. Part of the guest list at the Total Chess World Championship, happening in his backyard, he has only good things to say. "It's so nice to see such an incredible event in Budapest because it was missing for so many years. I can tell you that I'm super happy and proud. I would have enjoyed so much playing at home. I did have the privilege of playing in Budapest, and those were incredible scenes. There were 1500 chess players and it was insane."

At a time when the rest of the world has overtaken Europe in terms of the absolute elite — 19 of the world's Super GMs are non-Europeans (players rated above 2700) — Hungary is also going through a lull phase. A lack of institutional support hurt them but the game also disappeared from media coverage. Here's Leko. "Chess kind of disappeared from the media for over the last 20 years." At the pilot edition of Total Chess, what Leko says is clear. There are more Indian journalists than local reporters. "It didn't get the attention; kind of sad that there was no real money involved and the decline hurts. I hope that this event will bring a big boost. Hungary has to do something."

The socialist system till 1989 and the subsequent change has also not helped with respect to chess. "Hungary," Leko says, "till 1989 was under the socialist system. When there was a change, it remained in the mindset that chess was of the socialist times. When the change happened, people automatically moved to other directions."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Boxer Ambekar lands historic gold at YOG

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Manipur has been a hotbed of boxing talent in the country over the years. Lairenlakpam Ambekar Meetei, a teenager from the state, left a giant impression on Thursday, highlighting his rich potential in the process. Ambekar did what no Indian had ever done before. The 17-year-old, who is a product of National Sports Academy (NSA) in Manipur, became the first-ever pugilist from the country to capture a gold medal in the Youth Olympic Games. The youngster edged Ireland's Kristian Jubani by split verdict (3-2) in the men's 50kg final in Dakar, Senegal. Having begun his campaign on November 8, Ambekar accounted for four victories in total.



Lairenlakpam Ambekar Meetei (C) | BFI

Thokchom Jiten Singh, who has overseen his development at the NSA, is naturally stoked with his ward's latest exploits. "Whatever he says, he follows and he likes to take initiative and work on his own as well. Even during holidays, he loves to train," Jiten, who's brother of former champion boxer Nanao Singh, told this daily.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, RENGALI RIGHT IRRIGATION PROJECT, DHENKANAL, DIST-DHENKANAL, ODISHA, PIN: 759001
Email Id - cerripdkl@gmail.com
e-Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. CERRIP-01/2026-27

32001/1321/2627: The Chief Engineer, Rengali Right Irrigation Project, Mahisapat, Dhenkanal on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites **on line** percentage rate bids in **double cover system** for construction of the work as detailed below.

1. Name of the work : Improvement to canal service road from RD 44.00 km to 77.6 km on left bank of RBC including Bank strengthening, Construction of side drain, toe wall with slope protection work under RRIP, Dhenkanal
2. Estimated cost : Rs. 30,19,00,719.00
3. Bid Document Cost : Rs. 10,000.00 (on line)
4. Bid Security : Rs.30,19,000.00 (on line)
5. Class of Contractor : 'Special' & 'Super' Class
6. Period of Completion : 18 calendar months including rainy seasons
7. Date and time of availability of Bid document in the portal : From 16.11.2026, 10.00 AM to 10.12.2026 up to 5.30 PM
8. Date and time and place for Pre-Bid Conference : 25.11.2026 at 11.00 AM O/o the CE, RRIP, Dhenkanal
9. Last date and time for receipt of bids in the portal : 10.12.2026 up to 5.30 PM
10. Date of Opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I) : 11.12.2026 at 11.00 AM
11. Name and address of the Officer inviting Bid : Chief Engineer, Rengali Right Irrigation Project, Mahisapat, Dhenkanal, PIN-759001

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in" Any addendum/ Corrigendum/ Cancellation to the above notice will be published in the Govt. website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

Sd/- Chief Engineer
OIPR-32001/32351/1/26-27/0006 Rengali Right Irrigation Project, Dhenkanal

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
सिंडिकेट Syndicate — PALANI BRANCH

SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **PALANI Branch** Secured Creditor, will be sold on AS is where is", As is what is", and Whatever there is" on **12-11-2026** for amount of (1.Loan account Number170011855122) **Rs.17,14,706/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh and Fourteen Thousand and Seven Hundred and Six Only)** with further interest + cost thereon, and amount of (2.Loan Account Number 125009835611) **Rs.1,05,381.83/- (One Lakh and Five Thousand and Three Hundred and Eighty-One and Eighty-Three Paise Only)** due to the Secured Creditor from **Mr.Vignesh Surya and Guarantor of Mrs.Sumathi Surya**

The reserve price will be **Rs 17,50,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs FiftyThousand Only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs 1,75,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Seventy-Five Thousand Only)**

Date & Time of Auction Portal of E-Auction : 13-12-2026from 3.30P.M to 4.30P.M. The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 12.12.2026 from 10 A.M. to 4.00 P.M.

DETAILS AND FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY (IES):

Vacant House site Property measuring 1050 Sqft of S.F.no. 22/2 Now as22/23(As per patta Situated at Neikkarapatti Village Palani Plani RD No.2 Joint Sub DistDindigul District.) **LOCATION BOUNDARIES** N-23 ft wide East- West Road, E- Remaining part of Plot no.46, S-Plot no.53 land,W-Plot no.55 and 45 land

Date : 12-11-2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Dindigul **Canara Bank**

Service Provider: M/s. PSB Alliance (Ebkray), (Contact details 7046612345/ 6354910172/ 8291220220/ 9892219848/ 8160205051) Email: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com.

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सिंडिकेट Syndicate

VADIPATTI BRANCH

POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]
(For Immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank, VADIPATTI** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") 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 dated **20/08/2026**calling upon the borrower **M/s. MUTHUKUMARAN AGRO CORPORATION represented by its proprietor Mr. KANNAN B and borrower/ guarantor Mr. KANNAN B** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 15,98,733.95/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three and Paisa Ninety Five Only),** as on 17.08.2026 and further interest thereon from 18.08.2026 + cost., within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower 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 described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **11th day of November of the year 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 **Canara Bank, VADIPATTI** branch for an amount of **Rs. 15,98,733.95/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Three and Paisa Ninety Five Only),** as on 17.08.2026 and further interest thereon from 18.08.2026 + cost.

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

Description of the Immovable Property

Property in the name of Mr. KANNAN B

ITEM NO:1

All the piece and parcel of the Landed properties situated at Dindigul District, Madurai North Registration District, Vadipatti Sub-Registration District, Nilakottai Taluk, Ramarajapuram Village, Old Door No.5/77 co-related to New Door No.5/63 measuring 1354 Sq. feet in old Natham S.No. 4/1A co-related to New Natham S.No.48/6 bounded on by:

North: East West Street **South:** East West Pathway **East:** Vacant site of Mr. M.Subbaiah Pillai **West:** North South 4 feet wide Common Lane

Measuring East West on the Northern Side 28½ feet
East West on the Southern Side 28½ feet
North South on the Eastern Side 47½ feet
North South on the Western Side 47½ feet
Totalling 1354 Sq.feet

ITEM NO:2

All the piece and parcel of the vacant site measuring 819 Sq.feet in old Natham S.No.49/1 co-related to New Natham S.No.281/18 bounded on by:

North: East West Street **South:** East West Pathway
East: Vacant site of Mr. Krishna Kone and Mrs. Lakshmi Ammal
West: Property described hereunder as Item No.3

Measuring East West on Northern Side 18 feet
East West on Southern Side 18 feet
North South on Eastern Side 45½ feet
North South on Western Side 45½ feet
Totalling 819 Sq.feet

ITEM NO:3

All the piece and parcel of the vacant site measuring 409-1/2 Sq.feet in Old Natham S.No.49/1 co-related to New Natham S.No.281/17 bounded on by:

North: East West Street **South:** East West Pathway
East: Property described above as item No.2
West: Property described above as Item No.1

Measuring East West on Northern Side 9 feet
East West on Southern Side 9 feet
North South on Eastern Side 45½ feet
North South on Western Side 45½feet
Totalling 409½ Sq.feet

All 3 properties totalling 2582 Sq.feet.

Date:11/11/2026 **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Place: MADURAI **CANARA BANK**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
MADURAI DIVISION
No. U/C79/CATG/2026/XII dt.10.09.2026

The undersigned invites e-tenders for running Milk stalls (08) at various stations for a period of five years. Details like name of stations, location, area, reserve price, EMD, cost of tender form, tender conditions, special conditions, etc are uploaded at **www.ireps.gov.in** The closing date and time of electronic submission of e-tender is **13.11.2026: 15.00 hrs.**

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Madurai
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NAGPUR HOUSING AND AREA DEVELOPMENT BOARD, NAGPUR
(REGIONAL UNIT OF MHADA)

E-Tender Notice for the Year 2026-2027

Digitally Signed & unconditional online tenders in form **C-1** Agreement are invited by the Executive Engineer, Division-I, Nagpur Housing & Area Development Board, Nagpur, Gruha Nirman Bhavan, Opp. Deshpande Hall, Civil Lines, Nagpur- 440001, Phone No. 07122565692 Email ID : exengr01@gmail.com on behalf of Dy Chief Engineer / Nagpur Board. It is not necessary for bidder to registered with state PWD/CPWD/MES/MHADA/CIDCO or any other Govt. agency / organization undertaking. The age of organization with experience in similar work shall not be less than 10 years. Also the eligibility criteria is as per PWD Govt. circular no. Sankirna-2017/C.R.121 (part+II)Building. 2. https://mahatenders.gov.in.

Name of Work : Construction of Old age home at site no. 87 Mouza Kosara under SPA, Chandrapur.

Estimate Cost	:	**Rs. 5,00,96,568/- (Excluding GST, Royalty & Testing Charges)**
EMD @ 0.5%	:	**Rs. 250500/-**
Period for Completion of work	:	**12 months (including monsoon)**
Cost of Documents	:	**Rs. 3540/- (including GST).**
Document sale Start to End	:	**13/11/2026 @ 15.00 Hrs.** To **30/11/2026 @ 17.00 Hrs.**
Pre bid meeting	:	**18/11/2026 @ 15.00 Hrs.**
Bid submission Start to End	:	**13/11/2026 @ 15.00 Hrs.** To **30/11/2026 @ 17.00 Hrs.**
Technical Bid Opening	:	**02/12/2026 @ 16.00 Hrs.**
Opening Authority	:	**Dy. Chief Engineer - Nagpur Board**

The detail tender notice and all other details are available on portal for e–tender. Contractor is required to get enrolled on the portal https://mahatenders.gov.in and get empanelled in relevant sub portal. The registered contractor has to obtain the Digital Certificate.

* The tender document will be published online on the website **https://mahatenders.gov.in** on dt. 13/11/2026
* Tender may be cancelled at any point of time without given any reason.

Executive Engineer - I
Nagpur Housing And Area Development Board, Nagpur.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (H O:: BANGALORE)- K.KEERANUR BRANCH
(A Government of India Undertaking)

DEMAND NOTICE (SECTION 13(2))

Ref: DGL/0946/DEMAND/NOVKK/2026-27 **Date: 12.11.2026**

To
1. **Mr.Velmurugan A,S/o Arappa Gounder**, D No 8 48A, Kongapatti, Odaipatty Po Oddanchatram TK,Dindigul -624612
2. **Mr.Chellamuthu P, S/o Palanisamy K K**, 1 131 Sindalavadampatty Po, Oddanchatram Tk, Dindigul Dt-624614

DearSir,

Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

That **Mr.VELMURUGAN A (Sole Owner), Mr.CHELLAMUTHU (Guarantor)** has availed the following loan facilities from Our **K.KEERANUR branch** from time to time:

Sl. No.	Loan Account No	Nature of Loan / Limit	Liability with Interest	Rate of Interest
1.	1356619017567	HOUSING FINANCE	**- Rs.26,93,594.47/- (Rupees Twenty-Six Lakh Ninety-Three Thousand and Five Hundred and Ninety-Four and Forty-Seven Paise Only)**	8.40%

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as **NPA on 08-11-2026**.Hence,we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of **HL 1356619017567 - Rs.26,93,594.47/- (Rupees Twenty-Six Lakh Ninety Three Thousand and Five Hundred and Ninety Four and Forty Seven Paise Only) as on 12.11.2026 + cost thereon** And up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.The demand notice had also been issued to you by Registered Post Acknowledgement due to your last known address available in the Branch record

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES

Palani R.D Kallimandayam, Sub District, Dindigul Dist., Oddanchatram Taluk, Kongapatti Oorkattu Odaipatti Village and Panchayat, 898/15 (New) 329 (pt.Old), 0.01.50, **Boundaries:** N-Sankarappan etc.House, E-Chellammal etc. House., W-Palanichamy etc. house.

DATE: 12.11.2026 **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
PLACE: Dindigul **CANARA BANK**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
सिंडिकेट Syndicate — Bodinayakkanur Branch- 1002

POSSESSION NOTICE (Section 13(4))
(For Immovable property)

WHEREAS The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") 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 dated **30.07.2026** calling upon the borrower**1)Mrs. MARIYAMMAL M (Wife and Legal heir of the Deceased Borrower Mr P Monaharan) ,2)Mr THEIVAM MANOHARAN (Son and Legal heir of the Deceased Borrower Mr P Monaharan), 3) Mrs. JOTHI V (Daughther and Legal heir of the Deceased Borrower Mr P Monaharan)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 16,03,907.91 (Rupees Sixteen lakhs three thousand nine hundred seven and ninety-one paise only)**within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower 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 described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **11thDay of November 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 Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs.16,89,772.47(Rupees Sixteen lakhs eighty nine thousand seven hundred seventy two and forty seven paise Only)** as on **11.11.2026** and further interest thereon.

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

DETAILS OF SECURITY ASSETS

Name of the Title holder: 1) Mrs. MARIYAMMAL M (Wife and Legal heir of the Deceased Borrower Mr P Monaharan) 2)MrTHEIVAM MANOHARAN (Son and Legal heir of the Deceased Borrower Mr P Monaharan), 3) Mrs. JOTHI V (Daughther and Legal heir of the Deceased Borrower Mr P Monaharan) All the piece and parcel of land and house building thereon situate at Theni District, Periyakulam Registration District, Bodinayakanur Sub-Registration District, B.Ammapatty Village, Sillamarathupatty Panchayat, Block No.7 Gandhiji Street, House Property in Old Door No.49, New No.54/B7 (Assessment No 741) Natham Survey No 80/2. **BOUNDARIES ARE:** NORTH: East-West Street, EAST : South-North Street, SOUTH: House of Mahendran, WEST: House of M.Pakkiyam Within these boundaries East-West 33 feet, South-North 25 feet, totally 825 Sq.feet with R.C.C Building TNEB bearing S.C.No2097 and S.C.1928. Water Tap Connection bearing SC No.421 with usual pathway right on the east and north and all amenities and appurtenances etc.,

CERSAI ID: 400025702510.

DATE: 11.11.2026 **Authorised Officer**
PLACE: Bodinayakkanur **CANARA Bank**

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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 2, 2/1 and 2/3, Kalidasa Marg, 1st Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru – 560 009. Phone No. 080-22265383. Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-12/1716/2026-27 **Date:12.11.2026**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tender is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors registered in KCEI who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of Work : Shifting of HT/LT Lines and Transformer centres existed in plot no.1 allotted to M/s.Reliance and other plots in Mulwada Industrial Area, 2nd Phase, Vijayapura Taluk and District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **01.12.2026 upto 04:00 pm**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer - 2
DIPR/CP/JA/3661/2026-27

SHRIRAM FINANCE LTD.,
REGIONAL OFFICE, TRICHY.

JEWEL AUCTION NOTICE

Despite of our repeated reminders in person, notices & Registered post the jewel loan availed up to **30.09.2025** and pledged under special scheme upto **31.03.2026** were expired and not redeemed / re pledged.

As per company norms if the expired jewels not redeemed within the stipulated period mention below, the jewels will be sold through public auction. This notification is applicable to the deceased borrower's legal heirs, borrowers reside outside India, Borrowers not received ordinary notices /Regd notices, borrowers changed their residential address without informing to the branches. Company has the right to with held some selective pockets from auction.

AUCTION DATE	TIME	BRANCHES AND JEWEL PACKET NUMBERS	PLACE OF AUCTION CENTRE	LAST DATE FOR REDEMPTION
20.11.2026	10.00 AM	ARUPPUKOTTAI II, RAJAPALAYAM II, SATTHUR, SIVAKASI II & VIRUDHUNAGAR.	NO.105, MADURAI MAIN ROAD, AXIS BANK UPSTAIRS, VIRUDHUNAGAR-626 201.	18.11.2026
JEWEL PACKET NUMBERS: - ARPK2378410, ARPK2378506, ARPK2378553, ARPK2378617, ARPK2378619, ARPK2378658, ARPK2378737, ARPK2378797, ARPK2378915, ARPK2378922, ARPK2378950, ARPK2378975, ARPK2379003, ARPK2379081, ARPK2379083, ARPK2379087, RJLY2366705, SATTH364646, SATTH364673, SATTH365048, SATTH365122, SATTH365440, SATTH365587, SATTH365729, SATTH365742, SATTH365793, SATTH365883, SATTH365999, SATTH366018, SATTH366347, SATTH366359, SIKA2370691, SIKA2370694, VRDN1365452, VRDN1366032, VRDN1366104, VRDN1366105, VRDN1366106, VRDN1366246, VRDN1366246, VRDN1366336, VRDN1366503.				
20.11.2026	12.00 NOON	KARIAPATTI - THIRUTHANGAL - STFC BRANCHES	NO.103/AC, KATCHERRY ROAD, N R GRAND, MADURAI ROAD, VIRUDHUNAGAR-626 201.	18.11.2026
JEWEL PACKET NUMBERS: - KRPTI1656, KRPTI1656TOPUP, TTNGL000600.				
20.11.2026	2.00 PM	ARAPALAYAM, BETHANIAPURAM, CHOKKIKULAM, CHOLAVANTHAN, JAIHINDPURAM, KALAVASAL, K PUDUR II, MADURAI ANNA NAGAR, MELUR, THIRUNAGAR.	NO.77/2, 2ND FLOOR, BYPASS ROAD, RAJA BARLEY BUILDING, KALAVASAL, MADURAI-625 010.	18.11.2026
JEWEL PACKET NUMBERS : - ARAPA376716, ARAPA377296, ARAPA377305, BETHA386886, BETHA386903, CHKLMPJ378283, CHKLMPJ378571, CHOLA426970, CHOLA427364, CHOLA427718, CHOLA427944, CHOLA428116, CHOLA428118, CHOLA428937, CHOLA428976, CHOLA428988, CHOLA429005, CHOLA429010, CHOLA429014, CHOLA429040, JHDPU382985, JHDPU383413, KLVSL386471, KPUD2378544, KPUD2378590, KPUD2378591, KPUD2378592, KPUD2378696, KPUD2378730, KPUD2378733, KPUD2378931, KPUD2378958, MADNG380846, MADNG380870, MADNG381030, MADNG381040, MADNG381041, MADNG381042, MADNG381051, MADNG381102, MADNG381138, MADNG381204, MADNG381215, MADNG381237, MELU368136, MELU368989, MELU368997, THRNG385110, THRNG385152.				
20.11.2026	4.00 PM	ALANGANALLUR - PERAIYUR - USILAMPATTI STFC BRANCHES	NO.348/2B, VEERANAN KALAIMAGAL COMPLEX, ALANGANALLUR, MADURAI-625 501.	18.11.2026
JEWEL PACKET NUMBERS : - TAGNL000950, AGNLR001099, PERYR2522, PERYR2495, PERYR2905, USILM3402, TUSIL003206, USILM3532, USILM3368				

Auction details displayed at the respective branches notice board. The bidders participating in the Auction has to deposit **Rs.100000/-(One Lakh)** Caution Deposit and to produce original PAN Card & Address proof for verification.

DATE : 13.11.2026 - PLACE : VIRUDHUNAGAR AND MADURAI DISTRICT **BOARD APPROVED AUCTIONEER**

Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Regional Office Theni

PUBLIC OFFLINE AUCTION NOTICE OF GOLD ORNAMENTS

The Following Account holder's availed Gold Loan form **Canara Bank, Regional Office, Theni, Branch,** They have failed to repay the loan due amount even after two demand notices issued on two different dates by the Bank as per the terms and conditions of agreement. In terms of the agreement and as per the bank rules the **gold ornaments will be auctioned on 30.11.2026 (Monday)** at **4.00** pm in the bank premises.

In case of Further Details Contact Regional Office, Theni Section No. 89039 13269

S. No.	Loan Account Number	Name and Address	Loan Date	LIABILITY AS ON 12.11.2026
BRANCH NAME: GUDALUR (1055) Contact: 9489046250				
1	164062009600	S ESWARI, C/O SURULIVEL, 20 99 Ottar Street, Mdlagudalur Uthammapalayam, Gudalur, Theni, 625518	20.03.2025	12391.22
BRANCH NAME: PUDUVAYAL (16279) Contact: 8903975182				
1	164079930095	DIVYA KAMARAJ, C/O KAMARAJ, 3/1/111, Ambeythkar Street,Kotaiuyr, Sivaganga, Kotaiuyr,630106"	23.06.2025	87630.03
2	180206554956	RASATHI CHINNASAMY, C/O CHINNASAMY, 13-3-2,Madapallam,Puduvayal,, Karaikudi,Sakkottai,630108	03.08.2023	13114.00
3	180204676598	JEYANTHI, W/o PANDICHELVAM, 3/698, Sakkavayal,Melamanakkudi, Karaikudi,630108	27.07.2023	23647.00
4	180195897696	MARIMUTHU M, W/o MURUGESAN, Nehru Nagar Sankarapuram, Burma Colony,karaikudi,630002	01.07.2023	15857.00

Place : Theni **Authorized Officer**
Date : 12.11.2026 **Canara Bank**

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE / IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

(Under Provision to Rule 8(6) of Security interest (Enforcement Rules)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable /Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule6(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 and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable property hypothecated /mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is"and"As is what is" on **30.11.2026** for recovery of below mentioned due to the Secured Creditor from the borrowers as mentioned below. The reserve price and earnest money deposit will be as mentioned below.

Sl.No.1: PAGANERI BRANCH: M/S. Maayaa Furnitures (Borrower) Proprietor: Mr. M Ragunatha Chidambaram (Mortgagor), Permanent Address: Subbiah Chettiyar Compound, Puduvalavu, Paganeri PO, Sivaganga-630553, **Mr. M Ragunatha Chidambaram (Proprietor/Mortgagor) S/o. Mayandi**, D.No.124, Kadaneri, Paganeri PO, Sivaganga-630553.

Outstanding dues:Rs. 15,11,978/- (Rupees Fifteen lakhs Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight Only) plus interest to be charged.

Description of Property: -Equitable Mortgage followed by registered memorandum of deposit of title deeds of the following property: - Land and residential building in Sivaganga district, Sivaganga registration district, Madagupatti Sub district, Sivaganga taluk, Kadaneri village, In Natham survey No.164/4-part with Door No.124, property in the name of Mr. M.Raghunatha Chidambaram.Item No.1.Extent: - 4473 Sq.feet, **Four boundaries: -**North by: Property of Vivekanandam and Subramanian, South by: Property in S.No.164/4-part, East by: House of Kunjiyappa Thevar, West by: Pathway. Item No.2 and 3, Extent -3646 Sq.feet Four boundaries: - North by: property in S.No.164/4-part, South by: Pathway, East by: House of Pillappan, West by: Pathway, Total area of item Nos. 1,2 & 3=4473+3646=8119 Sq.feet. With these building constructed thereon with Electric Fittings bearing Door No.124.

Reserve Price: Rs. 27,75,000/- EMD: Rs. 2,77,500/-

A/c. No. where EMD to be deposited:22720113035001. IFSC Code: IOBA0002272

Contact No. of Authorized officer: 04371-242227 Branch Manager:8925952272

Known Encumbrance, if any : Nil as per Bank's Knowledge

Note: The intending Bidders /Purchasers are requested to register on portal https://baanknet.in/eauction-psb/bidder-registration using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents before **5 P.M. hours on 29.11.2026.**

Date & Time of E-Auction: 30.11.2026 (Monday) 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM With auto extensions of 10 minutes each till sale is completed.

Inspection of Property : All working days till 29.11.2026 (10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M)

EMD to be Deposit through NEFT/ RTGS mode(After generation of Challan from https://baanknet.in/eauction-psb/bidder-registration which will provide account details) in bidders Global EMD Wallet account.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, and full description of the properties please refer to the link provided in secured creditor's website i.e.,www.iob.in [http://www.iob.in/TenderDetails.aspx?Tendertype=E_auction] and Bank's approved e-auction service provider website i.e. https://baanknet.in/eauction-psb/bidder-registration.

Place : Karaikudi **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Date : 10.11.2026 **INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK**