

**NATIONAL CADET CORPS AND NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA SIGNS MOU TO REUSE PLASTIC WASTE**

Chennai, December 19 2021: Key highlights: A total of 3,40,000 cadets from 127 coastal area NCC Units are participating in the month-long activity

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The National Cadet Corps (NCC) and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to reuse plastic wastes collected by NCC Cadets during Puneet Sagar Abhiyan and other Swachhta activities for construction of roads by NHAI throughout the country. To promote and create favourable conditions for environmental safety, NCC has initiated a nationwide campaign Puneet Sagar Abhiyan to clean seashores/beaches off the plastic & other wastes



along the seashores and increase awareness about importance of keeping the seashores free from plastic wastes.

The aim of the Campaign is to propagate the message of 'Importance of clean seashores/beaches' amongst the local population and future generations. A total of 3,40,000 cadets from 127 Coastal Area NCC Units are participating in the month-long activity. So far, the NCC cadets at different locations have collected plastic wastes amounting to almost six tons from these areas.

The plastic wastes

collected is planned to be handed over to NHAI which they can use in road construction. The MoU between NCC and NHAI has been signed and exchanged on 17 December 2021 by Director General NCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh and Chief General Manager, NHAI Mr Sushil Kumar Mishra.

The National Cadet Corps has also approached IITs and NIITs for their cooperation in recycling and gainful utilisation of the plastic wastes collected. IIT Kharagpur has already agreed to extend their technical expertise in this. The National Cadet Corps is

also approaching NGOs who are involved in recycling of plastic wastes, one of whom, Odisha Yuva Chetana Sangathan has already agreed to provide assistance.

In addition to physically cleaning the beaches the cadets have also taken up mass awareness campaign to educate the people regarding the evils and harms of plastic use and the damage plastic is doing to our natural resources. The cadets are also interacting with public, tourists, local shopkeepers/vendors and fisherman along the coastal areas, distributing pamphlets, administering oaths to the target population, performing theme based Nukkad Natak & rallies/foot patrols to drive home the message of importance of clean sea beaches. Till date, almost 1.5 lakh cadets at 64 different locations have participated in the Puneet Sagar Abhiyan and have impacted a population of approximately 17 Lakh.

**COMBINED GRADUATION PARADE HELD AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY**

Chennai, December 19 2021: To mark the successful culmination of Training for 175 Flight Cadets of Flying and Ground Duty branches in the Indian Air Force, a Combined Graduation Parade was held at the Air Force Academy, Dundigal on 18 December 21. Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Chief of the Air Staff was the Reviewing Officer (RO) of the Passing out Parade, where he conferred the 'President's Commission' on the graduating Flight Cadets who successfully completed their professional training. The graduating officers also included 28 women who joined the growing number of women officers in the IAF. On this occasion two officers from the Indian Navy, nine officers from the Indian Coast Guard and three Cadets from Vietnam were also awarded Wings on successful completion of Flying training.



Cadets were awarded their 'Stripes' (Air Force rank) by the RO.

The newly commissioned officers were then administered the 'oath' by the Commandant of the Academy in the presence of the Reviewing Officer and other dignitaries. During the Ceremonial Salute and 'Antim Pag' (Last Step), a well coordinated and synchronised fly past by Pilatus PC-7, Hawk and Kiran trainer aircraft and Chetak helicopters added colour to the occasion. Many other events, which would otherwise have been part of this Combined Graduation Parade, were cut down as a mark of respect for the CDS, Mrs Rawat and 12 personnel of the Armed Forces who passed away in the recent air accident.

After the 'Pipping Ceremony' the Reviewing Officer gave away various awards to the Flying Officers who excelled in diverse training disciplines. Flying Officer Shashwat Bhardwaj from the Flying Branch was awarded the President's Plaque and the

Chief of the Air Staff Sword of Honour for standing first in overall order of merit in the Pilots' Course. Flying Officer Shrikant Mishra from the Navigation Branch was awarded the President's Plaque for being first in the overall order of merit in the Navigation Course and Flying Officer Astha Kaur was awarded the President's Plaque for being first in the overall order of merit in the Ground Duty Officers' Course.

In his address, the Reviewing Officer complimented the newly commissioned 'Flying Officers' for their immaculate turn out, precise drill movements and high standards of parade. Addressing the passing out Cadets, the Chief of the Air Staff said, "the IAF is on the cusp of transformation into a highly potent Air Force with new induction like Rafale, Apache, Chinook and a wide variety of SAGW systems. Today, as you graduate and move into an environment that is challenging and technology intensive, the IAF looks

upon young and dynamic officers like you to carry forward the rich legacy of professional attitude, aptitude and temperament shown by your predecessors." The Chief of the Air Staff further said, "as military officers, you are bound to face certain hardships in your career. Never allow these hardships and constraints to affect you mentally and physically."

The grand ceremony culminated with the newly commissioned officers marching-out in two columns in slow march to the notes of 'Anandaloke' by Rabindranath Tagore, acknowledging the first salute given to them by their immediate juniors. They marched in step past the Reviewing Officer with synchronous strides. The newly commissioned officers passed through the Academy portals to commence their journey in the service of the nation and take-on all future assignments and challenges.

The Combined Graduation Parade holds a special place in the heart of every

Air Force officer, as on this particular day, they pledge to safeguard the security, safety, sovereignty and honour of the country. The Commission ceremony remains forever etched in the minds of Air Force officers, as they earn their 'Stripes' in the presence of their proud parents.

**RS. 70 CRORE MEGA COMMON FACILITY CENTRE FOR GEM AND JEWELLERY TO COME UP AT SEEPZ MUMBAI, PIYUSH GOYAL LAYS THE FOUNDATION STONE**

Chennai, December 19 2021: The Union Commerce Minister Shri Piyush Goyal today laid the foundation stone for a Mega Common Facility Centre for Gem and Jewellery sector, at the Santacruz Electronic Export Processing Zone (SEEPZ) Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Mumbai.



their quality of production and this, in turn, will further contribute substantially to the exports of the country.

The mega CFC, will provide common manufacturing processes and related services to jewellery units. This will not only help to reduce the cost of production in a big way but also lead to the

The Mega CFC is a dream project worth Rs. 70 crore and would be an epicentre of skill training and an important business facilitation centre situated in the heart of the country's significant manufacturing centre for gems and jewellery. It will be one of two such facilities (the other being at Surat) which will provide cutting-edge technology for manufacturing and other allied processes of the gem and jewellery sector. The Centre will also provide skilling and training support to build a competent workforce. The Indian gems and jewellery industry has the largest skilled workforce of 4.5 million as on date.

The Minister expressed the hope that the work of revamp of SEEPZ would lead to a gradual reconstruction of entire SEEPZ in next 3-5 years.

The Minister urged the industry and SEEPZ to work in tandem to

accomplish this.

The Minister said that we must make SEEPZ world-class once again.

The Minister exhorted the gem and jewellery industry to aim higher. "The gem and jewellery sector has power, promise and potential to truly realise the dream of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. It's time now to make this gem and jewellery sector in India a truly global champion, reflecting India's promise, capabilities and trust.

The Minister said that the government will do everything to reach the outstanding export numbers that GJEPC aims to achieve.

GJEPC Chairman Shri Colin Shah that the mega CFC at SEEPZ will redefine the future of the G&J industry. He added that the Mega CFC will facilitate the required technology to boost the



exports from the SEEPZ. "Currently the SEEPZ contributes around USD 3 billion to our total gem and jewellery exports annually, but with better infrastructure and technology, the SEEPZ definitely can contribute to exports of USD 7 billion to USD 10 billion annually."

Zonal Development Commissioner, SEEPZ SEZ Shri Shyam Jagannathan stated that the new Mega CFC will give a fillip to small manufacturers to scale up

transfer of know-how amongst these units, thereby providing a competitive advantage to them.

The new facility will also provide access to a common pool of high-end capital-intensive state-of-art machines. It can provide a wide spectrum of ancillary services such as CAD CAM, electroplating, fire assaying, manufacturing and 3D metal printing, along with providing consultancy, R&D and training.



On December 17th at an event at Russian Cultural Centre Chennai Tamil Film Director and great grandson of Rao Sahib K Kothandapani Pillai an Indian Diplomat and Tamil Scholar, Venkatesh Kumar G was conferred "Honorary Diploma" by the Russian Federal Agency - Rosstrudnichestvo, Moscow. The award was presented by Director of RCSC Chennai Mr. Gennadii Rogalev. Present at the function were Counsel General of Russian federation in South India His Excellency Oleg Avdeev, Col R Hariharan, a retired MI specialist on South Asia and terrorism, served as the head of intelligence of the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka 1987-90, Makkal Kural and Trinity Mirror Editor and Publisher Mr. R.Muthu Kumar, and Mr. Ramkumar Ganesan (Son of Dr. Shivaji Ganesan).

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# Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal interacts with Indian exporters and businesses to Enhance Market Access for India in UAE

Chennai, December 19, 2021: The Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles Shri Piyush Goyal chaired an interaction with the captains of Indian industry and heads of Export Promotion Councils in Mumbai today, to discuss certain opportunities for Indian businesses to expand their global footprint by leveraging the business platforms and infrastructure offered by UAE.

DP World, a leading smart logistics provider owned fully by the Government of UAE, presented the market expansion opportunities it offers to Indian businesses and exporters. The firm is setting up India Mart Traders Market, a dedicated market for Indian businesses which would enable traders and

manufacturers to trade with the UAE local market and regional market.

The potential offered by Dubai's Jebel Ali Free Zone (Jafza), one of the world's leading free trade zones, was also presented to the Indian industry.

Speaking about the immediate UAE opportunity presented by DP World and the Government of UAE, Shri Goyal said "We are looking for this to become a \$10 billion opportunity for India and to also showcase Brand India on the global stage."

Industry representatives welcomed the initiative and offered their ideas and suggestions to leverage its potential.

Shri Goyal added that our goal is to become the No. 1 Trading Partner of UAE. The Minister said, "UAE is a gateway to Gulf Cooperation Council and

all of Africa".

The Minister welcomed Group Chairman & CEO, DP World, Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem for coming up with solutions such as provision of low-cost finance for Indian businesses.

Shri Goyal said that the goodwill built by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Crown Prince H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan are helping us have bigger ambitions.

The Minister thanked the exporters for participating in the deliberations to create a roadmap for expanding Indian exports not only to UAE but also using UAE as a springboard, to expand exports to GCC and other markets in Africa and elsewhere.

The Union Minister shared the highly



favourable outcomes which can be expected from the India-UAE Free Trade Agreement, which is in the advanced stages of negotiation and finalization. "There is a lot of good news coming up, across several sectors, as we negotiate and finalize the FTA with the UAE."

The Minister shared three examples reflecting India-UAE friendship. "For the first time ever, UAE allotted land for India to set up a temple. This is remarkable as UAE is celebrating 50th year of its

formation and India is celebrating its 75th year of Independence. Secondly, UAE has committed \$100 Billion for investment and infrastructure creation in India. And thirdly, the UAE-India FTA will be India's fastest-negotiated FTA and the fastest-negotiated Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) ever between two nations, which also gives the maximum opportunity to India."

Addressing the exporters and industry,

Group Chairman & CEO DP World, Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, spoke about the UAE market and the opportunities available there for Indian products. "The Jebel Ali Economic Zone has hundreds of warehouses suitable for any trader who would like to see and feel the market. The time is right for India to seize the opportunity in the world market. There is a huge shortage everywhere, which India can fill."

DP World official, Mr. Abdulla Al Hashmi presented to the industry the potential offered by the twin projects India Mart Traders Market and Jebel Ali Free Zone. "We want to support Made in India products, to enable them to be exported to the world."

During the discussions, Sharad Kumar Saraf, Immediate Past President opined that FIEO decision to open India Mart Traders Market is timely and very

important.

Naresh Bhasin, Regional Chairman, Council of Leather Exports stated that besides touch-and-feel, speed-to-market is an important aspect which customers are looking at. Capital cost is cheaper in the UAE and setting up India Mart Traders Market in Dubai will be very attractive for the leather industry, he added.

Amit Sarma, Member, Retailers Association of India (RAI) stated that the setting up of India Mart facility by DP World will further India's goals of Made in India and Made for the World. "As MSMEs and start-ups drive up business, we need to talk about providing access to India Mart to them as well." He said that in addition to providing warehousing facility, the Mart should also have a packaging facility.

B. Thiagarajan, Chairman, CII Western Region and Managing Director, Blue Star Ltd. said: "India-UAE bilateral relationship has led to tremendous growth in the past few years and led to creation of a framework for strategic partnerships. The interaction today is an example of the opportunities and relations that may emerge as a result of the strong bilateral relationship."

Representatives of The Plastic Export Promotion Council, Engineering Export Promotion Council India, Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Tea Board India, The Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council, Spices Board, Retailers Association of India, Apparel Export Promotion Council, The Clothing Manufacturers Association of India and others were present on the occasion.

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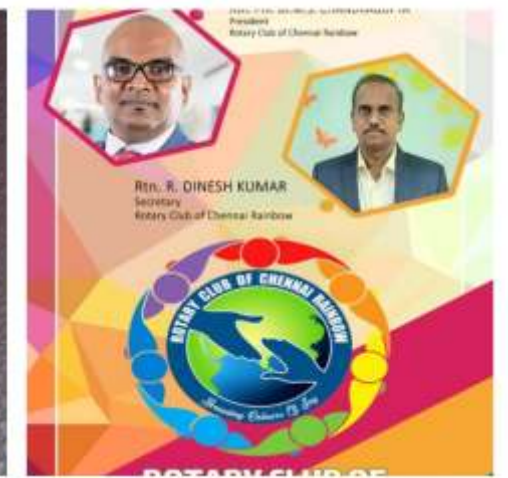
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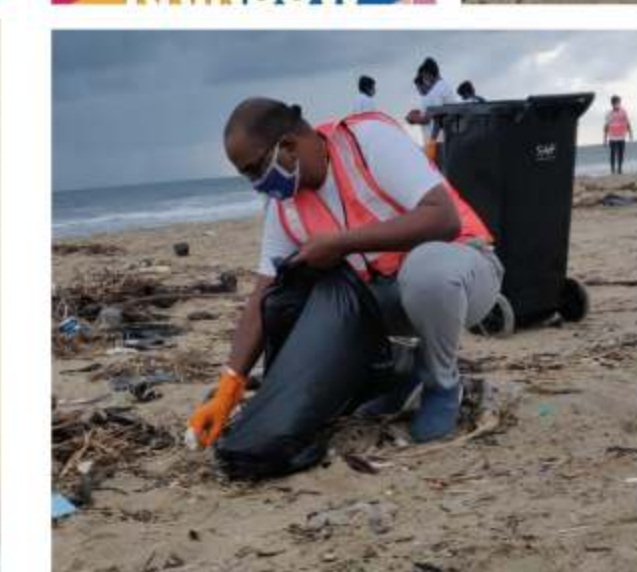


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## G. Ramachandran Endowment Lecture will be held on December 20, 2021 at Madras School of Economics, Chennai

Chennai, December 19, 2021: Madras School of Economics will be hosting an endowment lecture on "Three Decades of the Economic Reforms in India" as a tribute to Mr. G. Ramachandran 1949 batch IAS Officer and the youngest officer to become Finance Secretary, Tamil Nadu (1965) and who worked for former Chief Minister of Rajaji, Kamaraj, Bakthavatsalam and Annadurai with distinction will be held on

December 20, 2021 at Madras School of Economics in Taramani, Chennai.

Given Mr. G Ramachandran's passion for academia since he began his career as a lecturer in Loyola College Madras before joining IAS, the family felt it was a privilege and honour when Madras School of Economics agreed to host an annual endowment lecture.

The first inaugural lecture will be delivered by its Chairman, Dr. C. Rangarajan during whose tenure as governor of RBI, Mr. G. Ramachandran served as a Board Member of the Reserve Bank of India.

Mr. Brijeshwar Singh, IAS (R), Former Chairman, NHA and Dr. K.R. Shanmugam, Director, Madras School of Economics will also be speaking at the function.

Mr. Ramachandran's son Mr. R Ganapathi, who is the Chairman of Trigyn Technologies Limited - a leading IT company, will be handing over the Endowment Cheque and the toppers of PGDM Programme will be presented with G. Ramachandran Gold Medal Award in the event.

Earlier seven lectures were conducted under the auspices of the Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

## "The priority of the government is to bring the benefits of development to whoever is left behind in the society and is backward. The same sentiment is reflected in our agriculture policy and in the policy related to farmers"

Chennai, December 19, 2021: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Ganga Expressway in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath, Union Minister Shri B L Varma were among those present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister started with paying tribute to revolutionaries of the Kakori incident Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaq Ullah Khan and Roshan Singh. Speaking in the local dialect, the Prime Minister paid homage to Damodar Swaroop 'Vidrohi', Raj Bahadur Vikal and Agnivesh Shukla, poets of freedom struggle. "Tomorrow is the Martyrdom Day of Pandit Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaq Ullah Khan, Thakur Roshan Singh. These three sons of Shahjahanpur, who challenged British rule, were hanged on 19 December. We owe a huge debt to such heroes who laid down their lives for the freedom of India", The Prime Minister said.

The Prime Minister remarked that Maa Ganga is the source of all auspiciousness and all progress. Maa Ganga gives all the happiness, and takes away all the pain. Similarly, Ganga Expressway will also open new doors of progress for UP. It will be a source of five boons for the state, said the Prime

Minister, referring to the network of expressways, new airports and railway routes. First boon - saving people's time. Second boon- Increase in convenience and ease of people. Third boon- Proper use of resources of UP. Fourth boon- Increase in the capabilities of UP. Fifth boon - all-round prosperity in UP.

The Prime Minister remarked that the modern infrastructure that is being built in UP today shows how the resources are used properly. "You have clearly seen how public money was used earlier. But today the money of Uttar Pradesh is being invested in the development of Uttar Pradesh", the Prime Minister emphasized. The Prime Minister said when the whole of UP grows together, the country progresses. Therefore, the focus of the double engine government is on the development of UP. "With the mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas, we are making sincere efforts for the development of UP", he said. The Prime Minister brought the focus to the situation five years ago. "Except in some areas of the state, electricity was not available in other cities and villages. The government of double engine has not only given about 80 lakh free electricity connections in UP, but every district is being given many times more electricity than

before", he added. He said more than 30 lakh poor people got pucca houses and this campaign will continue to cover all the remaining entitled beneficiaries. In Shahjahanpur also 50 thousand pucca houses were built.

For the first time development of dalits, deprived and backward is being prioritized at his level, he said. He added "the priority of the government is to bring the benefits of development to whoever is left behind in the society and is backward. The same sentiment is reflected in our agriculture policy and in the policy related to farmers".

The Prime Minister criticized the mentality of begrudging the work for heritage of the country and also for the development of the country. He said such outfits wanted to keep poor and common people dependent on them. "These people have a problem with the construction of a grand temple of Lord Shri Ram in Ayodhya. These people have a problem with the cleanliness campaign of Ganga ji. It is these people who question the army's action against the masters of terror. These are the people who put the Made in India corona vaccine made by Indian scientists in the dock", the Prime Minister said. He recalled the

abysmal law and order situation in the state that changed for the better in recent times. The Prime Minister gave the formulation U.P.Y.O.G.I - UP plus Yogi bahut hai upyogi (is very useful).

The inspiration behind the Expressway is the vision of the Prime Minister to provide fast paced connectivity across the country. The 594 Km long six-lane Expressway will be built at a cost of over Rs 36,200 crore. Starting near the Bijauli village in Meerut, the Expressway will extend till near the Judapur Dandu village in Prayagraj. It passes through Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Budaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Rae Bareilly, Pratapgarh and Prayagraj. Upon completion of work, it will become the longest expressway of Uttar Pradesh, connecting the western and eastern regions of the state. A 3.5 Km long air strip for assisting emergency take off and landing of Air Force planes will also be constructed on the Expressway in Shahjahanpur. An industrial corridor is also proposed to be built along the Expressway.

The Expressway will also give a fillip to multiple sectors including industrial development, trade, agriculture, tourism etc. It will provide a big boost to the socio-economic development of the region.

## ST. KITTS AND NEVIS PATRIOTS, THE WINNER OF THE T20 EVENT 'CARIBBEAN PREMIER LEAGUE 2021' FELICITATED

Chennai, December 19, 2021: Speaking at the felicitation event held in Chennai on December 15, 2021, Singapore businessman Mr. Mahesh Ramani, the team owner since 2019, said, "I am very excited and happy to be in Chennai which is the home town of CSK. I am also very happy and grateful for the victory of my team St Kitts & Nevis Patriots at CPL 2021. This victory is even more special given that the team finished at the bottom of the table last year and came back strong to win the trophy at their home ground in 2021."

It's also the first time in the history of CPL that the St Kitts & Nevis Patriots team has finished first. Credit goes to the entire team, coaches, assistant coaches, support staff and everyone behind the scenes who have worked together very hard with a lot of passion. Of course a legend like Dwayne Bravo leading and motivating the team has made a huge difference in everyone stepping up and putting



their best forward, he added.

This victory also means a lot to the country and their love for the game. I am so grateful to all the local fans who came to support us. I would like to thank my social media team Kwink, who did a wonderful job this year broadening our reach beyond the Caribbean and engaging with the cricketing community.

St Kitts and Nevis are two beautiful Islands in the Caribbean filled with

people who have a lot of love and passion for the game of cricket. This victory has set a positive tone for us and I hope to take it forward next year as well and identify more local talent and give them the right stage to showcase their skills, he concluded.

The winning team, St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots was captained by Champion DJ Bravo and had legends like the "universe boss" Chris Gayle. Apart from these two heavyweights, SKNP also had popular players

from the West Indians - swashbuckling opener, Evin Lewis, the amazing all-rounder Fabian Allen, Sheldon Cottrell, popular for his "soldier salute".

The team started its campaign winning five matches in a row and then beat TKR in the semifinals; and then went on to defeat St. Lucia Kings in the finals. The hero of the final was young sensational all-rounder Dominic Drakes who single handedly won the final for SKNP. The team also had some international names like English batter Ravi Bopara, young quick Naseem Shah and middle order batter Asif Ali from Pakistan apart from Dutch fast bowler, Paul van Meekeren.

Coincidentally the final of the CPL was also Captain DJ Bravo's 500th T20 match a felicitation was held to honor him before the start of the match. The entire tournament was held in St. Kitts from the third week of August till the middle of September 2021.

## PM GatiShakti roll-out gets Impetus: Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) holds its first meeting

Chennai, December 19, 2021: The Government has constituted Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) headed by Cabinet Secretary with Secretaries of 20 Infrastructure and Economic User Ministries as members of EGoS to monitor implementation of PM GatiShakti. The first meeting of EGoS was held yesterday under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary. The CEO Niti Aayog was special invitee for the first meeting of EGoS. The EGoS reviewed the progress made so far.

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched PM GatiShakti National Master Plan for providing multimodal connectivity to various Economic Zones in the country. PM GatiShakti aims to reduce the logistics cost. Currently, the

logistics cost in India is about 13% of the GDP whereas in other developed countries it is to the extent of 8%. Government is committed to reduce the cost of logistics to ensure competitiveness of our manufacturing sector, better realisation of prices to farmers and availability of goods at cheaper prices to consumers.

Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N), which has developed the National Master Plan informed the EGoS that over 300 layers of data has been mapped on to GIS based national master plan. It was further informed that all the Central Ministries and most of the State Governments have started updation of their required layers.

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), being the nodal department for PM GatiShakti informed about the administrative arrangements made for monitoring and coordination of PM GatiShakti. Network Planning Group (NPG) comprising representatives from 7 Central Ministries has already been constituted. High Powered Expert Group of Professionals is being constituted to support the NPG.

The EGoS made several important decisions in the meeting. It has been decided to compile the infrastructural gaps as felt by various Economic Ministries. This is to be forwarded to the concerned Infrastructure Ministry for appropriate consideration to include in

the annual action plan for next financial year. Decision was made to study the multimodal connectivity to all the economic zones in the country on priority so that gaps are identified. Any such system or process, which is causing enhanced logistics cost are to be identified and deliberated upon and measures are to be taken including necessary administrative decisions so as to reduce cost.

EGoS emphasised the need for digitisation. It was felt necessary to integrate all management information systems of different so as to enable ease of usage. EGoS has also emphasised that all the Ministries should include in their planning logistics cost reduction at the core so as to achieve the objective of PM GatiShakti.

## Union Minister for Power and NRE chairs Review, Planning and Monitoring meeting with States

Chennai, December 19, 2021: Union Minister of Power and NRE, Shri R.K. Singh chaired a Review, Planning and Monitoring meeting with Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries of Power/Energy Departments of the States and UTs and CMDs/MDs of power sector CPSUs here, on 17th December, 2021. Minister of State for Power Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar and Minister of State for MNRE Shri Bhagwant Khuba were also present in the meeting with Secretary Power, Secretary MNRE and senior officials from both the Ministries.

Shri R.K. Singh, in his inaugural address, underlined that the power sector has been brought forward a long way, by the current government. The country has become power surplus; we have connected the whole country



into one grid, and strengthened the distribution system. These steps have increased the power availability to 22 hours in rural areas and 23.5 hours in urban areas. The next step is to take it to 24\*7 guaranteed power supply at affordable price.

He stated that the availability of Power is fundamental to Indian economy and our objective is

to provide world class services and facilities for the citizens of this country. The Minister also emphasized upon energy transition towards more green energy to safeguard the environment for the coming generations while taking forward development of the sector. The manifold benefits of PM-KUSUM scheme primarily in the form of additional income and cheaper electricity for farmers were emphasized. The State

Governments will benefit through reduced Subsidy burden. This will also benefit the environment as well in the form of clean and green energy generation. The State wise status of implementation and issues being faced were deliberated in detail. Renewed focus was laid on renewable energy for ensuring availability of sufficient electricity supply in an environment friendly manner.

The matter of increasing overdues of GENCOs was also deliberated and it was advised that DISCOMs must immediately undertake loss reduction measures through proper metering, billing and energy accounting. Proper accounting of subsidies being announced by respective State Governments and payment to DISCOMs also need to be ensured.

## Amazon.in announces Mobile and TV Savings Days

Chennai, December 19, 2021: Amazon.in announces Mobile and TV Savings Days bringing together a host of deals and offers on a range of the latest Smart TVs, smartphones and accessories. Customers can enjoy up to 10% off on their favourite brands including Xiaomi, Samsung, iQOO, OPPO, Tecno and Vivo amongst others. The latest Redmi Note 11T 5G, Samsung Galaxy M Series, iQOO Z Series, iQOO 7, Oppo A Series, Tecno Spark 8T, Vivo X60 series are amongst other smartphones than will see great offers. Mobile and TV Saving Days is live until December 22, 2021.

Customers can enjoy a 10% instant discount up to INR 1500 using OneCard

Credit Cards or EMI payments. They can also avail exciting exchange offers and convenient No-Cost EMI for up to 12 months on their favourite smartphones. Prime Members can avail savings of up to INR 20,000 with Advantage Just for Prime, which includes benefits like 6-month free screen replacement and additional 3 month No Cost EMI on HDFC Bank Debit and Credit Cards which offers even higher EMI tenures and lower payments per month starting INR 1,333 per month.

Here are some of the latest Smartphones and Smart TVs on Amazon.in with offers and deals from sellers.

Xiaomi Smartphones and TVs:

Xiaomi recently launched multiple new smartphone including Redmi Note 11T 5G, Xiaomi 11 Lite NE 5G and Redmi Note 10 Pro Dark Nebula. Xiaomi smartphones and Smart TVs will be available with additional bank offers to make the deals even sweeter these Savings Days. Xiaomi smartphones will have up to 12 months No-cost EMI.

Samsung Smartphones and TVs: Along with 2 new launches - Samsung Galaxy M32 5G and Samsung Galaxy M52 5G, customers can also enjoy great offers on the entire Samsung M series range including up to 10% off on the best smartphones and Smart TVs and get up to 6 months No-Cost EMI these Savings Days.

iQOO Smartphones: Avail up to INR 1,500 off on iQOO Z3, iQOO Z5 and iQOO 7 during these Savings Days.

Tecno Smartphones: Get up to 10% off on Tecno smartphones including the newly launched Tecno Spark 8T.

OPPO and Vivo Smartphones: Up to 10% off on OPPO smartphones with up to 12 months No-cost EMI. Get great deals on latest launches like the Oppo A55, and other bestselling smartphones from Oppo including Oppo A31 and Oppo A74.

Customers can get bestselling mobile accessories starting INR 69. Powerbanks will be available at a price starting INR 399.



