







## PM congratulates Mirabai Chanu for winning Silver medal in weightlifting at Tokyo Olympics 2020



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated Mirabai Chanu for winning the Silver medal in weightlifting at Tokyo Olympics 2020.

In a tweet, the Prime Minister said, "Could not have asked for a happier start to @Tokyo2020! India is elated by @mirabai\_chanu's stupendous performance. Congratulations to her for winning the Silver medal in weightlifting."

## Sterlite Copper Oxygen Plant successfully crossed dispatching 2000 tons of medical-grade liquid oxygen to 32 districts in TN

July 25, 2021: Today, we have successfully crossed the milestone of dispatching 2000 tons of medical-grade liquid oxygen to 32 districts in Tamil Nadu, helping serve the critical needs of the State. Through this effort, we are grateful to have significantly augmented the ongoing efforts to ensure wide availability of oxygen.

We have also partnered with SAP to integrate our oxygen dispatch data with the Government of India's Oxygen Digital Tracking System (ODTS), developed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. Leveraging the digital ecosystem already implemented in our operations, this initiative allows for real-time tracking of dispatch information via the ODTS platform and is a game-changer in ensuring effective distribution of oxygen to critical areas. The districts that we have served so far include Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Madurai, Thanjavur, Kanyakumari, Namakkal, Theni, Tiruchirappalli, Thiruvavur, Sivagangai, Pudukkottai, Dindigul, Karur, Virudhunagar, Salem, Nagapattinam, Ramnathapuram, Krishnagiri, Thenkasi, Erode, Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Ranipet, Kumbakonam, Mayiladuthurai, Kallakurichi, Tiruvannamalai Tirupur, Tirupattur, Perambalur, Nilgiris, and Ariyalur.



We are grateful to the Tamil Nadu government, local administration in Thoothukudi, the medical frontline staff and the logistics workers for the unified effort in helping ensure the continued dispatch of oxygen. Since May, our team and network of community and business partners have also worked tirelessly to ensure that the plant continues supplying much-needed oxygen to all critical areas as per the directions of the concerned nodal agency [7/23, 6:04 P M]

In addition, over INR 2 crores of critical care infrastructure such as ventilators and ICU beds have been provided to healthcare providers in the area. This support has been extended in view of the increased need for suitable medical facilities during the pandemic.

This entire initiative is undertaken by Vedanta as part of its COVID CARE measures to ensure that no person suffers for want of suitable medical care. Across its units, Vedanta has also set up over 1410 critical care beds across 21 hospitals, supplied about 15 lakh liters of oxygen and distributed 10505 PPE kits.

## 161st Income Tax Day: A journey towards Nation Building

The 161st anniversary of Income Tax Day was observed by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and all its field offices across India here today. As part of the observance, the field formations held a range of activities. Reflecting the Income Tax Department's spirit of cohesion, competence, cooperation and constructive engagement, the activities included Webinars with external stakeholders including regional chapters of

ICAI, trade associations etc, tree plantation drives, vaccination camps, issuing commendation letters to officers who worked for COVID-19 relief and connecting with families of officers/officials who lost their lives to COVID-19 in the line of duty.

In her message to the Income Tax Department, Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman

appreciated the Department for being successful in implementing in right spirit the reform measures undertaken by the Government since 2014. She observed that the honest taxpayers deserve to be recognized for the contribution they are making to the progress of the nation by dutifully paying their due share of taxes. She complimented the Department for continuing to work towards simplifying its

procedures and processes, and making the department's functioning hassle-free, fair and transparent. She also lauded the taxpayers for discharging their compliance obligations despite the difficulties caused by the pandemic. Remembering those officers and officials who have lost their lives in the line of duty due to the pandemic, she observed that their contributions to the national cause can never be forgotten.



Virudhunagar: Former Union Minister KD Rajendra Balaji was felicitated in person on his birthday by AIADMK leader SR Vijayakumaran of Virudhunagar West district, along with District Councillor KA Macharaja.

## More than 1.2 lakh people benefited from free treatment in the first quarter of Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana

Jaipur: 25th July 2021: In less than three months of its launch, the MukhyaMantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojna of Rajasthan Government has benefitted more than 1.2 lakh people of Rajasthan. The scheme arrived in time when the nation was struggling with the second wave of COVID pandemic and the cashless treatment facility has helped lessen the pinch of treatment expenditure for many. The MukhyaMantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojna has already registered more than 1.3 crore families that are nearly 80 per cent of the state population.

"Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shree Ashok Gehlot has given the vision of Nirogi Rajasthan, and the flagship Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojna is a major achievement in the direction. Rajasthan Government priority is to ensure that all citizens of the state can avail free treatment

at a hospital near them" said Aruna Rajoria, CEO, State Health Assurance Jaipur.

The insurance scheme is acclaimed as the most affordable health policy by offering cashless annual insurance cover of up to Rs 5 lakh for all citizens of Rajasthan for premium as low as Rs 850 per family, while registration under the scheme is free for families included in the state National Food security act, Social-economic survey 2011 beneficiaries, COVID19 Ex-gratia list, contractual workers and small and marginal farmers. Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojna has empanelled more than 450 private and 756 Public hospitals to extend the services to the betterment of the people. The state government has also been continuously expanding its ambit of procedures covered under the scheme and included mucormycosis (black fungus) treatment as



the number of related cases shot up during the second wave. The scheme though has also face initial challenges as many reports of non-compliance by private hospitals have been received by the state government. The government has thus established a 24x7 call centre answering every call and complaint. Nodal officers have also been assigned to every zone so that every

complaint is resolved and registered beneficiaries receive due benefits in empanelled hospitals. The State government has made this provision that if any empanelled hospital has taken money from any beneficiary of the scheme in the treatment relating to covid-19 and mucormycosis (black fungus) in the second wave, it will be returned to it.

## Akshaya Pvt Ltd and parent-support group SCAN sign up for Inclusive Housing Initiative

Akshaya partners with SCAN to develop customised housing and address the concern of "What After Us?" for Parents of Persons with special needs

Chennai, 22nd July 2021: Leading real estate developer, Akshaya Private Ltd has signed an MoU with Special Child Assistance Network (SCAN), a Chennai-based NGO for SCAN's Inclusive Housing Initiative in the project Akshaya Today at Kelambakkam. The initiative aims to offer homes at Akshaya Today customised to the needs of people with special needs in a larger inclusive environment. The Akshaya Today project offers a full range of amenities such as a clubhouse, swimming pool, a 2-acre garden with aesthetic walkways as well as several disability friendly features such as railings, ramps, audio announcements and braille-text on elevators. It is slated for completion by March 2022. A unique feature of the SCAN Inclusive Housing initiative at Akshaya Today is the Group Homes that would be managed by SCAN in partnership with Vidya Sagar. These are shared accommodations (co-living) for adults with special needs. The aim is to offer care that is as close as it can get to the care they will get at home, when that option ceases to be available (when parents are too old, for example). The SCAN Group Homes will come with all modern conveniences, appropriate caregiver support for the persons with disability, and managed services for food, housekeeping and maintenance. SCAN will also offer a vocational centre with a range of self-employment and supported employment options, and a therapy centre to provide required therapies for persons with special needs as well as all others in the Akshaya Today campus. This

enables families with special children or any person with special needs to live life to the fullest of their ability. People booking a home in the project Akshaya Today under the Akshaya-SCAN tie-up will become an integral part of a 21-acre mini-township with 2134 homes, and will have options of 1, 2 or 3 BHKs, at preferential prices. In addition, they can get customised modifications, if any, specific to their requirement like wider doors for wheelchair access and customised bathrooms. Speaking on the occasion Mr. Chitty Babu, Chairman & CEO of Akshaya said "Akshaya is honoured to be a partner in this first-of-its-kind housing initiative. We have been a pioneer of cutting-edge ideas and have achieved several firsts in the real-estate category. In our 26 years, Akshaya is well-known for offering differently-abled and elder-friendly homes, as well as kids-friendly communities. These initiatives have been well-received and appreciated by homebuyers across different age groups. We have always been in the quest for doing something unique and different in real estate, and SCAN's Inclusive Living concept has inspired us to prove our mettle once again in this category. With our 26-years expertise in this field, we intend to provide SCAN members with a holistic housing solution supported by various amenities." Speaking on the initiative Mr. Gopinath Ramakrishnan, Managing Trustee of SCAN said: "We are delighted to bring to fruition this initiative, the first of its kind in the country. We embarked on an extensive selection process and zeroed



in on Akshaya after wide consultations with our members. The aim of this initiative which has been our dream for many years is true inclusion where families with special needs are a part of the social fabric as equal citizens, supported with services focused on their unique requirements. Even more important than physical accessibility is the psychological accessibility and acceptance by the larger societal networks as a full member of the community. Our partnership with Akshaya is breaking new ground and we hope to extend our collaboration to many more locations." Speaking on the initiative Ms. Poonam Natarajan, Founder of Vidya Sagar said "The inclusive living concept developed by SCAN is an excellent and very doable model. It will manage to create a supportive community for adults with disabilities, without developing an exclusive facility. I believe that SCAN's inclusive model, and SCAN's partnership with Akshaya, will be a pioneering initiative in India." The press meet was attended by actors Ms. Suhasini Maniratnam and

Mr. Babloo Prithiveeraj. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Suhasini Maniratnam said, "This initiative by Akshaya and SCAN is truly the need of today. This pandemic has taught our society the importance of being together, as well as being inclusive in our approach by accepting different people from various walks of life. This initiative has given me a lot of hope for humanity and for our country and city."

Speaking on this unique initiative, Mr. Babloo Prithiveeraj said, "As a father of a special child, my wife and I were concerned about my son's future after our lifetime. I was on the lookout for the right home that offered inclusive living for some time now, and when I came to know about this initiative by Akshaya and SCAN, I jumped at the opportunity to buy a home at Akshaya Today and give my son an inclusive 5-star lifestyle."

A special video byte with a congratulatory message from Actor Revathi for the Akshaya-SCAN initiative was also played out for the press.