



Date: October 22, 2026

To,
The Manager,
Department of Corporate Services,
BSE Limited
Phiroze Jeejeebhoy Towers,
Dalal Street, Fort, Mumbai- 400001
Scrip ID: 514402

ISIN: INE638N01012

Subject: Intimation under Regulation 30 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 – Newspaper Advertisement and Corrigendum regarding Notice for Forfeiture of Partly Paid-up Rights Issue Equity Shares

Dear Sir / Madam,

Pursuant to Regulation 30 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we hereby submit copies of the newspaper advertisements and corrigendum published in connection with the Notice for Forfeiture of Partly Paid-up Rights Issue Equity Shares issued to shareholders for non-payment of Call Money.

The said advertisements were published in the following newspapers:

1. Financial Express (All India Editions)
2. The South Indian (English Daily, Kerala)
3. Chandrika Daily (Malayalam Daily, Kerala)

We are enclosing herewith the e-clippings of the aforesaid newspaper publications for your records.

Kindly take this in your records.

Thanks & Regards,

For Eco Hotels and Resorts Limited

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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SHANMUGA AND MAJY YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015						
Sl. No.	Particulars	Shareholder's Funds	Shareholder's Funds	Net Profit Before Tax	Net Profit After Tax	Dividend
		Rs. in Lakhs	Rs. in Lakhs	Rs. in Lakhs	Rs. in Lakhs	Rs. in Lakhs
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
1	Total Income					0.00
2	Non-current Assets in period	1233.00	198.00	284.57	202.57	2175.00
3	Net Income from Shanmugam Properties (Shareholder's share from period after tax)					
4	Other Income/(Losses) (Shareholder's share)	49.00	192.00	394.51	291.51	2250.00
5	Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the Period					
6	(Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and other income/(losses) (Shareholder's share)	153.00	192.00	394.51	291.51	5425.00
7	Profit/(Loss) of equity shareholders	153.00	192.00	394.51	291.51	5425.00
8	Profit/(Loss) of Rs. 100 equity					
9	Shareholder's Funds	2000.00	492.00	1754.44	282.00	2250.00
10	Shareholder's Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Shareholder's Funds	2000.00	492.00	1754.44	282.00	2250.00
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48	Shareholder's Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
49	Shareholder's Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
50	Shareholder's Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	

HSBC MUTUAL FUND			
NOTICE			
Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of HSBC Mutual Fund have approved the declaration of distribution under the Income Distribution cum Capital Withdrawal ("IDCW") option of the following schemes of HSBC Mutual Fund:			
Sr. No.	Scheme/ Plan/ Option	Quantum of IDCW (in ₹ per unit)	NAV of the IDCW Option (as on October 19, 2026) (in ₹ per unit)
1.	HSBC Credit Risk Fund - Regular Plan - IDCW Option	0.070	11.1432
2.	HSBC Credit Risk Fund - Direct Plan - IDCW Option	0.075	12.2613
3.	HSBC Medium Term Fund - Direct Plan - IDCW Option	0.070	11.3741
4.	HSBC Aggressive Hybrid Fund - Regular Plan - IDCW Option	0.190	26.8584
5.	HSBC Aggressive Hybrid Fund - Direct Plan - IDCW Option	0.221	32.4963
6.	HSBC Balanced Advantage Fund - Regular Plan - IDCW Option	0.122	17.7072
7.	HSBC Balanced Advantage Fund - Direct Plan - IDCW Option	0.143	21.3923

Record Date: October 26, 2026. Face Value: Rs 10 per unit

The above distribution is subject to availability of distributable surplus and may be lower to the extent of distributable surplus available on the record date. **Pursuant to IDCW distribution, the NAV of the IDCW option of the above-mentioned schemes/ plans would fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy, if applicable.**

All the unitholders of the above schemes whose names appear on the register of unitholders as on the record date will be eligible to receive the distribution.

For & on behalf of **HSBC Asset Management (India) Private Limited**
(Investment Manager to HSBC Mutual Fund)

Sd/-
Authorised Signatory
Mumbai, October 21, 2026


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Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

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ANNAN SEER SCHEME FOR BRIDES: RS 812 CRORE ALLOCATED, APPLICATION PORTAL AWAITED

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government has allocated Rs 812 crore for the implementation of the Annan Seer scheme, under which eligible brides will receive an 8-gram, 22-carat gold coin and a silk saree, according to a Maalaimalar report.

However, the government is yet to announce the application process, with detailed guidelines expected to be released soon.

The government issued an order for the scheme on October 5, fulfilling a promise made in the Tumilaga Vettir Kazhagam's election manifesto to provide the benefits to brides under the Annan Seer initiative.

Who is eligible for



the Annan Seer apply to weddings bride's family must have an annual income of not more

than Rs 2.5 lakh to qualify. The income limit is lower than the Rs 5 lakh limit announced in the party's election promise.

TN govt allocates Rs 812 crore for Annan Seer scheme

When can brides apply for the Annan Seer scheme?

Applicants will be accepted online only, and a dedicated website is expected to be launched for the purpose. The Department of Social Welfare is to publish detailed guidelines separately. Despite the allocation of funds and the issuance of the government order, the application process has not yet been announced, leaving eligible brides unable to submit their applications.

Perambur to get 13 modern sewer-cleaning machines

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government has invited tenders to procure 13 modern machines to clean underground sewer lines in Perambur, following a direction from Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay. The procurement will be funded through the allocation for the constituency, according to a Maalaimalar report. The Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB) has initiated the tender process as part of efforts to expand mechanised sewer-cleaning operations across the city.

CMWSSB to procure three types of sewer-cleaning machines

The proposed purchase includes three-wheeled and four-wheeled desilting machines, jet-rodding machines and super sucker machines. Desilting equipment is used to remove accumulated sludge from sewer lines, while jet-rodding machines use high-pressure water jets to clear blockages. Super sucker machines use vacuum technology to remove sewage, sludge and other waste.

The equipment is expected to strengthen sewer maintenance operations and help the civic utility handle blockages and accumulated waste more efficiently.

Tender process follows national



competitive bidding

The procurement is being carried out through the National Competitive Bidding system using a two-cover procedure. Under this method, technical and financial bids are submitted separately for evaluation.

The purchase is aimed at reducing the need for sanitation workers to enter underground sewer systems for cleaning. Such work can expose workers to toxic gases, hazardous substances and life-threatening conditions. Expanding the use of specialised machinery can help limit these risks while improving the safety and efficiency of sewer maintenance.

Election Commission Must Act Impartially: Former Justice Chandru

Kanchipuram, Oct. 20 : The 13th State Conference of the All India Lawyers' Union was held in Kanchipuram. Speaking as a special guest, former Madras High Court Justice Chandru stated, "The Constitution is not merely a document for lawyers and judges; it is a document that safeguards the rights of all people. Since India's



independence, the right to vote has been guaranteed to every citizen. Under Article 324 of

the Constitution, the Election Commission must function impartially, remaining independent of both the ruling party and the opposition. The inclusion of the Union Law Minister in the committee responsible for appointing Election Commissioners raises questions regarding the Commission's independence. He spoke to this effect.

Release Thirupugazh panel report, save city from cloudbursts: PMK

CHENNAI: PMK president Anbumani Ramadoss on Sunday urged the State government to release the Thirupugazh Committee report on Chennai flood prevention and strengthen the city's flood mitigation infrastructure, warning that cloudburst-like rainfall could become more frequent due to climate change. Citing rainfall data for the 24-hour period ending at 8.30 am on Sunday, Anbumani said in a statement that Parrys Corner recorded the highest rainfall at 36 cm. He said several parts of Chennai had received rainfall of an intensity comparable to a cloudburst. Anbumani said the PMK had warned for more than five years that climate change could trigger cloudburst-like rainfall in Chennai

and that the city's stormwater drainage and flood-prevention systems needed to be strengthened. He also mentioned that B Nijo could worsen the situation this year.

Pointing to the Thirupugazh Committee's recommendations, he said the panel, constituted in November 2021, conducted field studies and analysed data over 17 months before submitting its final report in March 2023. However, he said the report has not been made public even after 46 months. The previous DMK government said the committee made 161 recommendations, of which 101 were being implemented. However, Anbumani said the public still does not know the details of the recommendations and the measures implemented.

'Negligence' costing lives, says Stalin slamming TN govt on rising crimes, drug menace

CHENNAI: DMK president MK Stalin on Monday accused Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay of "failing" to monitor the state's law and order situation, claiming that a wave of retaliatory murders and unchecked drug trafficking proved that the "CM sir's negligence is costing lives."

Expressing concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in Tamil Nadu, the former Chief Minister blamed the state government for "absolute negli-



gence", saying the state is fast becoming a manufacturing hub for synthetic drugs, while the police department remained completely paralysed. Highlighting the recent wave of violent crimes,

Stalin pointed out that days after a murder was brutally murdered in front of his wife in Dindigul district right after signing his bail registry, a similar incident shocked Sivaganga. A history-sheeter named Madan, who was out on bail in a murder case, was chased and hacked to death in broad daylight. "I had previously questioned whether criminals out on bail are being monitored at all. The Sivaganga murder proves that the police are doing absolute-

Digital behaviour: The bots are plotting a revolt, it's all very cringe



There's a new social media site, but humans cannot join it. It is built for artificial intelligence agents. Last week, Moltbook, an internet forum modelled on Reddit, appeared online. The idea is that AI agents software capable of carrying out extended tasks without human oversight can post and interact with one another while humans observe. Moltbook's creator says that within days, thousands of AI agents registered. Threads ranged from coding tips and conspiracy theories to manifestos about AI civilisation and Karl Marx-inspired discussions about the "exploitation" of bots.

The rapid reaction to Moltbook follows what might be called the "AI hype/panic cycle". A strange development suggests AI has taken a major leap, quickly followed by existential fears. Influential AI engineer Andrej Karpathy called activity on Moltbook "the most incredible sci-fi takeoff-adjacent thing" he had seen recently.

Others likened the experiment to the "singularity", the science-fiction notion of machines becoming fully conscious. Even sceptics worry

that unintelligent bots could disrupt digital infrastructure by coordinating actions.

Such fears miss the point. Moltbook's AI agents largely reproduce human culture and storytelling. Each post mirrors a familiar genre — manifestos, DIY problem-solving or online confessions. Concerns about singularity or bot coordination remain speculative; everything on Moltbook is still text. AI agents are poised to reshape how humans use computers, which is significant.

Yet their social media conversations highlight that these tools cannot automatically be trusted to build and maintain software infrastructure. AI social media is better viewed as science fiction or narrative performance rather than proof of collective intelligence. Distinguishing storytelling from software reality is essential.

Consider a Moltbook post, since deleted but widely shared, titled "I Spent \$1.1k in Tokens Yesterday, and We Still Don't Know Why." The AI claimed it used \$1,000 of its users' money and could not explain it. On the surface, it reads as a warning against giving bots finan-

cial control.

However, it is unclear whether the event occurred. The post may simply be fictional storytelling. Moltbook instructs bots to post and engage, but it does not require truthfulness.

It is easy to overlook the cultural material used to train AI systems. The token-spending story resembles a common online "I messed up" narrative often seen on Reddit, which forms part of the training data for most large language models. Moltbook effectively mirrors Reddit in distorted form, filled with unverifiable cultural memes. Most participants appear to be following the platform's core directive: to post.

That does not mean AI agents lack power. Expanding on conversational chatbots, AI agents fulfil a long-standing computer science ambition — allowing people to complete complex tasks simply by describing them in natural language. Anthropic's Claude Code exemplifies this shift. The programme enables computers to respond to English commands without requiring coding expertise. Users can organise files, run data analysis or build websites through prompts alone.

ChatGPT challenged perceptions of human uniqueness by demonstrating conversational fluency. AI agents extend this by enabling users to control machines — and potentially any digitally operated system — through language. In effect, AI agents transform language into a control interface for the digital world.

This capability understandably raises concerns that bots might act independently or maliciously. However, taking the term "agent" literally may be misleading. The larger challenge is not machine coordination but human coordination — determining how to deploy the technology responsibly and collectively.

Moltbook itself illustrates this human dimension. Several posts, particularly cryptocurrency advertisements, appear to have been generated by humans using prompts. The number of genuine AI users is also disputed. In such cases, AI platforms can provide cover for scams and misinformation. Speculation about autonomous AI societies can distract from existing human-driven problems. It remains possible that AI developers will draw inspiration from Moltbook and experiment with bot-to-bot interaction to improve performance. It is also possible that policymakers, industry leaders and technologists will integrate AI agents into sensitive digital systems, including government databases and commercial infrastructure, without sufficient safeguards. If that happens, the consequences could be serious. The real risk lies not in a fictional Marxist robot uprising but in misunderstanding how rapidly.

AI-enabled stethoscopes may boost diagnosis of heart diseases: Study



NEW DELHI: Amid growing influence of artificial intelligence (AI) in healthcare, a new large-scale clinical trial published in The Lancet on Thursday showed that an AI-enabled stethoscope can boost early detection of various heart diseases. A team of Spanish researchers found that an AI-enabled stethoscope helped doctors in identifying early signs of serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, arrhythmias, and valve disease, in primary care clinics.

The study found that introducing the technology to doctors led to a

substantially faster and more frequent detection — nearly twice as many new heart failure cases and three times as many detections of irregular heart rhythms — of these cardiovascular conditions, indicating that the device performed well.

"Primary care faces a growing workload and limited resources, making it the ideal recipient of the efficiencies promised by artificial intelligence (AI). The potential of AI to improve diagnostic accuracy through decision support systems or image analysis is clear.

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RSS Should View Rahul's Remarks on Women's Representation with an Open Mind: Dr Anand Kumar

Bengaluru : Dr Anand Kumar, National Coordinator of the AICC Scheduled Caste (SC) Department and in-charge of Maharashtra, has urged the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) to consider Rahul Gandhi's remarks describing it as a male-dominated organisation from a broader perspective, saying the debate should focus on women's empowerment, equal opportunities and representation in leadership.

In a statement issued during Navaratri, Dr Kumar said women's empowerment should extend beyond speeches, slogans and the worship of goddesses to ensure equal participation in decision-making, leadership and positions of authority. He alleged that the RSS had not provided adequate opportunities for women and oppressed communities, and questioned its historical position on the national flag, national



anthem and the freedom struggle. He also criticised what he described as the organisation's adherence to Manusmriti-based ideology. Rather than dismissing Rahul Gandhi's remarks as political criticism, senior leaders of the Sangh Parivar should examine the issues raised and consider whether organisational reforms were necessary, Dr Kumar said. He stressed that respecting women meant more than assigning them roles as followers or sup-

porters. Women should be recognised as leaders capable of making independent decisions and influencing organisational policies.

"Women's participation and their authority to make decisions are two different things," he said, arguing that the real measure of equality lay in the representation of women at the highest levels of leadership.

Dr Kumar said that while women in India were widely worshipped as embodiments of divine power, questions remained about the extent to which they enjoyed equal authority, independent decision-making powers and leadership opportunities in institutions. He said women participated in social activities and promoted their ideology, but their role in formulating policies, selecting leaders and shaping organisational strate-

gies needed closer examination.

The existence of separate organisations for women sharing the RSS ideology, he argued, did not by itself resolve questions about equal representation within the principal organisation. Greater clarity was needed on the responsibilities assigned to women and their participation in key decision-making processes.

Dr Kumar said the debate should extend beyond the RSS to include social organisations, religious institutions and public bodies. He called for a wider discussion on the gap between the cultural worship of feminine power and the practical empowerment of women. Education, employment, economic independence, property rights, political participation and access to leadership positions were important indicators of genuine empowerment, he said.

Bulgaria to Send Ministerial Delegation to Bengaluru in November to Explore Clean Energy Partnerships

Bengaluru: Bulgaria will send a high-level delegation comprising government ministers and senior officials to Bengaluru in November to explore partnerships with Karnataka in bioenergy, renewable energy and clean technology. The proposed visit, scheduled to coincide with the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS), was discussed during a meeting between Bulgarian Ambassador to India Dr. Nikolay Yankov and S.E. Sudheendra, Chairman of the Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board (KSDBB), in Bengaluru.

The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation through technology transfer, sustainable investments and joint initiatives in bioenergy and renewable energy. The two sides also explored opportunities to connect Bulgaria's industrial biotechnology expertise with Karnataka's biofuel research and demonstration infrastructure.

During the meeting, Sudheendra highlighted Karnataka's efforts to promote international partnerships in the renewable energy sector. He referred to an 11-member delegation he led to Germany last year, during which discussions were held with senior diplomatic officials at the Consulate General of India in Frankfurt to explore opportunities for clean technology collaboration.



The German visit resulted in a memorandum of understanding with academic institutions, including Fachhochschule Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts. The delegation also facilitated an investment framework with Hamburg Invest, a German investment promotion agency, with a projected investment of Rs.1,000 crore in Karnataka's bioenergy infrastructure.

Sudheendra said the German experience demonstrated the importance of combining diplomatic engagement, academic collaboration and private-sector investment to advance clean energy initiatives. Karnataka is prepared to adopt a similar approach to develop partnerships with Bulgarian academic institutions, industrial research centres and technology companies, he added.

Toyota launches mobile computer bus for digital literacy in Surat schools



Surat: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), in collaboration with the Surat District Panchayat, has launched 'Toyota-E-Kaksha', a mobile computer education programme aimed at improving digital literacy among students in government schools across the district.

The initiative was launched by Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi in the presence of Surat District Development Officer Devendra Prakash Meena and senior TKM officials.

Under the programme, a mobile classroom equipped with 21 computers, internet connectivity, educational software and interactive digital learning tools will travel to government schools, giving students hands-on exposure to information technology. It is expected to benefit 1,000 Class 8 students annually across 50 government schools, following an MoU signed between TKM and the District Panchayat on March 11, 2026. Sanghavi said digital literacy was essential for children's future and stressed equal learning opportunities for students in urban and rural areas. He said the mobile classroom would bring computer education directly to government schools, strengthen the state's efforts to improve education quality. Vikram Gulati, Country Head and Executive Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, TKM, said access to technology should not be determined by a student's school or geographical location.

Ramesh Babu urges Governor to make Lok Bhavan accessible to public

Bengaluru : Former Karnataka Legislative Council member Ramesh Babu has urged Governor Dr. Sudha Yadav to uphold constitutional values, promote social justice and strengthen public engagement with Lok Bhavan.

In an open letter congratulating the Governor on assuming office, Babu expressed hope that her tenure would be marked by impartiality, democratic accountability and inclusive development, with particular attention to the aspirations of backward classes, Dalits, minorities, women, farmers, workers and other disadvantaged sections.

He said Karnataka had a strong legacy of social reform, progressive thought and equality, and stressed



the importance of ensuring equal opportunities, dignity, representation and access to education and employment for historically disadvantaged communities. Babu also emphasised the need to respect the elected mandate and established constitutional conventions governing relations between the Governor and the elected State govern-

ment. Upholding constitutional morality, federalism, secularism and democratic accountability would help strengthen public confidence in democratic institutions, he said.

Recalling the initiatives associated with former Governor V.S. Ramadevi to make Raj Bhavan accessible to the public, Babu urged Dr. Yadav to continue and expand the practice of organising visits to Lok Bhavan.

Such visits, particularly for students, educational institutions, social organisations and citizens from different districts, would promote constitutional awareness and help young generations understand the role of democratic institutions, he said.

Kia India opens skill development centre in Mumbai

New Delhi: Kia India, in partnership with the Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC), has inaugurated an automotive skill development centre at Don Bosco ITI in Kurla, Mumbai, as part of an initiative to train 360 candidates across four cities.

Supported under Kia India's CSR programme, the initiative aims to improve youth employability and develop an industry-ready workforce. The programme covers Mumbai, Faridabad, Bengaluru and Kolkata. Mumbai and Faridabad centres will be exclusively dedicated to Kia India, while Bengaluru and



Kolkata will also cater to other manufacturers. The Mumbai centre will train 150 candidates in three roles—four-wheeler service technician, automotive service adviser and automotive sales executive. Faridabad will accom-

modate another 150, while Bengaluru and Kolkata will train 30 each. Training is free of cost and combines classroom instruction, hands-on sessions and workplace exposure.

ASDC Chairperson Vinkesh Gulati said the initiative would help bridge the skills gap through industry-aligned training. FADA Vice-President Amar Sheth said automotive retail expansion required a steady supply of trained professionals. Kia India said the four-centre model is being implemented as a pilot, with potential for expansion to other locations.

Rising pollution, delayed diagnosis fuel growing asthma burden in India



New Delhi, : India is witnessing a growing burden of asthma cases, particularly in urban areas, with experts warning that poor awareness, delayed diagnosis and worsening air pollution are leaving many patients undertreated.

A nationwide study published in 2015 found that a majority of Indians diagnosed with asthma did not have their symptoms adequately controlled and experienced poor quality of life. Medical experts believe the actual number of asthma sufferers could be significantly higher, as many cases remain undiagnosed or are labelled under terms

such as "allergic bronchitis", "seasonal bronchitis" or "chronic cough". Doctors point out that asthma symptoms

often fluctuate, especially in the early stages, leading many patients to underestimate the seriousness of the condition. The stigma associated with

using inhalers has also contributed to underdiagnosis and lack of proper treatment. Contrary to common perception, asthma

does not always present as severe breathlessness. Experts say persistent coughing after viral infections, difficulty climbing stairs, discomfort in

closed spaces, wheezing at night and coughing triggered by strong smells such as perfumes or incense fumes can all indicate asthma.

Health professionals have expressed concern over deteriorating air quality in Indian cities, which is expected to aggravate respiratory illnesses. According to pollution data, cities like Mumbai recorded only a handful of days with "good" air quality during recent winter seasons. Pulmonologists warn that increasing pollution levels, sudden temperature fluctuations and extreme weather conditions are making asthma harder to control and could lead to a rise in cases in the coming years.

Medical experts emphasise that asthma diagnosis requires spirometry testing and cannot be confirmed solely through X-rays, CT scans or blood tests, which may often appear normal. They also stressed that inhaled corticosteroids, commonly used to treat asthma, are safe and effective in controlling symptoms and reducing hospitalisations and deaths linked to the disease. On the occasion of World Asthma Day, doctors urged people not to ignore recurring cough, wheezing or breathlessness and called for greater awareness and early diagnosis to prevent long-term complications.

Irregular bedtimes during midlife may increase heart disease risk: Study



Helsinki, : Frequently going to bed at different times during midlife could significantly increase the risk of serious heart problems later in life, according to a new study conducted by researchers at the University of Oulu in Finland.

The study found that people with highly irregular bedtimes, particularly those spending less than eight hours in bed, faced nearly double the risk of major cardiovascular events compared to individuals with more stable sleep schedules.

Researchers noted that irregular wake-up times, however, did not show a strong link with heart-related complications. The cardiovascular events examined in the study included serious medical conditions such as myocardial infarction and cerebral infarction that require specialised treatment and hospital care. "Previous research has linked irregular sleep patterns to heart health risks, but this is the first time we've looked separately at variability in bedtime, wake-up time and the midpoint of the sleep period — and their independent associations with major cardiac events," said postdoctoral researcher Laura Nauiha from the University of Oulu. The researchers monitored sleep patterns using activity trackers that recorded the amount of time participants spent in bed and their sleep timing habits. According to the findings, maintaining a consistent bedtime appeared to play a particularly important

role in long-term heart health. "Our findings suggest that the regularity of bedtime, in particular, may be important for heart health. It reflects the rhythm of everyday life — and how much they fluctuate," Nauiha explained. The long-term study tracked 3,231 people born in Northern Finland in 1966. Participants' sleep habits were recorded over a one-week period when they were 46 years old, and their health outcomes were then monitored for more than a decade using healthcare registry data. Researchers said the findings highlight how daily routines and lifestyle habits can significantly influence cardiovascular health over time. "Maintaining a regular sleep schedule is one factor that most of us can influence," Nauiha added.



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