

Prime Minister's Dream of TB Free India by 2025

Chennai, 03 Sep 2021: Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare today interacted with State Health Ministers and Principal Secretaries/Additional Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs in the presence of Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, to review the progress made in the fight against TB through focussed and concerted efforts of the Union Government and the States.



Health Ministers of States including T.S. Singh Deo, Health Minister (Chhattisgarh), Mangal Pandey, Health Minister (Bihar), Anil Viju, Health Minister (Rajasthan) attended the meet on behalf of their States.

(Jharkhand), Dr. K. Sudhakar, Minister of Medical Education (Karnataka), Veena George, Health Minister (Kerala), Raghu Sharma, Health Minister (Odisha), Rajiv Saizal, Health Minister (Himachal Pradesh), Banna Gupta, Health and Medical Education Minister

multiplying our efforts to eliminate TB in the next three years. She appreciated the various steps taken during COVID Pandemic like bi-directional screening of TB and COVID and the doorstep delivery of TB drugs. She exhorted the entire team of health administrators to undertake extensive active case finding and said, "Jan jan ko jagana hain, TB ko bhagana hain."

All the States/UTs working with the TB program attending the event communicated the impact of their work in the past few years and shared their plans to support them to eliminate TB by 2025.

Rajesh Bhushan, Union Health Secretary, Arati Ahuja, Additional Secretary (Health), Dr. Manohar Agnani, Additional Secretary (Health), and other senior officials of the Ministry were also present at the event.

Invoking the framework of cooperative federalism, Dr. Pawar underscored the need to work together by

TN Health Minister MA. Subramanian inaugurates Elekta Infinity, the state of art Linear Accelerator Cancer Radiotherapy equipment at Dr Kamakshi Memorial Hospitals

Chennai, 03 Sep 2021: Dr. Kamakshi Memorial Hospitals inaugurated Elekta Infinity, its newly commissioned Linear Accelerator and the latest cutting edge technology in Cancer Radiotherapy Treatment. The facility was inaugurated by M.A. SUBRAMANIAN, Minister for Health and Family welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu in the august presence of THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN, Member of Parliament & ARAVIND RAMESH, Member of Legislative Assembly, Sholinganallur (Guests of Honour).

Dr. T.G. Govindarajan, Founder Chairman and Managing Director spoke about the genesis of this Hospital tracing its dedication especially to Cancer Treatment and its bid to break the hitherto handheld myth that cancer was incurable and its determined mission driven by a passion to make cancer treatment available to all strata of the Society at affordable cost levels. According to Dr. T.G. Govindarajan, The Elekta Infinity Linear Accelerator with its varied applications and add on features which has been installed at a total cost of



around Rs. 20 Crores is arguably the finest quality of Radiotherapy Equipment available today and a real boon to Cancer Patients. Among its highlights, it is the only machine in Tamil Nadu to have been uniquely equipped with Active Breathing Coordinator (ABC) feature which ensures that the normal and healthy tissues surrounding the Heart, Lungs and other organs that move with natural respiration are protected from beams of radiation while treating Breast and Lung cancers.

Dr. T.G. Govindarajan also briefed the gathering on the subtle and salient features of this Equipment. The Elekta Infinity offers Volumetric Modulated Arc Therapy (VMAT), a novel Radiotherapy Technique delivering Speed and utmost precision in treating the tumour to the millimetre precision with negligible damage to the surrounding tissues. Besides this, it has other features like Active Breathing Coordinator™ for Respiratory motion management, BodyFIX® patient immobilization for Precise patient positioning and immobilization, Fraxion™ for Patient-Specific Cranial

Pulmonology, Radiology, Pathology, Thoracic Surgery and Geriatrics. They cover both diagnostics and treatment methodologies namely surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy. The Hospital provides total cancer care under one roof and each member of the team has a contribution at different points of time in the treatment of cancer. No stone is left unturned to ensure the patient recovers fully.

To make this high end treatment available to all sections of Society, Dr. Kamakshi Memorial Hospitals also offers this under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance (Tamil Nadu Government's Maruthuva Kapitu Thittam).

Dr. Kamakshi Memorial Hospitals' Oncology team is a dedicated 40-member team of Doctors, 20 from Radiation oncology, five each from Surgical oncology and Medical oncology, and 10 Senior consultants from Neurosurgery, Gynaecology, ENT, Urology, Gastroenterology

Chemplast Sanmar completes early redemption of Redeemable "NCDs" using the IPO proceeds

Chennai, September 03, 2021: Chemplast Sanmar Limited announced today that it has redeemed, on 31st August 2021, the entire outstanding NCDs that were issued in December 2019 by the Company.

The redemption of these NCDs amounting to

Rs.1238.25 Crores, which was part of the Objects of the primary issue, was made using the net proceeds of fresh issue of equity shares of the Company (IPO) made in August 2021.

The company further announced that, using the net proceeds of the Offer for Sale

(OFS), received by the Selling Shareholders Sanmar Holdings Limited and SESL, the term loan availed by SESL from HDFC Limited has been fully repaid.

Consequently, the security in respect of this loan, including the pledge over the equity shares of CCVL, the promoters.

Based on the response, the Bank has decided to accept Rs. 4,000 crores at a coupon of 7.72%. This is the lowest pricing ever offered on such debt, issued by any Indian bank since the implementation of Basel III capital rules in 2013. The AT1 instrument is perpetual in nature, however, it can be

called back by the issuer after five years or any anniversary date thereafter.

While the Bank has AAA credit rating from local credit agencies, the AT1 offering is rated AA+, which is the highest rating in the country for these instruments in view of the hybrid and high-risk nature of these instruments.

SBI raises Rs. 4000 crore via AT1 bonds

Mumbai, September 03 2021: State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, has raised Rs. 4,000 crore of the Basel compliant Additional Tier 1 (AT1) bonds, on Wednesday at a coupon rate of 7.72%. This is the first AT1 Bond issuance in the domestic market post the new SEBI regulations. The issue garnered overwhelming

S.Rly General Manager inaugurates New Data Centre for PRS/UTS ticketing at Chennai Moore Market Complex

Chennai, September 03 2021:

The new Data Centre of Indian Railways at Chennai was inaugurated by John Thomas, General Manager/Southern Railway yesterday (01/09/2021) in the presence of B.G.Mallya, Additional General Manager, Ravi Valluri, Principal Chief Commercial Manager, J.Vinayan, Chief Commercial Manager (Passenger Marketing), Ganesh, Divisional Railway Manager/Chennai and Sachin Punetha, Additional Divisional Railway Manager-II/Chennai and Tej Partap Singh, Regional General Manager/CRIS (Centre for Railway Information Systems).

The Southern Railway Data Centre caters to the Passenger Reservation System (PRS), Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) and the Mobile Ticketing System over Southern, South Western and South Central Railways. The old Data Centre had been established in 1985 and over the years had become congested and was badly in need of infrastructure renovation to cater to the steady growth, touching thousands of counters and over 9 lakh tickets per day including the online ticketing platform of IRCTC. The New Data Centre has 16 racks for Servers, 10 racks for Communication equipment and includes provision to accommodate future development upto next 20 years/16 more racks.

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floor of the Chennai Moore MarketComplex.

The new Data Centre replaces the 1980's vintage Data Centre in the same building near Chennai Central Railway Station. The Chennai regional Data Centre houses the Servers of PRS, UTS, Mobile Ticketing, National Train Enquiry System and a host of other services and applications for public as well as for Railways' internal working. The new Data Centre complex includes rooms for Servers, Communication equipment, Service Providers and other technical requirements as well as renovated and refurbished offices of Chief Commercial Manager/Passenger Marketing, Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS), Railway Console Office, Data Base Management office etc. The

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1. UPS to cater to the entire server farm including triple redundancies

2. Precision Air



conditioning to maintain temperature at optimum levels.3.

Automatic Fire Suppression system and VESDA based fire detection system.

Biometric based access control system at two levels.

24x7 Security with CCTV surveillance system.

Water leakage detection system.

Rodent Repellent System.

Integrated Building Management System (IBMS) to monitor Environment Control, Access Control, Video Surveillance and Electrical Systems on a 24x7 basis.

Modern plush ambience Interiors with Workstations and chairs.

Structured LAN cabling, wifi and Public Address System.

DRM/Chennai was the agency executing the work for the Commercial department of Southern Railway with a sanction of Rs.14.31 Cr. having been granted by Railway Board. M/s.NIKOM Infra solutions Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi was the executing agency.

From the night of Saturday 28/08/2021, the old Data Centre had been shut down and all ticketing activities had been going on from the Disaster Recovery Site at South Central Railway, Secunderabad. The Chennai Servers finally came fully online at around 01.30 A.M this morning (01/09/2021) when the booting up activity was successfully done at the new complex.

The new complex was dedicated to the nation by Shri. John Thomas, GM/Southern Railway at a small function duly following all COVID protocols on 01/09/2021 (Wednesday).

BharatPe partners with Axis Bank for its POS business

Chennai, September 1, 2021: BharatPe, India's leading fintech company for merchants, today announced a strategic alliance with Axis Bank, the third largest private sector bank in India. As a part of the association, Axis Bank will be the acquiring bank for BharatPe's POS business (BharatSwipe) and will empower acceptance of credit and debit card payments for BharatPe's merchants using BharatSwipe.

Commenting on the partnership, Sanjeev Moghe, EVP & Head- Cards & Payments, Axis Bank said, "We have been continuously working on partnership led

models & digital solutions to expand our offerings to the merchant community. In this endeavour, we are delighted to partner with BharatPe, one of the fastest growing fintech brands in the country. This partnership aids our commitment to drive digital adoption across the ecosystem and achieve the goal of financial inclusion by bringing technological access for digital payments to all segments of the society.

Further, we look forward to partnering with other fintechs and e-commerce players to help them ensure merchant stickiness on their QR code installations by providing co-branded POS plus QR and

rolling out customer credit offerings as well as add loyalty and rewards features to our POS devices in the coming months. In order to achieve these, we will be exploring partnerships with banking and financial institutions that can empower our offering. We believe that Axis Bank is amongst the 'digitally-ahead' banks in the country and we are confident that this partnership will be not only help us deliver a seamless offering to our merchants, but also be instrumental in our journey to achieve the next level of growth. We look forward to a more holistic association with them in the times to come."

Honda Cars India ties up with IndusInd Bank to offer lucrative financing schemes ahead of festive season

Chennai, September 03 2021:

Honda Cars India Limited (HCIL), leading manufacturer of premium cars in India has partnered with IndusInd Bank to offer a gamut of convenient, affordable and personalized finance schemes for its customers, addressing their varied financing and payment needs. The partnership will facilitate customers to avail custom-built financing solutions on purchase of Honda Amaze and Honda City such as Low EMI, Flexi term, upto 100% ex showroom funding and customized schemes for specific customer groups like Farmers etc.

Considering the auspicious festive period ahead of us, HCIL has tied up with multiple financiers including PSU Banks, Retail

Financiers and NBFCs, with a keen focus on semi-urban and rural regions, to offer competitive interest rates and flexible repayment options to enhance customer convenience during their car purchase. Special schemes have also been offered to make this buying season even more attractive and rewarding. These schemes will offer easy to buy options for customers in the prevailing COVID scenario, where more and more customers are opting for personal mobility to keep themselves safe and healthy.

Commenting on this partnership and roll out of special schemes, Mr Rajesh Goel, Senior Vice President & Director, Marketing & Sales, Honda Cars India Limited, said, "The partnership with IndusInd Bank is an extension

of our efforts towards making personal mobility more accessible and affordable to diverse set of customers, both salaried and self employed. We anticipate increased demand during festive period, and with this partnership we will be offering easy, hassle-free and personalised financing solutions designed to encourage purchase and elevate car ownership experience." He further added "Leveraging IndusInd Bank's wide network of distribution points and branches, we will be increasing our reach and penetration across the country while making the brand interaction and purchase process much easier for customers."

Speaking about the partnership, Mr. S. V. Parthasarathy, Head - Consumer Finance Division,

IndusInd Bank, said, "We are proud and excited to be partner with Honda Cars India. With this, our customers will have a seamless journey towards financing and ultimately driving their dream cars." Elaborating further on the partnership, Mr. T.A.Rajagopalan, Executive Vice President, IndusInd Bank, said, "Our association with Honda Cars India will further enrich customer experience and aid the journey to purchase their dream cars with our pocket-friendly financial schemes, warm customer service and extensive market knowledge. These lucrative and customized financial schemes can be availed by all customers through an easy documentation process followed by our network pan-India."