

President of India to grace the commemoration of the 100th year of the Madras Legislative Council and unveil portrait of Dr Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi in Chennai

Chennai, August 02, 2021: Vice Admiral SN Ghormade, AVSM, NM has assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff from Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at a formal ceremony held this morning at South Block, New Delhi. Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar is retiring today after glorious service of 39 years.

Vice Admiral S N Ghormade is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, Naval Staff College at the United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, and the Naval War College, Mumbai. The Flag Officer was commissioned in the Indian Navy on 01 Jan 1984 and is a Navigation and Direction specialist. The Flag Officer has had extensive operational tenures onboard frontline warships of the Indian Navy. During his career spanning over 37 years, he has been through a myriad of operational and staff appointments. His important operational appointments include Commands of Guided Missile Frigate INS Brahmaputra, Submarine Rescue Vessel INS Nireekshak, and

Minesweeper INS Alleppey, and Second-in-Command of Guided Missile Frigate INS Ganga. INS Nireekshak was awarded the Unit Citation for the first time during his command.

His important staff appointments ashore include Assistant Chief of Personnel (Human Resources Development), Principal Director of Personnel, Director Naval Plans and Joint Director Naval Plans at Naval Headquarters as separate assignments, Director (Military Affairs) at the Ministry of External Affairs (Disarmament & International Security Affairs), Local Workup Team (West), and Instructor at the Navigation Direction School and the National Defence Academy. The officer also held the coveted appointments of Flag Officer Commanding Karnataka Naval Area and Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Naval Area.

In the rank of Vice Admiral he has held the challenging and coveted appointments of Director General Naval Operations, Chief of Staff Eastern Naval Command and Controller Personnel Services. The Flag



Officer was holding the tri-service appointment of Deputy Chief (Operations & Training) at Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff prior taking over the present appointment as Vice Chief of the Naval Staff at IHQ MoD(N).

The Flag officer was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal on 26 Jan 17 and Naushera Medal in 2007 by the President of India, and Commendation by the Chief of the Naval Staff in 2000.

He has succeeded Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar who retires after more than 39 years of illustrious service on 31 Jul 21. During his tenure as VCNS, the Navy saw an increase in budget allocation with 100% utilisation of

allocated budget with impetus on capital acquisition. He proactively pushed for adopting 'AtmaNirbhar Bharat' Mission with Navy allocating more than 2/3rd of capital procurement from indigenous sources, 39 out of 41 ships and submarines for Indian Navy are being constructed in Indian Shipyards. The first ever procurement case under the Strategic Partnership Model for Project 75(I) was successfully progressed for issuance of RFP during his tenure. Many other instances of technological advancements, capability enhancements and research and development projects with DRDO and DPSU were progressed during his illustrious tenure.

Urgent need to bridge the skill gap in youth: Vice President

New Delhi, August 02, 2021: The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu today stressed the urgent need to bridge the skill gap in the youth to make them competent for the new market demands and to improve the productivity of our workforce. 'This is critical to accelerate India's economy in the coming years,' he said.

In this regard, Shri Naidu called upon the leaders in the industry and social sector to supplement the efforts of the government in training and skill development such as the Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Udaan, etc. He urged the industry to take this up as a 'noble social mission'. He appreciated the efforts of Indian companies who have been imparting such vocational training through their corporate social



responsibility and generating sustainable livelihoods for many poor people. He also noted the crucial role of skilling in uplifting and empowering women financially and socially.

Visiting the GMR Varalakshmi Foundation's Centre for Empowerment and Livelihoods in Hyderabad,

Shri Naidu interacted with the staff and the participants undergoing training at the centre. He suggested that skill up-gradation must also match the emerging demands of the 21st century in order to remain competitive in the job market. He advised the trainees to be abreast with the latest technological developments.

Later, the Vice President also visited GMR Chinmay Vidyalaya and interacted with the teachers and students. The founder-chairman of GMR Group, Grandhi Mallikarjun Rao, officials and staff of the GMR Varalakshmi Foundation and others were present during the visit.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah lays foundation stone of Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Sciences

New Delhi, August, 01 2021: Voltas, India's undisputed leader in Cooling Products, and the No. 1 AC brand, from the house of the Tata's, announced lucrative monsoon season offers on its portfolio of Cooling Products and Home Appliances for its PAN India customers. The offers will be available until mid-September, and can be availed through in-store purchases.

Under these offers, consumers can buy ACs with 0% Consumer Finance through NBFCs along with Lifetime Inverter Compressor Warranty and 5-year comprehensive warranty. On all Air Conditioners, Air Coolers, and Home Appliances Voltas is running the zero down payment scheme where customers do not have to pay any down payment while opting for the product in easy EMIs. Not only that, within this scheme the customers can avail different tenure for EMIs for



year, as consumers are seeking cooling products and home appliances that offer them cooling, convenience and comfort. These offers for the monsoon season have been introduced keeping in mind affordability, as well as ease of purchase for our customers. We have partnered with leading financial institutions for facilitating easy EMI programmes for our range of products, as well as credit card cashback offers. We believe these offers will enable customers to invest in upgrading their cooling products and home appliances with no financial burden."

Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Pradeep Bakshi, MD & CEO, Voltas Limited said, "Due to the hybrid working model, the demand is returning back this

Shuttle P V Sindhu bags bronze medal in Tokyo Olympics, becomes the first Indian woman to win 2 Olympic medals

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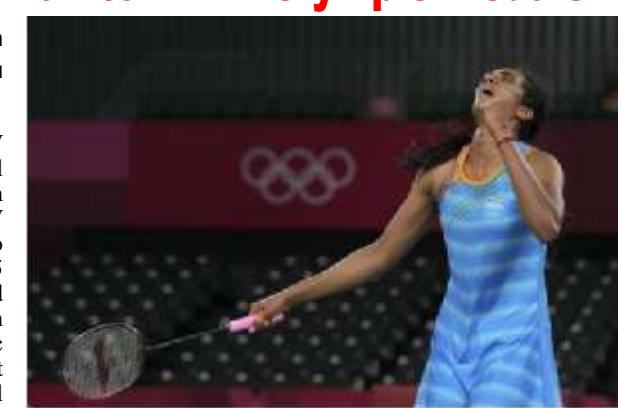
Key Highlight: Sindhu defeated He Bing Jiao of China by 21-13 and 21-15 in the bronze medal match

President Shri Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulate Sindhu for her stupendous performance

Congratulating Sindhu, Sports

Minister Anurag Singh Thakur says, you made history

Indian shuttler P V Sindhu won the bronze medal in women's single match in Tokyo Olympics today. PV Sindhu defeated He Bing Jiao of China by 21-13 and 21-15 in the bronze medal match and became the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals. Sindhu won silver at Rio 2016. Wrestler Sushil Kumar is the first and only other Indian to win two Olympic medals. President Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Prime



Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Sports Minister Shri Anurag Thakur and Indians from all corner of the country congratulated PV Sindhu for her achievement.

PM congratulates P V Sindhu for winning Bronze Medal in Badminton at Tokyo Olympics 2020

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said that she is India's pride and one of our most outstanding Olympians.

In a tweet, the Prime Minister said;

"We are all elated by the stellar performance by #Tokyo2020"



ESTABLISHMENT OF HOTLINE BETWEEN INDIAN ARMY AND PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (PLA) IN NORTH SIKKIM

New Delhi, August 02,

2021: A hotline was established between Indian Army in Kongra La, North Sikkim and PLA at Khamba Dzong in Tibetan Autonomous Region to further the spirit of trust and cordial relations along the borders. The event coincided with the PLA Day on 01 Aug 2021.

The Armed forces of

the two countries have well established mechanisms for communication at ground commanders level. These hotlines in various sectors go a long way in enhancing the same and maintaining peace and tranquility at the borders.

The inauguration was attended by ground commanders of the respective Armies and a



message of friendship and harmony was exchanged

10 Guinness world record have been created during the distribution camps conducted by ministry under ADIP scheme

New Delhi, August, 02 2021: A Samajik Adhikarita Shivir for distribution of aids and assistive devices to 'Divyangjan' under the ADIP Scheme and to Senior Citizens under the 'Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana' of the Ministry of Social Justice and

Govt. of India who presided over the function. Shri A. Narayanswamy, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India also graced the occasion virtually. Shri Sushil Kumar Singh, Member of Parliament, Aurangabad



attended the function at main venue in Aurangabad whereas Shri Mahabali Singh, Member of Parliament, Karakat joined the function virtually in the presence of other dignitaries.

A total of 5102 aids and assistive devices valued at Rs.2.43 crore will be distributed free of cost to 1521 Divyangjan and 546 Senior Citizens at Block/Panchayat levels by following the SOP prepared by the Department in view of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Chief Guest of the function Dr. Vinod Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India inaugurated the camp virtually from New Delhi along with Sushri Pratima Bhumi, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment,

distributed among identified Divyangjan and senior citizens beneficiaries registered during assessment camps at Block Level includes 1062 Tricycles, 385 Wheelchairs, 936 Crutches, 417 Walking Sticks, 43 Rollators, 07 Smart Phone, 40 Smart Cane, 8 Braille Kit, 06 C. P Chair, 16 MSID Kit, 10 ADL Kit, 06 Cell phone, 873 Hearing Aid, 332 Artificial Limbs and Callipers, 505 tetrapod, 02 Walker, 62 Spectacles, 392 Dentures etc.

In view of COVID19 Pandemic, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been approved by the Government of India for ensuring assessment and distribution of aids and assistive devices while observing social distancing and sanitization protocols.

Shri D R Sarin, CMD ALIMCO addressed the vote of thanks in the function virtually and Shri Saurav Suman, Collector, Aurangabad was also present at the main venue of the function in Aurangabad.