

Meridian School Builds Bridges of Friendship Through India-Tanzania Cultural Exchange

Young learners connect across continents through language, traditions, music and shared experiences, advancing global education at the Foundational Stage

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Meridian School, Kukatpally, has strengthened its commitment to global education by organising a series of virtual cultural-exchange sessions with Wisdom Pre and Primary School, Tanzania.

The initiative brought together children from Nursery to Grade 2, enabling them to interact with international peers and learn about one another's cultures, languages, traditions and daily lives. Through these engaging sessions, students developed curiosity, confidence, empathy and an appreciation for cultural diversity.

The children exchanged greetings, displayed their national flags and traditional attire, and shared information about food, customs and cultural practices. Meridian students introduced their Tanzanian friends to India's diverse regional traditions and the nutritious lunch served at the school.



Language learning became an enjoyable part of the exchange. Meridian students performed a Kiswahili number-action song, while the Tanzanian children learnt simple number-action songs in Hindi and Telugu. The students also exchanged greetings and national anthems, creating an atmosphere of mutual respect and friendship.

A special highlight was the virtual Raksha Bandhan celebration. Meridian students explained the festival's significance and its message of love, care,

trust and protection. Through a symbolic exchange of rakhis, the children extended the spirit of the festival beyond families and geographical boundaries.

The students also displayed Indian coins and currency notes, explaining their values and symbols. Their Tanzanian peers shared information about Tanzanian currency, helping the children understand cultural similarities and differences through direct interaction.

As part of the experiential learning programme, the Tan-

zanian students enjoyed a live virtual tour of Meridian's classrooms and dining hall during lunchtime.

They observed the school environment and watched their Indian peers enjoy a healthy meal, making the exchange personal and memorable.

Conducted under the guidance of Principal Ms. Aakrushi L. Bellaney, the initiative reflects Meridian School's commitment to innovative education, intercultural understanding and global citizenship.

By introducing international learning at the Foundational Stage, the school is nurturing confident, compassionate and open-minded learners.

The India-Tanzania collaboration demonstrates Meridian School's belief that meaningful education should connect the mind and heart while encouraging children to build friendships beyond national boundaries. Different languages, diverse traditions and distant countries—one shared world united by friendship.

GITAM Women Empowerment CELL VISITS WE HUB

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The Women Empowerment Cell of GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, organized an industrial visit to WE HUB on 23 September 2026, providing students with valuable exposure to the entrepreneurship and start-up ecosystem.

Around 40 girl students and five faculty members, under the supervision of Prof. Pritee Parwekar, Chairperson, Women Empowerment Cell, participated in the visit. WE HUB, India's first state-led nodal organization for women entrepreneurs, offered students insights into innovation, venture creation, mentoring, networking, and industry support.

The visit enabled students to connect classroom learning with real-world entrepreneurial practices while gaining insights into women-led entrepreneurship, leadership, creativity, and problem-solving. It served as a meaningful experiential-learning opportunity, contributing to their professional and personal development. The participating



faculty members were Jyothi Bankapalli, and Dr. Aparna from the CSSE Department; Dr. Souporni Paul from the Architecture Department; and Dr. Durgesh Nandini from the Psychology Department. The team expressed sincere appreciation to the university leadership and the Women Empowerment Cell for facilitating such enriching industry-oriented initiatives for students.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Chennai Division (Mechanical Branch)

GEM Bid No. GEM/2026/B/8054509 dated 18.09.2026

Divisional Railway Manager/Mechanical Branch/Chennai Division, Chennai-600 003 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following work as per tender notice given in the GeM Portal <https://gem.gov.in>. The tenderer(s) /contractor(s) intending to apply for GeM- tender for Mechanical works in Chennai Division, need to get enrolled in the e- tender portal <https://gem.gov.in> and only online tenders will be accepted.

Description	Location	Advertised tender Value in ₹	Earnest Money Deposit in ₹	Similar Nature of Work	Period of completion
Additional Bio - Toilet Maintenance Activities at BBQ, CSN & TBM Coaching Depots for a period of 02 years	Chennai	2,26,42,804	2,63,210	Applicable	2 Years

Tender closing date and time: 09.10.2026, 17.00 hrs Details of value of tender, EMD are given in GeM-portal <https://gem.gov.in>. For details bid submission please refer to web portal <https://gem.gov.in>.

Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical)
Chennai Division, Chennai-600 003

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Tiruchchirappalli Division

E Tender Notice No. TPJ/19 of 2026 Dt. 21.09.2026

Divisional Railway Manager /Works Branch/ Tiruchchirappalli Division, Tiruchchirappalli-1 for and on behalf of the President of India invites ONLINE tenders for the following works as per tender notice and Complete details are given in our e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs)	Amount of EMD (in ₹)	Completion period of work	Maintenance/ Defect Liability Period
1	TPJ-19-2026-01	Extension of Subway to Platform No. 4 & 5 in Thanjavur station yard.	540.18	1080400	6 months	4 years
2	TPJ-19-2026-02	Provision of Platform shelters at (i) KTM, ADT, PML, TT, BAL, NMJ, KU, KVL, NGT, NCR and VLNK stations in ADEN/TJ sub-division and (ii) TUY, MBU, PUC, CLN and KIL stations in ADEN/VM sub-division to wipe out shortfall as per MEA.	926.28	1852600	10 months	3 years
3	TPJ-19-2026-03	Provision of Platform shelters at (i) MTUR & TPTN stations in ADEN/North/TPJ sub-division, (ii) KNB station in ADEN/VM sub-division and (iii) SGM station in ADEN/Central/TPJ sub-division to wipe out shortfall as per MEA.	130.66	261300	9 months	3 years
4	TPJ-19-2026-04	Balance works to existing subways in-lieu of LC Nos.182, 184, 185, 187B, 190, 193, 194, 195 and 198 in VM-TPJ (chord line) section.	1806.93	3613900	12 months	4 years

Sl. No. 1-4 : Tender closing date and time: 15.10.2026 at 15.00 Hrs
Note: (i) It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting tender.
(ii) Exemption from remitting Bid Security Amount (EMD):
The following categories of tenderers are only exempted from remitting Bid Security:
a) Any firm recognized by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) as 'Startups' shall be exempted from payment of bid Security.
b) Labour Co-operative Societies shall submit only 50% of Bid Security.
Tenderer should submit relevant documents along with his/her offer from remitting Bid Security. Non-submission of relevant documents, shall lead to summary rejection of offer.

Sr. DEN/Co-Ord/TPJ
Divisional Railway Manager/Works/TPJ

Teachers Diaries Social Media Channel Unites Teachers, Lawmakers, Doctors, NGOs, Journalists, Advocates & Officials to Guide Students, Parents & Citizens

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A new initiative is set to strengthen student and parent awareness through direct, open conversations—Face2Face Podcast by Dr. Prapurna, featured on the Teachers Diaries Social Media Channel. This platform is built as



an inclusive space where credible voices meet face-to-face to share real guidance, practical information, and community-focused awareness in a way that families can easily understand and apply.

What makes this podcast especially meaningful is its open format and the diverse panel

it invites. It will bring together respected contributors from many pillars of society, including teachers, lawmakers, ex-servicemen, doctors, actors, NGO's, NPO's, journalists, advocates, and officials. By featuring experts and experienced public contributors together, the

conversations are designed to be both informative and balanced—rooted in real-world knowledge rather than general advice.

The podcast focuses on awareness that matters to students, parents, and citizens every day. Students can benefit from clear guidance on academic challenges, career awareness, mental well-being, safety, discipline, and responsible decision-making. Parents and citizens, on the other hand, can receive trustworthy updates and explanations on education-related systems, civic responsibilities, youth support, public health awareness, and the importance of staying informed and involved. Just as important-

ly, the platform connects knowledge to action. Since education is influenced by governance, healthcare, media, community organizations, and legal support, this series acts as a bridge between those who shape systems and those who experience them. Through engaging discussions, it is expected to reduce confusion, strengthen awareness, and help communities respond with clarity and confidence.

To learn more about the Face-2Face Podcast by Dr. Prapurna and to connect with the team for participation or collaboration, you can contact +91 97055 59984 or email teacherdiaries01@gmail.com

Job Fair for Pharmacist and Assistant Pharmacist Posts on September 30

50 Pharmacist and Assistant Pharmacist positions to be filled

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A job fair will be conducted on September 30 at 11:00 a.m. under the aegis of the Employment Bureau of Osmania University, in association with Apollo Pharmacy. The job fair will be held at the Employment Bureau office located opposite the Arts College on the Osmania University campus.

A total of 50 positions for Pharmacists and Assistant Pharmacists at Apollo Pharmacy will be filled through the job fair.

According to a statement issued by the University Employment Information Bureau (UEI & GB/MCC), candidates aged between 18 and 35 years with qualifications such as D.Pharm, B.Pharm, M.Pharm or a degree are eligible to participate in the job fair. The salary for the pharmacist positions will range from ₹16,583 to ₹25,000 per month.

For further details, candidates may contact T. Raghubathi, HR (Ph: 8247656356). Candidates have been advised to appear in person at the Osmania University Employment Bureau (UEI & GB/MCC) on September 30, 2026, along with photocopies of their educational qualification certificates.

Dr.BRAOU Hosts AWS Academy Orientation Session in Hyderabad



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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU), Hyderabad hosted the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Academy Orientation Session on Wednesday at its campus, bringing together educators, academic leaders and institutional stakeholders from across the region.

The orientation was conducted by the AWS Team that comprised of Tejas Vashi, Head of Education Programs, Strategy & Field (Global AWS) and Pratibha Singh, Country Manager, Strategy & Field, AWS Skillings & Social Impact, India and Mr. Krishna Deevi, Head, CSR Cyoint Foundations. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU, attended the programme as the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Chakrapani said that the orientation brought

together educators, academic leaders and institutional stakeholders from across the region.

He said the programme provided a comprehensive introduction to AWS skilling programmes, including AWS Academy, AWS Educate and AWS re/Start. The orientation provided a comprehensive introduction to AWS Skilling Programs – AWS Academy, AWS Educate, and AWS re/Start. The session offered a deep dive into AWS Academy's program specifications, membership model, and eligibility criteria for higher education institutions.

Participants were guided through the step-by-step onboarding process, from institutional registration to educator accreditation and Learning Management System (LMS) setup. The resource persons detailed the curriculum struc-

ture aligned to AWS Certification pathways, and showcased hands-on labs and lab projects powered by the Vocareum environment, with course offerings spanning both STEM and Non-STEM disciplines. A key highlight was the engagement framework – including ongoing support through Regional Program Managers, educator enablement workshops, student-focused initiatives such as hackathons and cloud clubs, and robust feedback mechanisms to drive continuous improvement in cloud education delivery.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A and networking, with several institutions expressing interest in onboarding to AWS Academy. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani gave a walk-through of all the digital and skilling initiatives undertaken at the University.

UPI MDR may push costs down Hyd's supply chain: TPCC

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TPCC spokesperson Syed Nizamuddin has demanded the withdrawal of the proposed Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on eligible higher-value UPI merchant transactions, warning that the additional cost could eventually travel through Hyderabad's wholesale and retail supply chains.

Addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan here on Wednesday, Nizamuddin, accompanied by Hyderabad DCC president Syed Khalid Saifulah, Bahadurpura Assembly in-charge Rajesh and senior Con-

gress leader and advocate Jagan Mohan Reddy, questioned who would ultimately bear the additional cost imposed on merchants.

From October 15, a 0.4% MDR is proposed on eligible person-to-merchant UPI transactions above Rs.2,000, subject to a maximum of Rs.300 per transaction. Person-to-person transfers, merchant payments up to Rs.2,000 and specified small merchants receiving up to Rs.1 lakh a month through UPI QR payments will remain under the zero-MDR framework. The Centre has said about 96% of merchant transactions by num-

ber will remain unaffected.

Nizamuddin argued that merchants facing the additional cost could absorb it through lower margins, reduced discounts, price adjustments or a preference for cash payments.

He cited July UPI transaction data for Hyderabad district, Rangareddy and Medchal-Malkajiri, saying the combined value was around Rs.91,800 crore. He clarified that the figures covered all UPI transactions and not only merchant payments.

Using Begum Bazaar as an example, he said wholesalers operating on thin margins

could face additional costs on high-value transactions. He also raised concerns about businesses in Laad Bazaar and Pathargatti, besides the textile, handicraft, hospitality and tourism sectors.

Nizamuddin questioned the Rs.1 lakh monthly UPI-receipt ceiling for the small-merchant exemption, arguing that turnover should not be equated with profit. He urged the Centre to withdraw the MDR framework and disclose the value of merchant transactions that would fall under the charge, rather than providing only transaction-count figures.

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