

Phone call between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Republic of Maldives

Chennai, July 15, 2021: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the President of the Republic of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih had a telephone conversation today.

President Solih thanked Prime Minister Modi for the India's cooperation and support in the fight against the Covid pandemic.

Both leaders reviewed the progress of the India-supported development projects in the Maldives and expressed satisfaction at the rapid pace of implementation despite the constraints of the

Covid pandemic.

Prime Minister Modi noted that Maldives is a central pillar in India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and its maritime vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR).

Prime Minister also conveyed his congratulations to H.E. President Solih for the election of Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid as the President of the UN General Assembly.

The telephone conversation between the two



leaders provided them an opportunity to take stock of the overall state of bilateral relations and provide further

momentum and guidance to the ongoing substantive cooperation between the two countries.

Union Home Ministry Requests CBI to Inquire into the Deaths of Rosy Sangma and Samuel Sangma

Chennai, July 15, 2021: The Union Home Ministry has requested the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to inquire into the case of the deaths of Ms. Rosy Sangma and Shri Samuel Sangma.

The case relates to death of Ms. Rosy Sangma a hospital in Gurgaon on June 24 this year after she had complained of a medical condition. Later, Shri Samuel Sangma, a relative of Ms. Rosy Sangma, suspecting

medical negligence, had an altercation with doctors and staff of the hospital. On the next day, June 25 the Delhi Police received information regarding the death of Shri Samuel Sangma in New Delhi.

The family of the deceased has alleged that Ms. Rosy Sangma had died due to negligence on part of the hospital. They also attributed some alleged foul play in the death of Shri Samuel Sangma by the hospital personnel.

Nominations for Padma Awards-2022 open till 15th September, 2021

Chennai, July 15, 2021: Online nominations/recommendations for the Padma Awards (Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri) to be announced on the occasion of Republic Day, 2022 is on. The last date for nominations for Padma Awards is 15th September, 2021. The nominations/recommendations for Padma Awards will be received online only on the Padma Awards portal <https://padmaawards.gov.in>.

All persons without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex are eligible for these Awards. Government servants including those working with PSUs, except Doctors and Scientists, are not eligible for Padma Awards.

The Government is committed to transform Padma Awards into "People's Padma". All citizens are therefore requested to make nominations/recommendations including self-nomination.



Padma
Padma Bhushan
Padma Shri

Concerted efforts may be made to identify talented persons whose excellence and achievements really deserve to be recognized from amongst women, weaker sections of the society, SCs & STs, divyang persons and who are doing selfless service to the society.

The nominations/recommendations should contain all relevant

details specified in the format available on the above mentioned Padma Portal,

including a citation in narrative form (maximum 800 words), clearly bringing out the distinguished and exceptional achievements/service of the person recommended in her/his respective field/discipline.

65 students awarded K.C. Mahindra Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies Abroad

Mumbai, July 15, 2021: The K. C. Mahindra Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies Abroad was awarded to 65 students this year. Of the total 1812 applications, 106 candidates were shortlisted to attend the interviews held on 6th July, 2021.

The K. C. Mahindra Education Trust was established in 1953 to promote literacy and higher learning in the country. It has impacted the lives of more than 5,00,000 deserving and needy students through scholarships worth \$103.5 million, livelihood training programmes, after-school tuition support and financial aid.

The selection committee comprised of eminent leaders such as Keshub Mahindra, Chairman Emeritus, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.; Anand Mahindra, Chairman, Mahindra Group; Bharat Doshi, Chairman, Mahindra Intertrade Ltd.; Ulhas Yargop, Chairman, Bristlecone; Dr. (Mrs.) Indu

Shahani, President and Chair ISDI & ISME; Ranjan Pant, CEO Advisor, Global Strategy Management Consultant & Change Management Expert; M. M. Murugappan, Former Chairman, Murugappa Group; Leena Labroo, Partner at Niana; Aishwarya Ramakrishnan, Head - Strategy Marketing and Operating Excellence, F a s , M a h i n d r a & Mahindra Ltd.; and Shruti Agarwal, EA to the Chairman, Mahindra Group, who interviewed the shortlisted candidates over a period of two days.

Commenting on the scholarship program, Anand Mahindra, Chairman, Mahindra Group said, "Major drivers of global change are reshaping the world in the 21st century. The higher education sector has been deeply disrupted by the fourth industrial revolution and, more recently, the pandemic. It is with great humility and pride that through this profound change, KCMET

abilities, in fulfilling my ambitions of studying, and taking forward my work in the areas of disability, law, and technology. I am grateful to the trust for selecting me as a KC Mahindra Scholar."

Awardee, Maitreya Shah, Vadodara, bound for the University of Pennsylvania, commented: "I am honored to have been selected as one of the top-3 KC Mahindra scholarship recipients this year. It is an overwhelming feeling to become a part of a community of scholars with a rich history spanning decades. The selection process, which was both grilling as well as exciting, gave me an unmatched opportunity to connect with some of the eminent minds of the country. The amiability of the selection committee and the Trust's management has been comforting all throughout. I am hoping to utilize the support provided by the Trust to the best of my

Fortis Hospital Vadapalani rolls out Sputnik V for the general public

Chennai, July 15, 2021:

Leading hospital chain Fortis Healthcare rolled out Sputnik V as a part of a pilot soft launch, the third vaccine approved for India, for the general public at Fortis Hospital Vadapalani. Around 70 number of people got Sputnik V on the day 1 of the rollout and registration for the vaccination can be done through the COWIN and Aarogya Setu applications. The vaccine stock has been directly procured by Fortis, from Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, as per Government guidelines and has been priced at Rs. 1,145

(as per government guidelines inclusive of administrative charges).

opened to all age groups above 18.

Dr. Sanjay Pandey, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital Vadapalani, said, "we are happy to see the interest among general public to get themselves vaccinated. This indicates that the misconceptions on COVID vaccines is evading and people are getting confident on vaccine. Fortis is actively working towards ensuring that as many Indians as possible are fully vaccinated. Till date, our unit was only providing COVAXIN and COVISHIELD, however, we are pleased to announce that

Fortis Hospital Vadapalani, in collaboration with Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, providing the third vaccine option, with the dual objective of expanding and scaling up the vaccination drive and lowering the infection risks to future mutations of the virus. We urge all the eligible citizens to get vaccinated to ensure safe India. It is essential."

As a part of the phase wise pilot project, the two-dose vaccine has been successfully introduced by Fortis Healthcare at Fortis Hospital, Vadapalani.

Axis Mutual Fund launches 'Axis Floater Fund'

Chennai, July 15, 2021:

Axis Mutual Fund, one of the fastest-growing fund houses in India, today announced the launch of their new fund offer 'Axis Floater Fund'. The fund offers efficient solutions for short term investors looking to navigate a possible rising interest rate environment and also an ideal parking solution for their investment. The fund will be actively managed by Mr. Aditya Pagaria, Fund Manager Fixed Income.

Introducing 'Axis Floater Fund'

A well-crafted portfolio with an efficient way to park money: The new fund offer is crafted with a dynamic mix of high-quality instruments & AA issuers. It targets a portfolio average maturity of 6-18 months. This makes it suitable for investors looking to park short-term surplus funds or for those looking to limit the interest rate risks in their debt portfolio

Superior risk rewards: The fund attempts to offer better risk reward opportunities over other traditional alternatives in the short term space

Managing interest rate risks: Axis Floater Fund is an actively managed portfolio of floating rate instruments and fixed rate bonds that are swapped for floating rate characteristics through swaps. The floating rate strategies aim to manage interest rate risks by investing in bonds where the coupon is linked to market movements

Portfolio structure: Target 80% AAA/A1 + along with 20% allocation to AA issuers to capture opportunities across the debt market

Why Now?

Interest rates are at pivotal junction. With improving macro-economic fundamentals and a strong global economic sentiment,

India is poised to gradual get back to becoming one of the fastest growing large economies of the world. As inflation edges higher, we believe that we are at the bottom of the interest rate cycle. As the RBI looks to roll back accommodative monetary policy markets have prompted RBI actions and intelligently crafting multiple investment options to fulfil the needs of our investors."

The economic fundamentals are improving gradually and returning to normalcy. These are early signs of a pickup in demand and we believe we are the cusp of a new growth cycle.

The country is also likely at the bottom of the interest rate cycle and we expect rates to see a gradual rate hike cycle in the medium term. With the launch of this fund, we believe that we will provide an efficient solution for short-term investors looking to navigate a possible rising rate environment."

