

நீட் தேர்வில் இருந்து தமிழகத்துக்கு நிரந்தர விலக்கு பெற முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் கவர்னர் ஆர்.என்.ரவியை சந்தித்து ஜனாதிபதியின் ஒப்புதல் பெற்று தரவேண்டும் என கோரிக்கை

சென்னை, அக் 14 2021: நீட் தேர்வில் இருந்து தமிழகத்துக்கு நிரந்தர விலக்கு பெறும் புதிய சட்ட மசோதாவை முதல்-அமைச்சர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் கடந்த செப்டம்பர் 13-ந்தேதி சட்டசபையில் தாக்கல் செய்தார். ஓய்வு பெற்ற நீதிபதி ஏ.கே.ராஜன் குழுவினர் தந்த அறிக்கையின் அடிப்படையில் மசோதா தாக்கல் செய்யப்பட்டது. சட்ட மசோதா சட்டசபையில் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழக கவர்னருக்கு அனுப்பி வைக்கப்பட்டது.



இந்த நிலையில் முதல்-அமைச்சர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் இன்று மாலை 5 மணிக்கு கவர்னர் ஆர்.என்.ரவியை சந்தித்து பேசினார். அப்போது சட்டசபையில் நிறைவேற்றிய நீட் தேர்வு விலக்கு மசோதா குறித்து விளக்கி கூறினார். மேலும், அந்த மசோதாவுக்கு ஜனாதிபதியின் ஒப்புதல் பெற்று தரவேண்டும் என வும் கோட்டுக்கொண்டார்.



நீட் தேர்வு விலக்கிற்கு ஆதரவு கோரி ஏற்கனவே 12 மாநில முதல்-மந்திரிகளுக்கு முதல்-அமைச்சர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் கடிதம் எழுதி து குறிப்பிடக்கூடாது.



தமிழக முதல்வர், மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அறிவுறுத்தலின்படி, "நீட்" தேர்வு மாநில உரிமைகளுக்கு எதிரானது எனவும் - அதனை ரத்து செய்திட, ஒன்றிய அரசை வலியுறுத்திட வேண்டுமெனவும் 12 மாநில முதலமைச்சர்களுக்கு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் எழுதிய கடிதத்தின் தொடர்ச்சியாக, திமுக மகளிரணிச் செயலாளர் கனிமொழி எம்.பி., நேற்று (13.10.2021), ஓடிசா மாநில முதலமைச்சர் நவீன் பட்நாயக்கை நேரில் சந்தித்து, தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சரின் கடிதத்தையும் - "நீட்" தேர்வு குறித்து தமிழ்நாடு அரசால் நியமிக்கப்பட்ட நீதியரசர் ஏ.கே.ராஜன் குழு அளித்த பரிந்துரைகளையும் வழங்கினார்.

திமுக சொத்துப் பாதுகாப்புக் குழு உறுப்பினர் கோ.அய்யாவு (வயது-82) மறைவெய்தியதையொட்டி, தமிழக முதல்வர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின், அஞ்சலி



திமுக சொத்துப் பாதுகாப்புக் குழு உறுப்பினரும் - சென்னை மாநகராட்சி மன்ற முன்னாள் உறுப்பினரும் - தியாகராய நகர் பகுதிக் கழக முன்னாள் செயலாளருமான கோ.அய்யாவு (வயது-82) நேற்று மறைவெய்தியதையொட்டி, தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சரும் - திமுகத் தலைவருமான மு.க.ஸ்டாலின், நேற்று (13.10.2021), மாலை, சென்னை, அசோக் நகர், 9வது அவென்யூவில் உள்ள அவரது இல்லத்திற்கு நேரில் சென்று, அன்னாரது உடலுக்கு மலர்மாலை வைத்து அஞ்சலி செலுத்தினார்.

திமுகப் பொருளாளர் டி.ஆர்.பாலு, எம்.பி., முதன்மைச் செயலாளர் கே.என்.நேரு, துணைப் பொதுச்செயலாளர் க.பொன்முடி, அமைப்புச் செயலாளர் ஆர்.எஸ்.பாரதி, எம்.பி., உயர்நிலை செயல்திட்டக்குழு உறுப்பினர் எ.வ.வேலு, சென்னை தென் மேற்கு மாவட்டக் கழகப் பொறுப்பாளர் த.வேலு, எம்.எல்.ஏ., ஆகியோரும் அஞ்சலி செலுத்தினர்.

அனைத்து வளங்களும் நாம் அனைவரின் வாழ்விலும் பெற்றிட இந்த நவராத்திரியில் நாம் வணங்கும் இறை சக்தி அருள் புரியட்டும் புதுச்சேரி ஆளுநர் டாக்டர் தமிழிசை சௌந்தரராஜன்

புதுச்சேரி, 14, அக்டோபர் 2021 : ஆயுத பூஜை, சரஸ்வதி பூஜை என்பது நவராத்திரியின் ஒன்பதாவது நாளன்று கொண்டாடப்படும், ஒரு சிறப்புமிக்க திருவிழாவாகும். இசை... ஞானம்... அறிவு... கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் ஆகியவற்றின் உதவும் வகையில் அறிவாற்றலாலும், மத்திய தேவிக்கு நன்றி படைக்கப் பெற்ற அரட்சி செலுத்திடும் வகையில் அனைத்து கருவிகளையும், ஒத்துழைப்பினாலும் தற்புதுப்பினை தரும் பூசும் கொண்டாடப்படுகிறது. மேலும், நாம் செய்யும் அதனை படைத்த இதுவரையிலும் சுமார் 100 கோடி ரூபாய் அளவிற்கு முன் சமர்ப்பித்து வழங்கி உதவிகள் புரிந்திடும் கருவிகள் மற்றும் உபகரணங்களை போற்றி வணங்கும் அதே நேரத்தில் நம் சாதனை புரிந்துள்ளது.



மேலும் 2 வயதிற்கும் மேற்பட்டவர்களுக்கும் கொரோனா தடுப்பூசி விரைவில் கிடைக்கப்போகின்றது என்ற நல்ல செய்தியுடன், விரைவில் கொரோனா முற்றிலும் ஒழியவும் இந்த விழவு தசமி அருள் புரியட்டும். இந்த நன்னாளில் புதுச்சேரி, தமிழ்நாடு மக்களுக்கும் மற்றும் இந்நாட்டு மக்களுக்கும் என்னுடைய வாழ்த்துக்களை கூறி நல்லறிவு, திறன், மகிழ்ச்சி மற்றும் அனைத்து வளங்களும் நாம் அனைவரின் வாழ்விலும் பெற்றிட இந்த நவராத்திரியில் நாம் வணங்கும் இறை சக்தி அருள் புரியட்டும்.

சென்னை கமிஷனர், சைக்கிள் ரோந்தின்போது, இருசக்கர வாகனம் மோதி தோள்பட்டை எலும்பு முறிவடைந்து சிகிச்சை பெற்று வரும் தலைமைக் காவலருக்கு புதிய சைக்கிள் பரிசளித்தார்

சென்னை, அக் 14 2021: தலைமைக் காவலர் எம்.செந்தில்குமார், தேனாம்பேட்டை காவல் நிலையத்தில் பணிபுரிந்து வருகிறார். தலைமைக் காவலர் செந்தில்குமார் தினந்தோறும் சைக்கிளிலியே ரோந்து பணி மேற்கொண்டு வருவது வழக்கம். இந்நிலையில் செந்தில்குமார், 12.10.2021 அன்று மதியம் சுமார் 12.30 மணியளவில், பணியின்போது, தேனாம்பேட்டை, அண்ணாசாலை, அண்ணா அறிவாலயத்திலிருந்து, காவல் நிலையம் நோக்கி சைக்கிளில் ரோந்து சென்று கொண்டிருந்தபோது பின்னால் வேகமாக வந்த இருசக்கர வாகனம், தலைமைக் காவலரின் சைக்கிள் மீது மோதியதில், இருவரும் நிலை குலைந்து கீழே விழுந்து காயமடைந்தனர். காயமடைந்த இருவரையும் ஆம்புலன்ஸ் வாகனத்தில் ஏற்றி மருத்துவமனைக்கு அழைத்து சென்று,



பரிசோதனை செய்ததில், அறிவுறுத்தப்பட்டார். தலைமைக் காவலர் மேலும், செந்தில்குமாருக்கு மேற்படி விபத்து இடது தோள்பட்டை சம்பவம் குறித்து, அருகில் காலர் போன் தலைமைக் காவலர் முறிவடைந்தது செந்தில்குமார் கொடுத்த தெரியவந்தது. இருசக்கர புகாரின்பேரில், வாகனத்தை ஒட்டி வந்த பாண்டிபஜார் பசுல்லா என்பவருக்கு போக்குவரத்து உடலில் சிராய்ப்பு புலனாய்வுப்பிரிவில், காயங்கள் ஏற்பட்டது. வழக்குப் பதிவு செய்து பின்னர் எலும்பு முறிவுக்கான விசாரணை செய்து ஆலந்தூர் குடியிருப்பில் சிகிச்சை பெற்ற வருகின்றனர். தலைமைக் காவலர் சென்னை பெருநகர செந்தில்குமார் காவல் மருத்துவர்கள் ஆணையாளர். சங்கர் ஆலந்தூர் குடியிருப்பில் வசிக்கும் காவலர் குடும்பத்தினரிடம் குறைகளை கேட்டறிந்து, விரைவில் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதாக உறுதியளித்தார்.

ஆலந்தூர், எம்.கே.என். சாலையிலுள்ள காவலர் குடியிருப்பிற்கு சென்று, அங்கு வசித்து வரும் தலைமைக் காவலர் செந்தில்குமாரை நேரில் சந்தித்து, காயம் குறித்து கேட்டறிந்து ஆறுதல் கூறினார். பின்னர் மருத்துவ பரிசோதனைகள், உடன்கதிர் படங்களை பார்வையிட்டு, மருத்துவ ஆலோசனைப்படி நடந்து கொள்ள அறிவுறுத்தினார். மேலும், மேற்படி தலைமைக் காவலர் பெரும்பாலும் சைக்கிளில் ரோந்து செல்வது தெரியவந்ததால், காவல் ஆணையாளர் அவர்கள் விபத்தின்போது சேதமடைந்த சைக்கிளுக்கு பதிலாக புதிய சைக்கிளை தலைமைக் காவலர் செந்தில்குமாருக்கு பரிசாக வழங்கி, விரைவில் குணமடைய வாழ்த்தினார்.

Month-long Clean India Drive in full swing throughout the country

Chennai, October 14 2021: M/o YAS is organizing pan India Clean India Programme from 1st October 2021 to 31st October 2021 for collecting and removing garbage mainly plastics

Cleanliness Drive being taken up as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to ensure people's participation in cleaning waste mainly single use plastic waste

As a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports conducting Clean India drives across the country including in and around historical and iconic as well as religious places. Ministry has identified more than 25 iconic heritage sites for the Clean India drive, where NYKS and NSS volunteers are carrying out cleanliness drive to send a message of maintaining cleanliness around tourist places.

Under this Clean India, programme Clean India Drives is being organized at iconic sites like Kamakhya Temple of Guwahati, Mahabodhi Temple of Gaya, Sabarmati Ashram of Ahmedabad, Amar Mahal Palace of Jammu, Humpi of Karnataka, Khajuraho of Madhya Pradesh, Puri Temple of



Odisha, Meenakshi Temple of Madurai, Golden Temple/ Jallianwala Bagh of Amritsar, Rumi Darwaza of Lucknow and Har ki Pauri of Haridwar etc.

In continuation of the same, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and the National Service Scheme (NSS) conducted Clean India drive on Tuesday at Golconda Fort, Hyderabad.

Speaking on the occasion NSS Youth Officer Shri K.C. Reddy, said through this campaign "we are not only organising clean India drive but also generating awareness about clean and

NSS and other associations participated in this clean India programme.

Cleanliness drives are also being organized around religious places especially those having high footfalls. 100 NSS volunteers from Madurai Kamaraj University participated in the Clean India drive at Meenakshi Temple premises in Madurai and created awareness among public.

Cleanliness Drives at temples of Mandya

Along with this a Clean India drive was also organised in and around the temples of Mandya District in Karnataka.

The Department of Youth Affairs of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (Government of India) in commemoration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is organizing nationwide Clean India Programme from 1st October 2021 to 31st October 2021 with the help of its affiliated youth volunteer organisations like NYKS, NSS, youth clubs etc. Clean India is not just a programme but it reflects the genuine concerns of common man and their resolve to address the issue head on.

Honouring teachers is a glorious tradition of Indian culture: Vice President

Chennai, October 14 2021: The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, today stressed the importance of the foundational role played by teachers in shaping the lives of children and youngsters and said that Indian culture always accorded respect and reverence to gurus.

Presenting an award instituted in memory of the Vice President's teacher, Shri Poluri Hanumajjanakirama Sarma to Shri Kovala Suprasannacharya in Hyderabad for his contributions in the field of poetry and literature, Shri Naidu paid rich tributes to his mentors, including late Shri Hanumajjanakirama Sarma.

Shri Naidu appreciated the awardee for introducing a new trend in Telugu literary



criticism and for incorporating the views of Indian thinkers, who fought against discrimination in certain sections of the society.

The Vice President said that everyone should always remember and remain grateful to their teachers and gurus for their guidance and mentoring in shaping their careers.

The award, instituted at the personal initiative of the Vice President by the Telangana Saraswatha Parishath, seeks to recognize contributions to the Telugu language.

Lauding Telangana Saraswatha Parishath for its efforts in preserving and propagating the Telugu

language, he reiterated that the medium of instruction should be in the mother tongue up to primary school or high school. Similarly, local language should be used extensively in the administration and judiciary as well.

On the occasion, the Vice President also released two books titled - 'Amritotsava Bharathi' and 'Sri Devulapalli Ramanujarao'.

Telangana Saraswatha Parishath President, Acharya Yelluri Shivareddy, Telangana Government Advisor, Dr. K.V. Ramanachari, Telangana Saraswatha Parishath General Secretary Shri J. Chennayya, recipient of the award, Acharya Kovala Suprasannacharya, and others were present on the occasion.

India Post celebrates Philately day as part of National Postal Week and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations

Chennai, October 14 2021: Philately is considered the king of hobbies as the collectors through various philatelic items develop a better appreciation of the history, culture, personalities and of their societies. Philately documents the authentic history.

Department of Posts, promotes philately through a series of Commemorative Postage Stamps, Definitive Postage Stamps, Special

Covers, Pictorial Cancellations and other philatelic items.

'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' is an ambitious programme of the Government to celebrate various facets and journey of India in the last 75 years. To commemorate this multi-dimensional programme, Department of Posts is executing a number of activities, namely, Thematic Stamps on various facets of Indian culture, history and

organizations, Commemorative Postage Stamps on a number of Unsung Heroes of India's freedom struggle, more than 150 special covers on GI Code products of India etc.

To make the Philately day and National Postal Week, 2021 memorable, 103 special covers on Unsung Heroes of India were issued by 22 Postal Circles, spread across the length and breadth of the country. The release events

were organized at the birth place of the unsung heroes, ensuring Jan Bhagidari etc.

These special covers, Commemorative Postage Stamps and other philatelic items are available 24x7 at ePostOffice Portal (<https://www.epostoffice.gov.in/Login.aspx?service=Philately>). The citizens can access to this portal to buy other philatelic material like miniature sheets, sheetlets, max cards etc.

Indian Bank Extends The Partnership With Fisdom, Completes The Wealth Management Product Suite

Chennai, October 14 2021: Indian Bank, Country's 7th largest Public Sector Bank, on 08/10/2021, extended its existing partnership with leading Fintech Brand, M/s Fisdom, by adding new digital & HNI products to enrich the suite of wealth management products for its customers.

In addition to "Mutual Funds", new digital products like "Pension Funds", "Digital Gold" and "Online Tax Filing" will be available to customers on the bank's mobile apps. Also, bank's HNI customers will be able to access sophisticated and customized products (PMS, AIF, FI etc) under the association. These new initiatives were launched by way of execution of an addendum agreement by K. Chandra Reddy, General



Manager, Indian Bank and Anand Dalmia, Co-Founder, M/s Fisdom in presence of Executive Director of Indian Bank, Imran Amin Siddiqui.

Also present on the occasion were Mahesh Kumar Bajaj, General Manager, Indian Bank and Rakesh Singh, Executive Director, M/s Fisdom.

Speaking on the occasion, Imran Amin Siddiqui, Executive Director, Indian

Bank. We are also merging our existing Mutual Fund business with FISDOM to scale efficiency and increase digital adoption on banks digital properties for existing customers as well, he said.

Anand Dalmia, Co-founder, M/s Fisdom, said, "We are thrilled to expand our partnership with Indian Bank with the addition of more products that would help us provide a holistic wealth management experience to our customers. Considering our rich experience of working with various Banks and Indian Bank's commitment to delivering customer delight, we are confident that the partnership will be able to deliver great products, high quality service and a user-friendly tech enabled wealth management ecosystem to Indian Bank customers.

Armenia's Historical Connect with Tamil Nadu highlighted as External Affairs Minister arrives in Armenia for bilateral talks

Yerevan October 14: External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar on Tuesday arrived in Armenia, in what is the first ever visit by an Indian Foreign Minister to the landlocked country in the Caucasus region in Central Asia.

"Delighted to arrive in Armenia on the first ever Foreign Minister's visit. So glad to see a historical connection with my home state," he tweeted. <https://twitter.com/DrSJaishankar/status/1447930991763410976?s=20>

He was referring to the first-ever Armenian language newspaper in the world that was published in Madras



(now Chennai) in 1794.

Tamil Nadu's connection with Armenia is one of the lesser-known stories of Indian history. Built in 1712 and rebuilt in 1772 the Armenian Church in the George Town locality in Chennai till today stands as a reminder of the times when Armenian merchants settled in the thriving port city of what was

then Madras. Although the number of Armenian settled in Chennai has dwindled over the years the church's bells still ring every Sunday reminding the people of the almost forgotten link.

Dr. Jaishankar was received at the airport by his Armenian counterpart Ararat Mirzoyan. Dr. Jaishankar will

also call on the Prime Minister and the President of the National Assembly of Armenia. The two sides will review the progress in bilateral ties and also share views on developments in the region. From the Indian side this is seen as increased engagement with countries that India considers being a part of its 'extended neighborhood'.

Before arriving in Yerevan, Armenia, the External Affairs Minister completed official visits to Kyrgyzstan, and attend the 6th Ministerial meeting of the Conference of Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) in Nur-Sultan.

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Jaguar Studios' Vinod Jain to produce and Ponkumaran to direct Jiiva and Shiva-starrer fun-filled family entertainer 'Golmaal'

Chennai, October 14, 2021: Actors Jiiva and Shiva will be joining forces for a new film titled 'Golmaal', to be produced by Jaguar Studios' Vinod Jain who had earlier bankrolled 'Miruga' and directed by Ponkumaran. Ponkumaran has directed several successful Kannada movies so far. He is a former associate of K Bhagyaraj and K S Ravikumar. Speaking about the movie, Ponkumaran said this will be an out and out family entertainer which will attract audiences to theatres and make everyone



happy. "Jiiva and Shiva have very good humour sense and a different magic can be created when they share the screen space. Payal Rajput and Tanya Hope will be the female leads of Golmaal. Murali Sharma, Yogi Babu, Sonia Agarwal, Manobala, Karunakaran, Ramesh Khanna, Naren,

George Mariyan, Sanjana Singh, Mottai Rajendran, Panju Subbu, Sadhu Gokila, Vipin Sidharth and KSG Venkatesh and other leading artists are also part of the cast," he said. Ponkumaran further said that Golmaal is a high budgeted Tamil movie which will be fully shot in

Mauritius. "Our producer is very happy to invest in this project," he added. "Shooting will commence in November and wrap in December. The movie will be released in the first half of 2022," he said. The technical crew comprises cinematographer S Saravanan, music composer Arul Dev, editor Don Bosco, art director Siva, lyricists Madhan Karki and Viveka. M Nares Jain is the creative producer and M Senthil is the production manager. Designs will be by Tuney. Nikil Murukan is the PRO of the flick.

Southern Railway conducts intensive Ticket Checking drives

Chennai, October 14, 2021: Southern Railway, in its endeavor to provide better services to railway users as well as to curb ticketless train travel, has conducted intensive campaigns regularly against ticketless and irregular travel. In a bid to ensure railway passengers travel in trains in accordance with guidelines issued by the government and following Covid-19 protocol, intensive ticket checking drives were conducted in suburban as well

as non-suburban / Mail Express trains.

highest single day collection so far.

ticket checking revenue stood at Rs. 4.16 Crores, Rs.4.15 Crores and Rs.2.81 Crores respectively.

During the period April 2021 to 12th October 2021, in Southern Railway, an amount of Rs 35.47 crores has been collected as penalties from passengers for various offences during traveling and the total number of cases is 7.12 lakhs. The cases include travel without tickets, irregular tickets and unbooked luggage. Rs 37 lakhs collected as penalties on 12th October 2021 is the

Chennai Division collected Rs.12.78 Crores revenue which is the highest ticket checking revenue among the divisions during the period from April 2021 to 12th October 2021. Thiruvananthapuram Division realized Rs.6.05 Crores while Palakkad Division's ticket checking earnings stood at Rs.5.52 Crores. Madurai, Salem and Tiruchirappalli Divisions'

In order to ensure strict adherence of COVID protocols at railway premises, ticket checking staff along with security personnel also imposed fines for not wearing masks. During the period from April 2021 to 12th October 2021, Rs.1.63 Crores was recovered as fine from 32624 defaulters.

Chennai, October 14, 2021: Godrej Appliances, one of India's leading manufacturers of Consumer Appliances and amongst the key consumer facing businesses of Godrej & Boyce, flagship company of Godrej group, unveiled its 'Dil Se Diwali' festive promotion by launching a range of new products and enticing offers to make this festive season brighter.

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. launches "UFill" an automated fueling technology for customers

Mumbai, October 14, 2021: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) - a 'Maharatna' & a Fortune Global 500 Company announced the launch of "UFill" - a digital customer experience which delivers on BPCL's promise of ensuring that their customers have complete control over Time, Technology and Transparency as part of their fueling experience. With UFill, the invitation to customers is to "Fast forward your fill" leveraging the latest in digital technology which obviates the need for looking at zero or final reading and such offline manual interventions.

The UFill proposition has been launched in 65 cities across India and will soon be launched across the country.

The company said that the UFill functionality is swift, secure and smart. For a customer looking for a change in the way he does his fueling, this is an easy and convenient solution. The UFill functionality does not need any App download, is payment app agnostic (i.e. customer can use any payment app already downloaded on his/her phone like GPay, PayTM, PhonePeetc), offers real time QR and voucher code through SMS and is accepted at all BPCL Fuel Stations where the functionality is enabled. Adding to transparency and convenience, if the amount paid in advance is partially used, the balance amount is immediately refunded to the bank account of the customer. If not used within 48 hours,

the money paid in advance is automatically refunded to the bank account from where debited.

customers personalised and new-age solutions".

Axis Bank launches a wide range of API Banking solutions

Chennai, October 14, 2021: Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank, in line with its OPEN Banking philosophy, announced the launch of a wide range of open APIs (Application Programming Interface), facilitating its retail and corporate customers/partners to use banking services integrated across partner platforms. Axis Bank's API Banking portal has a suite of API products covering 200+ Retail APIs across Cards, Deposits, Accounts, Loans; 51 Corporate APIs across payments, trade, collections, bill payments as well as cross-cutting APIs. This reimagined

customer proposition facilitates end-to-end simplified digital customer journey with faster integrations.

payment solutions and other businesses to offer financial settlements and other secure financial transactions from their own ERP platforms. The latest range of APIs cover all necessary banking transactions corporates do with their partners and customers on a daily basis pertaining to payments, refunds, payout reconciliation & account management and trade finance, besides other transactions. The APIs will allow Axis Bank's banking solutions to easily get embedded via direct integration with the customers' digital systems, without the need for a net

banking interface.

On the occasion, Sameer Shetty, President and Head Digital Business & Transformation, Axis Bank said: "With Axis Bank's focus on 'OPEN' Banking initiatives as part of our digital strategy, we are committed to simplifying customer journeys and bringing greater convenience through constant innovation in our offerings.

With these latest API Banking offerings, we look forward to collaborate and co-create with partners, to offer an enhanced user experience and simplify their day-to-day operations."

ICICI Bank announces 'Home Utsav', a virtual property exhibition

Mumbai, October 14, 2021: ICICI Bank today announced the launch of 'Home Utsav', a virtual property exhibition that digitally showcases real estate projects by renowned developers from key cities across the country. The exhibition offers enhanced convenience to prospective home buyers as they can select their dream home simply by browsing through projects, which are approved by the Bank, and avail exclusive benefits from the comfort of their home and office. The list of benefits include attractive interest rate on home loan, special processing fees and digital sanction of loans and

exclusive offers from developers. Anyone, including those who are not customers of ICICI Bank, can avail of these benefits on buying a property through the exhibition. Customers of ICICI Bank can enjoy further benefits by availing of the Bank's pre-approved home loan offers.

Chennai, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Pune, Nashik, Vadodara, Surat and Jaipur. The exhibition will go on till end of December 2021 and can be accessed on www.homeutsav.icici.com. The exhibition offers unique convenience and hassle-free experience through its search feature, wherein a home buyer can look for properties as per his/her needs, based on parameters like budget, locality, configuration and construction status.

This is the second edition of the virtual property exhibition being organised by the Bank after the first edition receiving stupendous success last year. The 'Home Utsav' showcases over 350 projects by more than 200 leading developers across 12 cities, namely, Mumbai MMR, Delhi NCR, Hyderabad, Bengaluru,

response we received last year. Our aim is to virtually showcase prominent real estate properties by leading developers from various top cities of our country to prospective home buyers. The exhibition offers unique features of a wide range of properties and a bouquet of exclusive benefits all from a single portal. We believe that this is a good opportunity for everyone seeking to buy a dream home in a hassle-free and convenient manner. This festive season, ICICI Bank intends to take prospective home buyers a step closer to their dream home and be a harbinger of happiness and festivities."

Speaking on the initiative, Mr. Sanjay Singhvi, Head Secured Assets, ICICI Bank said, "We are pleased to introduce 'Home Utsav' again this year, after an impressive

DILLI SERIES SEA POWER WEBINAR - 2021

Chennai, October 14, 2021: The 8th Edition of annual 'Dilli Series' Sea Power Seminar, was conducted online in Webinar format on 11 and 12 Oct 21 and streamed live on the Indian Navy official YouTube and Facebook channels. The theme of this year's Webinar was 'Maritime History of the Indian Ocean Region'. Admiral Arun Prakash, PVSM, AVSM, Vrc, VSM (Retd), the former Chief of the Naval Staff was the Chief Guest for the event. Dr Shashi

Tharoor, Hon'ble Member of Lok Sabha delivered an invitational talk. The two-day Seminar progressed under three sub-themes. The first sub-theme dealt with 'Early Maritime Interactions and Relevance Today' and was moderated by Vice Admiral Pradeep Chauhan, AVSM & Bar, VSM (Retd). The second sub-theme explored 'India's Maritime Journey from 15th to 19th Century and Key Takeaways in the 21st Century' and was moderated by Vice Admiral MS Pawar,

PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd), the former Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff. The third sub-theme focused on the 'Lessons Learnt from India's Maritime Journey - British Raj to Independence and Beyond' and was moderated by Rear Admiral SY Shrikhande, AVSM (Retd).

Commemorating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' - 75 Years of India's independence, the Webinar befittingly culminated with a

stimulating Panel Discussion on 'Indian Navy through the Decades (75 Years) and was moderated by Cmde SB Kesnur, VSM.

The Webinar saw active participation from eminent speakers from both uniformed and civil academia across the Country and abroad, in addition to the participation by the Maritime History Society, Mumbai and the Navy History Division, New Delhi.

IndusInd Bank gets authorised by RBI to collect Direct and Indirect Taxes

Mumbai, October 14, 2021: IndusInd Bank today announced, that it has been authorised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for collection of Direct and Indirect Taxes, on behalf of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).

The authorization has been awarded basis a recommendation from the

Controller General of Accounts as well as the Ministry of Finance (Govt. of India), and comes close on the heels of the Bank being appointed as an 'Agency Bank' of the RBI to conduct government business.

With this, IndusInd Bank customers will soon be able to pay their Direct and Indirect taxes through the Bank's state-of-the-art digital platforms such as 'Indusnet' its net

banking platform and 'IndusMobile' its mobile banking application. Additionally, customers can even walk into their nearest branch to avail this service.

Speaking on the development, Mr. Soumitra Sen, Head Consumer Bank, IndusInd Bank said, "We are delighted to be authorised by the RBI to facilitate the collection of direct and indirect taxes on behalf of the

Government. As a responsible financial entity, this empowers us to offer customers with a comprehensive platform to pay their taxes in a convenient and seamless manner. Backed by the strength of our best-in-class technology channels, we look forward to bringing unparalleled value to all our partner stakeholders, in their effort to widen the tax collection network."

Godrej Appliances targets double-digit growth this festive season with a slew of new products and attractive schemes

Chennai, October 14, 2021: Godrej Appliances, one of India's leading manufacturers of Consumer Appliances and amongst the key consumer facing businesses of Godrej & Boyce, flagship company of Godrej group, unveiled its 'Dil Se Diwali' festive promotion by launching a range of new products and enticing offers to make this festive season brighter.

With second wave at an end, consumers are looking forward to some celebrations finally, albeit with caution. Appliances are a part and parcel of festive celebrations at home and the season is expected to augur positive purchase sentiments. The company has launched a range of aesthetic glass door direct cool refrigerators, double door frost free refrigerators, and top load washing machines. This is in line with the increased traction witnessed in the premium

segments since the last few months and follows the company's foray into the premium category of dishwashers recently.

Commenting on the festive launches and offers, Mr. Kamal Nandi, Business Head and Executive Vice President Godrej Appliances, said, "After a difficult year dealing with the pandemic, consumers in India are gearing up to celebrate the festive season. Despite concerns around the third COVID wave, double vaccination should help in driving positive consumer sentiment. Festive season usually contributes 30% of annual sales for us. We are seeing encouraging signs of demand revival and are targeting a double-digit growth rate of 20% plus during this festive season. We believe this season, consumers will celebrate 'Dil Se Diwali' with our slew of exciting offers and new introductions."

The festive season is marked by deals and offers and given the overall economic downturn in multiple sectors due to Covid, festive promotions will also play an even more significant role this year. In keeping with consumers' need for liquidity, the company has designed lucrative cash backs upto 20% and Multiple EMI schemes (8/0, 10/2, 12/4 standard EMI schemes, 1 EMI off on 20/5 scheme and 24/4 fixed EMI schemes starting at just Rs. 900). Consumers can also take home a premium Godrej Appliance by paying just ₹1 down payment, creating yet another opportunity for our customer's delight. Extended warranty is also available in specific categories and segments to ensure that the customer is getting maximum value on his festive purchase. The Dil

Se Diwali festive promotion offers will be available till 15th November across stores. Customers can also avail offers on the company's e-store at shop.godrejappliances.com.

Furthermore, Mr. Sanjeev Jain, National Sales Head, Godrej Appliances, added, "We are happy to continue the Godrej tradition of bringing joy into the lives of millions of Indians through our value-laden products and further dazzle up the festivities through our thoughtfully designed offers cashbacks, easy finance schemes with attractive EMI, extended warranty and more is available for our consumers to pick from. With our technologically advanced products exclusively launched for the season, backed with attractive offers we are confident of a good festive run."

U GRO Capital and Kinara Capital Announce Co-Originiation Partnership

Mumbai, October 14, 2021: U GRO Capital, a listed, small business lending MSME focused fintech platform, and Kinara Capital, a fast-growing fintech, today announced a strategic co-origination partnership to offer collateral-free business loans to small business entrepreneurs in India. Together, both companies plan to disburse INR 100 crores by the end of FY2022 to MSMEs in Manufacturing, Trading and Services sectors.

The co-origination arrangement will leverage U GRO's analytical data driven decisioning and integration through APIs with the smart technology platform of Kinara Capital. With years of AI/ML based decisioning and underwriting experience, Kinara Capital can take an MSME entrepreneur from loan application to loan disbursement within 24-hours. MSMEs across 300+ pin codes in Tier 1-3 cities will benefit from this partnership where Kinara is presently operating in the urban, semi-urban and peri-urban areas of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and

UT Puducherry.

The collaboration is being made possible by U GRO Capital's Gro X-stream platform, which is an API-driven and highly customizable technology platform for FinTechs, Payment Platforms, NBFCs, NeoBanks, Market places and other digital platforms. Through this platform, U GRO coordinates MSME loans and also does Co-lending with large Banks & Financial Institutions. The company has signed 15+ co-origination partnerships with multiple partners.

Together, U GRO Capital and Kinara Capital aim to ease access to formal credit for hundreds of small business entrepreneurs who need financing for business growth.

Shachindra Nath, Executive Chairman and Managing Director, U GRO Capital said, "We are excited to enter into a partnership with Kinara Capital, towards our vision of solving the unsolved MSME credit gap. It is our belief that co-origination with FinTech is one of the most effective routes to achieve the financial inclusion of MSMEs, which has prompted us to design our

technology platform 'Gro X-stream', allowing essential collaborations like this to fructify. We look forward to a long term relationship with Kinara Capital and work towards our common aim to support more MSMEs in their bid to grow."

Hardika Shah, Founder and CEO, Kinara Capital said, "We are delighted to work with U GRO Capital as they resonate our focus on supporting India's small business entrepreneurs. As a partner, U GRO has demonstrated equal parts commitment with its financing and technology to join us in easing credit flow to the MSME sector. This instantly impacts both local and national economies, and the job creation is essential as businesses continue to rebuild and grow this year."

The co-origination partnership is aimed at keeping the process seamless for the entrepreneurs. MSMEs will need to apply only once directly with Kinara Capital and can start the process online, by phone or in-person with a Kinara representative. Once approved, the loan sanction documents will include the names of both U GRO

Capital and Kinara Capital. The customer experience will continue to be managed by Kinara Capital which provides complete support in vernacular and offers additional support such as a free digital workshop series with business tips for growth.

Available financing for MSMEs will range from INR 1 lakh to INR 30 lakhs with tenure ranging from 12-60 months. Financing can be availed for Working Capital, Asset Purchase directly from Kinara Capital and women-led businesses receive an automatic, upfront discount with the HerVikas program.

Kinara has 110 branches across 6 states and has provided over 60,000 collateral-free loans to small business entrepreneurs. The social impact of Kinara's financial inclusion commitment has generated over INR 700 crores in incremental income for the entrepreneurs and supported over 250,000 jobs across local economies in India.

U GRO Capital currently has 34 branches across 9 states. It aims to expand the branch network to 100 by FY2022 and intends to reach 250,000 MSMEs in the coming 4 financial years.