

YAMAHA DELIVERS AN ACTION-PACKED SHOWCASE AT CHENNAI COMIC CON 2025

Chennai, 10 February 2025: Yamaha blends style, performance, and excitement with pop culture at Chennai Comic Con 2025.



India Yamaha Motor Pvt. Ltd. took centre stage at Comic Con, India's biggest pop culture event, held on February 8-9, 2025, at the Chennai Trade Centre, Nandanbakkam, Chennai.

With its rich cultural heritage, dynamic automotive industry and passionate fan community, the city provided the perfect setting for an electrifying event where art, lifestyle and innovation came together in a spectacular celebration.

The Yamaha Experience Zone was the major highlight in

the event, featuring immersive activities that captivated attendees. Visitors enjoyed the MotoGP gaming setup, immersing themselves in the adrenaline of virtual racing.

The Samurai-themed MT-03 became a favourite photo spot, while the YZF-R15 provided the unique experience of posing at a dramatic lean angle, simulating the rush of a racetrack corner.

Adding to the excitement, the

RayZR Street Rally featured instant photo-sharing, allowing fans to capture and take home their cherished memories.

The event saw significant engagement, with visitors showing keen interest in motorcycling and expressing their fandom for Yamaha. In response, the company offered Comic Con Super Fan Box and Yamaha's exclusive Comic Con themed merchandise, along with other

Yamaha goodies to the most engaging cosplayers as well as comics and motorcycling enthusiasts.

As Chennai Comic Con 2025 comes to an end, Yamaha reiterates its dedication to crafting innovative experiences that resonate profoundly with the youth of India.

Events like Comic Con not only highlight Yamaha's standing as a premium and dynamic motorcycle brand but also strengthen its connection with young Indians by blending the thrill of motorcycling with the vibrant spirit of pop culture. Yamaha remains dedicated to inspiring and engaging individuals, fostering a community of lifelong enthusiasts for generations

DABUR EXPANDS ORAL CARE INITIATIVE WITH FREE DENTAL CAMPS ACROSS SOUTH INDIA

Chennai, 10 February 2025: Dabur, a leader in Ayurvedic oral care, has taken a major step towards improving dental health in South India by launching free dental camps in collaboration with the Indian Dental Association (IDA). This initiative was announced at the 75th Indian Dental Conference 2025, themed Transforming Dentistry: Innovate, Collaborate, Excel.

South India is a crucial market for Dabur, with Dabur Red Paste being the No. 1 oral care brand in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, and holding a strong presence in Karnataka and Telangana. Recognising the importance of regional needs, Dabur continues to expand its footprint while staying rooted in its commitment to oral health and community welfare.

At the Indian Dental Conference 2025, Dabur has set up an interactive experience zone where attendees will learn how Ayurveda and modern clinical science can work together for better oral



health. Through its collaboration with IDA, Dabur is actively engaging with local dentists to show how Ayurveda can help with common oral health issues.

Dabur has also partnered with the IDA to support free dental camps across the region and plans to adopt a village to provide dental care and counselling. Additionally, the company is working on a structured blueprint with the IDA to enable affiliated dentists and organisations to set up these camps, ensuring wider access to oral healthcare.

Speaking at the

Ayurveda in oral care." "Dabur's presence in South India is set to strengthen further with the recent signing of an MoU with the Tamil Nadu government to establish a state-of-the-art manufacturing unit.

This facility will not only cater to the growing demand for Dabur's products but also enhance its ability to drive future innovations and community-driven initiatives," he added.

Highlighting Dabur's focus on innovation, Mr. Kumar added, "We recently introduced Dabur Herbal Toothpaste for Kids with No Nasties in two exciting flavours. Looking ahead, we plan to expand our offerings in the growing sensitive toothpaste segment, catering to evolving consumer needs."

Through strategic investments, innovative products, and community-driven initiatives, Dabur continues to reinforce its commitment to holistic oral health and well-being across South India.

GMM PFAUDLER - Q3 FY 2025

Q3 FY25	Revenue	EBITDA	EBITDA Margin	PAT	PAT Margin	EPS	Order Intake	Order Backlog
	₹801 Crore	₹96 Crore	12.0%	₹40 Crore	5.0%	₹9.23	₹798 Crore	₹1,740 Crore
9M FY25	Revenue	EBITDA	EBITDA Margin	PAT	PAT Margin	EPS	Order Intake	Order Backlog
	₹2,382 Crore	₹278 Crore	11.6%	₹77 Crore	3.2%	₹17.78	₹2,442 Crore	₹1,740 Crore

Chennai, 10 February 2025: GMM Pfaudler Limited, global leader in glass-lined equipment, announces its third quarter (Q3 FY25) and nine months results (9M FY25) for the period ended December 31, 2024.

Highlights Revenue stable and EBITDA up 3% compared to Q2 FY25

EBITDA margin improved to 12.0% compared to 11.6%

for Q2 FY25 Q3 FY25 Order Intake at ₹798 crore up 5% compared to Q2 FY25, 9M FY25 Order Intake at ₹2,442 crore up 13% compared to 9M FY24

Order Backlog stands at ₹1,740 crore, up 7% compared to December 31, 2023

Opportunity pipeline remains stable across geographies, product mix continues to evolve.

Management Comment:

Commenting on the Company's Q3 FY25 results, Mr. Tarak Patel, Managing Director said, "The general weakness in the chemical industry continues, negatively impacting capex cycles and new investments. Despite this slowdown, our shipment, order intake and backlog remain stable. Our diversification strategy continues to pay rich dividends as we have made up some of this shortfall from new industry verticals such as Oil & Gas, Petrochemicals, Semiconductor and Metals & Minerals." He further added, "While the outlook remains stable for this financial year, we continue to focus our efforts on strengthening our market share, reducing costs and improving efficiencies."

CHENNAI WITNESSES AN ICONIC SAREE RUN HOSTED BY TANEIRA AND JJ ACTIVE

Chennai, 10 February 2025: Taneira, a Tata product, partnered with Bengaluru-based fitness company JJ Active and hosted a vibrant morning saree run this Sunday in Chennai. A power-packed community of 1721 women gathered at Nolambur and transformed it into a breathtaking camaraderie of women draped in magnificent sarees from across the city. A powerful tribute to femininity, fitness, and freedom, the Chennai chapter of Taneira saree run was flagged off by Mr. Ambuj Narayan, CEO of Taneira, and Coach Pramod from JJ Active.

The Taneira Saree Run is a vibrant celebration of heritage and modernity, where tradition gracefully intertwines with contemporary aspirations. Much like the modern woman

who balance strength with elegance, the saree transcends its role as mere attire, evolving into a powerful emblem of identity, empowerment, and self-expression. This unique run redefines the six yards, proving that it is not bound by convention but moves with the energy and dynamism of today's world. Building on the success of previous editions in Pune, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Ahmedabad, the Chennai chapter of the run further strengthened the bond among women, transforming the saree into a bold statement of resilience and versatility.

On the occasion, Mr. Ambuj Narayan, CEO, Taneira said "The Taneira Saree Run is a tribute to fitness and womanhood, celebrating the saree as a symbol of grace



and resilience evolving alongside the strong, dynamic women who wear it. Through this initiative, we aim to redefine perceptions, showcasing the saree as a dynamic expression of strength and versatility. Our partnership with JJ Active reinforces this vision, proving that the saree fits effortlessly into today's active lifestyles while remaining a cherished legacy. Hosting this event in Chennai, a city rich in culture and energy, brings this vision to life."

Coach Pramod from JJ Active shared, "Women who dedicate

themselves to their families' well-being often struggle to find time for their own health. Taneira Saree Run is a unique initiative aimed at encouraging women to prioritize their health in a comfortable and supportive environment. It serves as a platform for them to share inspiring stories of overcoming challenges and motivating one another. Chennai marks the sixth city to host the Taneira Saree Run, and we are thrilled to witness the incredible enthusiasm of Chennai's women in embracing this empowering movement."

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ENHANCED U.S.-INDIA DEFENSE TIES AND INDO-PACIFIC SECURITY ON DISPLAY AT AERO INDIA 2025

Bengaluru, 10 February 2025: The United States and India partner to promote global security, stability, and economic prosperity through trade, investment, and connectivity. Under the Trump Administration, President Trump, Prime Minister Modi, Secretary of State Rubio, and External Affairs Minister Jaishankar, affirmed a shared commitment to strengthening the strategic partnership between the United States and India, and they have highlighted how our defense cooperation is advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

United States Security and Defense Cooperation with India

In 2016, the United States designated India as a Major Defense Partner.

In 2018, India was elevated to Strategic Trade Authorization tier 1 status, which allows India to receive license-free access to a wide range of military and dual-use technologies regulated by the Department of Commerce.

U.S.-India defense trade cooperation

continues to expand with the Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA), Communications, Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA), and the Industrial Security Agreement (ISA) now in place.

Since 2015, the United States authorized India access to numerous sensitive defense articles: military electronics; fire control, laser, imaging, and guidance equipment (category XII); and aircraft and related articles.

In 2024, the United States approved sales of MQ-9B Remotely Piloted Aircraft, MK 54 MOD 0 Lightweight Torpedoes, Anti-Submarine Warfare Sonobuoys, and MH-60R Multi-Mission Helicopter Equipment to India.

In March 2024, the United States and India conducted Tiger Triumph, a tri-service (ground, naval, and air forces) exercise between the two countries. During the weeklong exercise, U.S. Marines and sailors partnered with forces from all three of India's armed services to rehearse disaster

response and humanitarian aid delivery. Tiger Triumph enables U.S. and Indian Armed Forces to improve interoperability and bilateral, joint, and service readiness in the Indian Ocean region and beyond to better achieve mutual regional security objectives.

India also participates in the U.S.-led Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise and trilateral Malabar exercise with the United States and Japan. These military exercises enhance U.S.-India relations and help create a more stable and secure Indo-Pacific region.

Indian military officers have regularly participated in the International Military Education and Training (IMET) program since 2003. IMET provides professional military education and training to military students by increasing military professionalization, enhancing interoperability between Indian and U.S. forces, and providing technical and operational training.

Aero India 2025: Anticipated Highlights

F-16: The F-16

Fighting Falcon is a compact, multi-role fighter aircraft. It is highly maneuverable and proven itself in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack.

F-35A: The F-35A's advanced sensor package is designed to gather, fuse, and distribute more information than any fighter in history, giving operators a decisive advantage over all adversaries.

B-1B Lancer: Carrying the largest conventional payload of both guided and unguided weapons in the Air Force inventory, the multi-mission B-1 can rapidly deliver massive quantities of precision and non-precision weapons against any adversary, anywhere in the world, at any time.

United States Air Force (USAF) Band: The United States Air Force Band of the Pacific's Final Approach Ensemble will once again perform at Aero India 2025. The 10-member rock, band, stationed at Yokota Air Base in Japan, will perform during Aero India's Public Days on February 13 and 14 and at Christ University, Campus Road on February 11 at 5:00 p.m.

ENHANCING SAFETY : COMMISSIONING OF AUTOMATIC BLOCK SIGNALLING SYSTEM IN PONPADI - PUTTUR SECTION (23 KMS)

Chennai 10, February 2025: In a significant step towards enhancing the safety and efficiency of train operations, Southern Railway's Chennai Division has successfully commissioned Automatic Block Signalling (ABS) system in the Ponpadi - Nagari - Vepagunta - Puttur section on 09th February 2025, covering a distance of 23.11 route Kilometres. This key signalling infrastructure upgrade replaces the earlier deployed Absolute Block Signalling system thus enhancing the line capacity and operational efficiency.

With this commissioning of Automatic Block Signalling System, Ponpadi - Nagari - Vepagunta - Puttur section is now equipped with state-of-the-art Electronic Interlocking (EI) system, Multi-Section Digital Axle Counters (MSDAC), highly reliable Integrated Power Supply arrangements, Optical Fiber Communication network, and advanced Lightning & Surge protection systems.

The Signal & Telecom, Engineering and Electrical



Departments of Chennai Division worked in cohesion to ensure the timely completion of Automatic Block Signalling in the section.

Key Features of the Commissioned Work:

Advanced Safety Systems: Installation of Electronic Interlocking with Object Controllers (EI/OC) with RDSO standard circuits, Fire Alarm & Detection Systems, Dataloggers, Earth Leakage Detectors, and Ring Earth arrangements at Auto Location Huts (ALHs).

Enhanced Train Movement: Provision of 30 Automatic Signals (13 in Up direction towards Arakkonam and 17 in Down direction towards Renigunta), allowing multiple trains to operate simultaneously within the section.

Uninterrupted Operations: Deployment of 87 Dual MSDACs, 55 Track Sections, and VRLA battery backup

for more than four hours at all Auto Location Huts

Robust Communication Infrastructure: Laying of 48-core Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) with path diversity, ensuring seamless connectivity between signalling installations.

Future-ready Infrastructure: All equipment and network provisions are designed to integrate with KAVACH, LTE, and Centralized Train Control (CTC) systems without additional civil works.

Benefits of Automatic Block Signalling

With the commissioning of Automatic Block Signalling, up to 13 trains in UP direction towards Arakkonam and 17 trains in DOWN direction towards Renigunta can now operate at the same time, substantially enhancing line capacity and reducing congestion.

In the earlier Absolute Block Signalling arrangement, only one train could be run between each of the Ponpadi-Nagari, Nagari-Vepagunta, and Vepagunta-Puttur, that is only a maximum of 3 trains could simultaneously run between Ponpadi and Puttur in Up direction and 3 trains in Down direction.

This new signalling arrangement will facilitate running of more trains between Arakkonam to Puttur stations, as Automatic Signalling is already provided between Arakkonam to Ponpadi. This will also improve the average speed of trains between Arakkonam and Renigunta.

With the upcoming commissioning of Automatic Signalling up to Pudi, the entire Arakkonam - Renigunta section will become fully automated, paving the way for faster and more efficient train operations.

This milestone reinforces Southern Railway's commitment to modernizing railway infrastructure while enhancing the safety and reliability of signalling systems.

INDIAN NAVY CHIEFS' CONCLAVE 2025

Chennai 10, February 2025: The Indian Navy Chiefs' Conclave was held at the Naval Headquarters, New Delhi from 08 - 09 Feb 25, bringing together eight Former Naval Chiefs and the current Naval leadership.

The aim of the Conclave was to gain from the collective experience and knowledge of the former Chiefs, and also update them on the latest developments and policy initiatives of the Navy.

On 08 Feb, the former Chiefs were presented with an operational update, including policy initiatives, technological, materiel, and operational logistics advancements, and



perspective plans at the new Nausena Bhawan.

An exclusive session was also conducted to deliberate Manthan on key issues of interest, fostering an open exchange of ideas on the future of warfare and maritime strategy in an evolving geopolitical landscape and HR paradigms.

A Book titled "Legacy of Leadership: Naval Chiefs through Time" was released on the sidelines of the

Conclave; chronicling the inspiring journeys of former CNSs.

With personal stories, rare photographs and firsthand accounts, this "collector's edition" offers a unique glimpse into the leadership of the former CNSs.

"We are committed to carrying forward your illustrious legacy and the Indian Navy will continue to safeguard India's national maritime interests, anytime,

anywhere, anyhow" - CNS

The Former Naval Chiefs also laid wreaths at the National War Memorial and paid homage to the Bravehearts of the Nation.

The Chiefs' Conclave 2025 reaffirms the Navy's commitment to institutional continuity, leveraging the wisdom of past leadership while shaping the future of India's maritime power.

MAHA KUMBH 2025: SPECIAL SCHEME TO PROVIDE QUALITY RATION AT AFFORDABLE PRICES TO DEVOTEES AT PRAYAGRAJ

Chennai 10, February 2025: A special scheme by the Union Government is providing quality ration at affordable prices for devotees during the Mahakumbh 2025 at Prayagraj. NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India) is distributing wheat flour, pulses, rice, and other essential items at subsidized rates. Devotees can also order rations via WhatsApp or call. More than 1000 metric tons of rations have already been distributed, and the distribution is ongoing across the entire Mahakumbh city and Prayagraj through 20 mobile vans.

Mobile Vans bringing Affordable



Rations to Ashrams and Devotees

To ensure that saints, kalpavasis and devotees at the Mahakumbh do not face any food shortages, ration delivery is being done via mobile vans. Rohit Jain, the state head of NAFED, stated that this special scheme is being run by the Ministry of Cooperation, to ensure no devotee faces any food-related issues. Deepak Agrawal, MD of NAFED, is personally overseeing the entire operation to

ensure that every person receives their food supplies on time.

Devotees present at the Mahakumbh can place orders for rations through calls or WhatsApp on the number 7275781810. The subsidized rations include wheat flour and rice in 10kg packets, while moong, masoor, and chana dal are being distributed in 1kg packets. As soon as orders are received via mobile vans, the rations are promptly delivered to the relevant ashrams and ascetics.

So far, 700 metric tons of wheat flour, 350 metric tons of pulses (moong, masoor, and chana dal), and 10 metric tons of rice have been distributed. NAFED's products and 'Bharat Brand' grains are quickly gaining popularity among the devotees.

Through this scheme, the government is not only providing high-quality rations to the millions of devotees attending the Mahakumbh but is also making the process convenient and accessible. The mobile vans and on-call facilities have made this service even more effective, ensuring that the Mahakumbh 2025 remains a smooth and memorable experience for every devotee.

INDIA'S QUANTUM LEAP TESTIFIED BY GLOBAL SUCCESS STORIES LIKE VACCINE, CHANDRAYAAN, SAYS DR. JITENDRA SINGH

Chennai 10, February 2025: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said here today that India's quantum leap was testified by global success stories like Vaccine and Chandrayaan.



He was speaking after inaugurating the new premises of "Vigyan Bharati" in the national capital, describing the same as a long-felt need. He emphasized that the office would serve as a center for exchange of ideas and a seat of learning.

Addressing the ceremony, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh stated that India is witnessing a transformative era in science under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He highlighted how the Prime Minister not only encourages but also provides unwavering support to the scientific community, strengthening it with resources and enabling collaborations with non-governmental sectors to achieve the best outcomes.

Reflecting on the advancements of the past decade, Dr. Jitendra Singh stressed that while India has always had immense scientific acumen and talent, the missing element was commitment and prioritization from the political leadership—something that is now being actively addressed under PM Modi's governance.

Dr. Jitendra Singh underscored the significant progress India has made, particularly in healthcare. He noted that India, once not taken seriously in curative healthcare, is now emerging as a global leader in preventive healthcare. He proudly mentioned India's achievements, including: The first DNA vaccine developed during the pandemic.

The first indigenous HPV vaccine to combat cervical cancer and rapid advancements in space technology, despite a late start in the

sector. He also spoke about India's commitment to global climate change efforts, reaffirming the country's target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.

Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted the importance of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), calling it a valuable repository of indigenous wisdom. He cited examples such as:

The Konark Temple in Odisha, which remained intact even after the super cyclone of 2000, showcasing India's architectural resilience.

The growing interest in traditional medicine, as seen during the pandemic when the West explored homeopathy and naturopathy for potential remedies. He also referenced India's success in using steel slag for road construction in Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with the Tata Group, drawing parallels with the

durable routes of Ajanta and Ellora that have withstood the test of time.

Quoting Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Dr. Singh remarked, "By remaining committed to our legacy, we should not deprive ourselves of what is happening across the world."

He urged Vigyan Bharati to act as an interface for identifying initiatives and fostering collaborations, similar to how IN-SPACE and BIRAC have become successful platforms for the space and biotechnology sectors, respectively.

He also proudly announced India's recent breakthrough in pharmaceuticals with the creation of the indigenous antibiotic 'Nafithromycin', positioning India as a leader in both traditional and cutting-edge technologies.

Dr. Jitendra Singh emphasized that integration is no longer an option but a necessity and called upon Vigyan Bharati to become a key medium for broader scientific integration. He expressed confidence that such efforts would drive India's continued rise as a global powerhouse in science and technology.

IAF CONDUCTS SEMINAR ON 'NAVACHAR UTKRISHTAM BHAVISYAM' (INNOVATION IS PATH TO BETTER FUTURE) AERO INDIA 25

Chennai 10, February 2025 : Indian Air Force (IAF) is working to harness the potential of indigenous defence industry through Govt policies under the umbrella of Atmanirbharta by continuously engaging with the Industry Partners. Considerable success has been achieved in the indigenisation and innovation of spares and sustenance of equipment. The efforts are now being focused towards complex futuristic technologies, weapon systems and space domain.

Aero India being one of the premier aerospace and defence exhibition, serves as a global platform for showcasing cutting-edge technologies, innovations, and products in the field of aviation. IAF has been at the forefront of embracing the vision of 'Make in India' by actively supporting indigenous defence development and

manufacturing. IAF is the biggest stakeholder in aerospace domain and a major participant in leading the drive towards Atmanirbharta.

In pursuit of futuristic technologies and to highlight the drive towards self-reliance, IAF is conducting a seminar on the theme 'NAVACHAR UTKRISHTAM BHAVISYAM' (innovation is the Path to better Future). The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has been invited as the Chief Guest for the event with Chief of the Air Staff in attendance. The seminar is planned on 11 Feb 25, from 1400-1630 Hr, at Hall No 1, Air Force Station Yelahanka, Bengaluru. The seminar is expected to have attendance from senior officers of Armed Forces, Govt officials, Industry leaders from aviation and aerospace domain, reps from Defence Public Sector Units (DPSUs), MSMEs, Start-ups, Innovators and the Academia. The seminar

aims to inspire collaboration between defence forces, industry and R&D agencies, fostering a robust ecosystem for innovation. During this seminar, the following are planned to be released/launched by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri: a publication titled 'IAF Compendium (Samarthya Margdarshika)' of Challenges and Opportunities for Indian Industry', for the Indian industries, Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Start-ups and individual innovators, encompassing current and future requirements of IAF; Declaration of the winners of Mehar Baba-II Competition (MBC). The MBC-II was launched for the Indian Industries in the year 2022. This competition harnessed exceptional talent of Indian industry in swarm drone technology and showcased their capabilities in realising solutions to specific problem statements. In addition, MBC-III

'Collaborative Drone Based Surveillance Radars' will be launched to develop an unmanned capability similar to an Airborne Warning and Control System.

Towards bolstering the 'Digital India' drive, IAF will be launching 'VAYU VITT' digital portal for placing orders, certification and payments between IAF and HAL. This is aimed towards enhancing digitisation along with improved efficiency and transparency.

Additionally, a panel discussion on 'Manned Unmanned Teaming-From Concept to Targeting' is planned with eminent experts from the aerospace domain including scientists, industrialists, certification agencies and end users. The panel discussion is intended towards underscoring the pivotal role of Indian Industry in driving indigenous solutions for futuristic technologies to meet the evolving defence and security needs of our Nation.

INS TUSHIL AT PORT VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES

Chennai 10, February 2025 : INS Tushil, on her maiden passage around the West coast of Africa, arrived at Port Victoria, Seychelles, on 07 Feb 25 for an operational turnaround. Officials from the High Commission of India and officials from the Indian Navy detachment warmly welcomed the ship. During the port call, Captain Peter Varghese, the Commanding Officer, hosted Shri Kartik Pande, HCI (High Commissioner of India) to Seychelles, and Maj Gen Michael Rosette, Chief of



Defence Forces, Seychelles is characterised by historical contacts and embodies close friendship, understanding, and cooperation. Diplomatic ties were established with Seychelles after its independence in 1976.

India's bilateral engagement with

When Seychelles attained freedom on 29 June 1976, a contingent from INS Nilgiri participated in the Independence Day celebrations. This visit by INS Tushil seeks to advance the strong relationship between the two Indian Ocean

12 NAXALITES KILLED IN ENCOUNTER IN BIJAPUR

Chennai 10, February 2025 : Twelve Naxalites were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Sunday, police said.

Two security personnel were also killed and as many others injured in the face-off, they said.

With this incident, 62 Naxalites have been gunned down by security forces in separate encounters in the state so far this year.

The latest gunfight took place at a forest in Indravati National Park area in the morning when a joint team of personnel from different security forces was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, Inspector General of Police, Bastar Range, Sundarraj P said.

Bodies of 12 Naxalites have been recovered so far following the encounter, he said.

A huge cache of weapons and explosives has also

been seized from the site, the official said.

Two security personnel, one belonging to the state police's District Reserve Guard and the other from the Special Task Force, were also killed in the gunfight and two others suffered injuries, he said.

The two injured jawans, reported to be out of danger, were being airlifted to a better medical facility for treatment, he said.

Reinforcement has been rushed to the spot and search operation is still underway in the area, headed.

Out of the 62 Naxalites gunned down in the state so far this year, 46 were killed in the Bastar division comprising seven districts, including Bijapur.

Last year, 219 Naxalites were neutralised by security forces in separate encounters in Chhattisgarh, according to police.

STALIN ANNOUNCES RELIEF FOR WOMAN PUSHED OUT OF MOVING TRAIN

Chennai 10, February 2025 : Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has announced full government support for the medical expenses of a pregnant woman who sustained severe injuries after being pushed off a moving train near Seetharamanpettai, K.V. Kuppam, in Vellore district.

Revathi (36), a four-month pregnant woman from Mangasamudram, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh, was residing in Kandampalayam, Tiruppur district. On February 6, 2025, she was traveling in the women's coach of the Coimbatore-Tirupati Express to visit her hometown. During the journey, at Jolarpettai railway station, a man named Hemaraj from



Vellore Government Medical College Hospital and later shifted to a private hospital in Ranipet for advanced treatment, be provided with the best possible medical care. The Tamil Nadu government will cover all medical expenses incurred for her treatment.

Furthermore, the perpetrator, Hemaraj, has been arrested and is currently in jail.

Pooncholai village, Chinna Nagal, K.V. Kuppam, boarded the coach and allegedly attempted to sexually harass her. When she resisted, he assaulted her and pushed her off the moving train near Seetharamanpettai, K.V. Kuppam, Vellore district, causing severe injuries.

Upon hearing the distressing news that Revathi had suffered a miscarriage on February 8, 2025, while receiving treatment at a hospital, CM Stalin expressed deep shock and sorrow.

The Chief Minister has directed that Mrs. Revathi, who was initially admitted to

As a measure of support, CM Stalin has also announced financial assistance of Rs.3 lakh from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund to Mrs. Revathi's family. He extended his condolences and assured them of the government's commitment to justice and support.