

Opening Remarks by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi at the India-UAE Virtual Summit

Chennai, February 19 2022: Your Highness, My Brother, A warm welcome to today's virtual summit. First of all, I want to congratulate you and the U.A.E. Despite the challenges of Covid, the organization of Expo 2020 was very spectacular. Unfortunately, I couldn't visit U.A.E. to attend the Expo, and it's been long since we have had face-to-face meeting. But today's virtual summit shows that despite all the challenges, our friendly relations continue to reach new heights.

Your Highness, Your personal role in strengthening our relationship has been extremely important. I will always be grateful to you for the way you have taken care of the Indian community of the U.A.E. even during the Covid pandemic. We strongly condemn the recent terrorist attacks in the U.A.E. India and the U.A.E. will always stand together against terrorism.

Your Highness, This year holds special significance for both our countries. You are celebrating the 50th birth anniversary of the founding of the U.A.E. and



you've also set the vision of the next 50 years of the U.A.E. We are celebrating 75 years of our independence this year. And we have set ambitious goals for the next 25 years. The future vision of the two countries has a lot in common.

Your Highness, I am very happy that both our countries are signing the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement today. It is noteworthy that we were able to conclude negotiations on such an important agreement in less than three months. Normally it takes years for this type of agreement. This agreement reflects the deep friendship, shared vision and trust between the two countries. I am sure this will usher in a new era in our economic relations. And our trade will grow from \$60 billion to \$100 billion in the next five

years. Your Highness, Trade, investment, energy and people-to-people contacts have been the pillars of our cooperation. At the same time, there are possibilities of increasing our cooperation in many new areas as well. The new MOU on Food Corridors between us is a very good initiative. We welcome U.A.E.'s investment in food processing and logistics sectors. This will make India a trusted partner for the food security of the U.A.E.

India has made unprecedented progress in the field of start-ups. Last year, 44 unicorns have emerged in India. We can encourage start-ups in both countries through joint-incubation and joint-financing. Similarly, for the skill development of our people, we can also

collaborate on modern Institutions of Excellence.

After the successful U.A.E. visit of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir last month, several Emirate companies have shown interest in investing in Jammu and Kashmir. We welcome investment by U.A.E. in all sectors including logistics, healthcare, hospitality in Jammu and Kashmir. And will provide all kinds of facilities to your companies.

Your Highness, Next year, India will host the G-20 summit, and the UAE, COP-28. The issue of climate is becoming increasingly important on the global stage. We can increase mutual cooperation in shaping this agenda. Both our countries also have a positive attitude towards working with like-minded partners. I am confident that "India-U.A.E.-Israel-USA", this grouping will advance our collective goals, especially in the areas of technology, innovation and finance.

Your Highness, Once again thank you very much from my heart for successfully organizing this virtual summit.

PM dedicates to the nation railway lines connecting Thane and Diva

Chennai, February 19 2022: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi dedicated to the Nation two additional railway lines connecting Thane and Diva today via video conferencing. He also flagged off two suburban trains of the Mumbai Suburban Railway. Governor and Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Union Railway Minister were among those present on the occasion.

The Prime Minister started his address with paying tributes to the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj whose Janam Jayanti falls tomorrow. The Prime Minister called Shiva ji Maharaj India's pride, identity and protector of India's culture.

Greeting Mumbai on the fifth and sixth rail line connecting Thane and Diva, the Prime Minister said that these lines will bring ease of life for the residents of the ever-mobile metropolitan. The Prime Minister underlined four direct benefits of the two lines. Firstly, separate lines for local and express trains; secondly, trains coming from other states will not have to wait for passing of local trains; thirdly, mail/express trains can be run without much obstruction in Kalyan to Kurla section and, finally, Kalwa Mumbra commuter will not be troubled due to blockage every Sunday. He said that these lines and 36 new local trains on the central railway lines which are mostly AC are part of central government's commitment to expanding and modernising the facility of local trains.

Recalling the contribution of the metropolitan city of Mumbai in the progress of independent India, the Prime Minister said that now the effort is to



increase Mumbai's capability manifold with regard to its contribution for Aatmnirbhar Bharat. "That is why our special focus is on creating 21st century infrastructure for Mumbai", the Prime Minister said. Thousands of crore rupees are being invested in rail connectivity in Mumbai as Mumbai Suburban Rail system is being equipped with the latest technology. The Prime Minister also said that efforts are on for adding additional 400 Kms in the Mumbai Suburban and 19 stations are planned to be modernised with facilities like modern CBTC signal system.

The Prime Minister said that "Ahmadabad-Mumbai High Speed Rail is country's need and it will strengthen Mumbai's identity as city of dreams. Completing this project rapidly is our priority", he said.

Prime Minister said even Corona pandemic could not shake the government's commitment to make Indian Railways more safe, convenient and modern. During the last two years, the Prime Minister said, Railways made new records in freight transportation. 8 thousand Km railway line was electrified and 4.5 thousand Km line was doubled in this time period. During Corona

period, farmers were connected to country-wide markets through Kisan Rails, he said.

Talking about the changed approach of New India regarding completion of infrastructure projects, the Prime Minister pointed out that in the past projects lingered due to lack of coordination from planning to execution stages. This made creation of 21st century infrastructure impossible, that is why, he said that PM Gatishakti Plan was conceived. The plan will bring every department of central government, state government's local bodies and private sector on one platform. This will provide relevant information well in advance to all stakeholders for proper planning and coordination.

Shri Modi lamented the thought process that prevent sufficient investment in the resources used by the poor and middle class. This, he said, kept shine off the public transport in the country. "Now India is moving forward, leaving behind this thinking", he said.

The Prime Minister listed measures that are giving new face to Indian Railways. He said that modern stations like Gandhinagar and Bhopal

are fast becoming the identity of Indian railways and more than 6000 railway stations have been connected with wifi facility. Vande Bharat Trains are giving new momentum and modern facilities to railway in the country. 400 new Vande Bharat will be launched in the coming years in the service of the nation, the Prime Minister said.

Kalyan is the main junction of Central Railway. The traffic coming from North side and Southern side of the country merge at Kalyan and moves towards CSMT (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus). Out of the four tracks between Kalyan and CSTM, two tracks were used for slow local trains and two tracks for fast local, Mail Express and Goods trains. To segregate suburban and long distance trains, two additional tracks were planned.

The two additional railway lines connecting Thane and Diva have been built at the approx cost of Rs 620 crores and features 1.4 km long rail flyover, 3 major bridges, 21 minor bridges. These lines will significantly remove the interference of long distance train's traffic with suburban train's traffic in Mumbai. These lines will also enable the introduction of 36 new suburban trains in the city.

First direct flight between Delhi-Khajuraho under RCS-UDAN flagged off

Chennai, February 19 2022: First direct flight between Delhi and heritage city of Khajuraho was flagged-off today. With this, 405 routes would be operationalized under the UDAN-RCS scheme. SpiceJet was awarded the Delhi-Khajuraho-Delhi route under the RCS-UDAN 3.0.

The inaugural event was graced by Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Ms. Usha Padhee, Joint Secretary, MoCA, Shri Ajay Singh, Chairman & Managing Director, SpiceJet, Shri Vishnu Datt Sharma, Member of Parliament, Khajuraho, Shri Om Prakash Sakhlecha, Minister of Science & Technology and MSME, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Kunwar Pradyumna Singh Lodhi, Member of Legislative Assembly, Malhara and many other dignitaries.

The airline will be operating flights on 2 days of the week - Friday and Sunday, and will deploy its Q400, 78-seater turbo prop aircraft designed for shorter distance flights on the route. SpiceJet is India's largest regional carrier and the strongest supporter of UDAN scheme. The airline operates 65 daily flights under UDAN connecting

14 UDAN destinations to various parts of the country. At present SpiceJet services Gwalior and Jabalpur airports in Madhya Pradesh. With Khajuraho, it will be their 15th UDAN destination.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said, "Khajuraho is world's pride, and it is the gateway for Madhya Pradesh's cultural and art prowess and religious diversity, and it has a significant importance in Madhya Pradesh's Past, Present and Future."

The minister further emphasized "Apart from Khajuraho, we have 4 airports in Madhya Pradesh with Indore, Bhopal, Gwalior and Jabalpur. In the past 7 months, Madhya Pradesh has seen 40% increase in flights per week, amounting to 759 flights per week as on 18 February 2022. Apart from that, 2 new FTO (Flight Training Organizations) will come up in Khajuraho which will help in training our commercial pilots. We have set our aim to construct 100 airports and 1,000 new air routes by 2024-25. Till now, 65 airports have been constructed, and 403 air routes are operationalized. Air Passengers also saw an increase from 6 crore in



2012-13 to 14.5 crore in 2021-22. We are fully committed to Hon'ble Prime Minister Vision of UDAN - Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik."

Khajuraho airport was established in the year 1978 with flight services to Delhi, Agra, Varanasi. MoCA has invested Rs 50 crore in Khajuraho airport and advance facilities were incorporated in the airport with installation of instrument landing system, a 1,20,000 sq ft new terminal building, night landing facility, recarpeting of runway and new ATC

towers. The flight begins couple of days before the start of the Khajuraho dance festival.

With the new direct flight, passengers from Delhi can visit Khajuraho and enjoy the historical as well as cultural heritage of the city. For passenger from Khajuraho, they will now be able to easily travel to a host of cities. It is identified as one of the iconic destinations for MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conference/ Conventions and Exhibitions/ Events) by Ministry of Tourism.

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Iraivan Miga Periyavan Movie Launch

Chennai, February 19, 2022: Here's the big show of the eminent filmmakers of our Tamil film industry. "Iraivan Miga Periyavan" is a movie written by filmmaker Vetrimaaran and Thangam and is directed by Ameer. Jaffer is producing this movie for JSM Pictures. Yuvan Shankar Raja is composing music for this film. The movie launch happened today (February 14, 2022) in Chennai was graced by crew members. Director Ameer said, "This is more like a festival day for me. Usually, a movie launch involves a ritual ceremony with script book, but this is quite a different one. This is an inaugural function of a movie and everyone in the team felt the need of it. These days, the numbers of producers are declining, and not many are ready to embark on their journey here. Especially, a producer aspiring to make a film with me as a filmmaker should definitely own excess self-confidence. So, we as a team, wanted to introduce him during this occasion. We will share a lot about this project in many more following occasions." Screenwriter Thangam said, "The film is a humanistic view of the realistic nature poem written by Pramili. This conception happened with director Vetrimaaran and director Ameer inspired by poem of Pramili will translate its essence on the



big screens. Director Vetrimaaran had the global perception as his inherent quality, and I have witnessed this from the time, he was assisting Balu Mahendra sir. To be precise, he has no personal inclination towards any caste and religion. As a matter of fact, every artist should have these qualities. Producer Jaffer said, "Occasions and a stage like this is quite new to me. I have confidence that my journey with this film is going to be beautiful and amazing. I request you all to support this venture, and make it a successful project." Cinematographer Ramjee said, "I am collaborating with director Ameer after 15 years. Director Vetrimaaran and Thangam penning script for this movie is an additional strength. I strongly feel confident and positive about this project." Director Karu Pazhaniappan said, "Pramili's one particular line from his amazing poem was the core inspiration for this movie. Soon after conversing on these influences and the

story, we felt that Ameer would befittingly look perfect to helm this project. I am working on a project titled Aandavan and Ameer is making a movie titled Iraivan Miga Periyavan and both the movies have musical score by Yuvan Shankar Raja. Well, Ameer wasn't concerned about these common factors. It is evident that the title of this movie itself will create reactions from many individuals and groups. These days, the misconception about everything has become a major problem, but this movie will justify the significance of this title. It's really a great blessing to have the musical icon Yuvan Shankar Raja composing music for movies made by Ameer and me. We have no knowledge about music, and his Midas-touch is the greatest asset to our movies. I thank him for understanding our ideas and nourishing them through his music. Soon after the discussion, I strongly felt that Ameer is the right person to direct it. Ameer is an honest and

genuine person, who is a disciplinarian, when it comes to pursuing his works. I am very confident that the movie will achieve great success." Music Director Yuvan Shankar Raja said, "I am still not aware about the story of Iraivan Miga Periyavan. I got a last minute invitation from Ameer that I am a part of this project, and I have to be here at this event. But I have complete confidence on Ameer, and this perpetual trust will be there forever." Director Vetrimaaran said, "Thangam narrated me the story before a very long time. Later, both of us got involved in our projects respectively. After few days, we felt that it's right time to get this project materialized. Usually, I am not a big fan of writing, but I have penned the screenplay for this movie. Well, that wasn't an easy job, and I would often discuss it with Ameer. I have made some adaptations according to the contemporary times. When I wasn't able to direct this movie, Ameer expressed his interest to helm this project, and I felt that he would be best person than me to handle this movie. He has made slight changes to the screenplay based on his life experiences. We all wanted to showcase the current social issues through a work, and this is the reason behind our collaboration."

INDIAN NAVAL SAILING VESSELS (INSVs) IN PRESIDENT'S FLEET REVIEW 2022

Chennai, February 19, 2022: As part of President's Fleet Review 2022 (PFR 2022) Sail Parade activities, six Ocean going Indian Naval Sailing Vessels (INSVs) viz Mhadei, Tarini, Bulbul, Hariyal, Kadalpura and Neelkanth have arrived at Visakhapatnam from Goa. All six boats form part of Ocean Sailing Node at INS Mandovi at Goa under Southern Naval Command and are being manned by six each naval officers drawn from three Commands of Navy, ANC and IHQ MoD (Navy). The crew also includes six women officers.



The expedition commenced from Goa on 12 Jan 22. The 1600 NM (Almost 3000 KM)

passage of the INSVs from Goa to Visakhapatnam was carried under aegis of Indian Naval Sailing Association (INSA) based at IHQ MoD (N), New Delhi.

These yachts are utilised for ocean Sailing by Indian Navy. The crew for the sea sorties are

selected from volunteers with adequate sea sailing experience. Ocean sailing is an extremely tough adventure sport. Indian Navy utilises the ocean Sailing yachts for inculcating spirit of adventure, enhancing risk taking abilities whilst honing essential seamanship skills

including navigation, communication, technical operation of engines and onboard machinery, operation of Inmarsat equipment, logistics planning etc. It also enhances Indian Navy's ability to project its benign presence across the globe by participating in sailing expeditions like Sagar Parikrama and Cape Town to Rio de Janeiro races, IONS sailing expedition etc.

In the past, Mhadei has done solo circumnavigation 'Sagar Parikrama' with Capt Dilip Donde in 2010 and Cdr Abhilash Tomy in 2013. She has also done Cape Town to Rio de Janeiro races in 2011, 2014 & 2017.

Bureau of Indian Standards organises Webinar on 'Indian Standards on Aqua Feed'

Chennai, February 19, 2022: Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) organized an awareness and implementation webinar on 'Indian Standards on Aqua feed' on 17 February 2022. More than 100 participants from industry and government fishery departments attended the program. Information pertaining to the current Indian Standards on fish feed and new standards in pipeline were shared, highlighting the important requirements prescribed. The participants were also encouraged to review and comment on draft standards currently under wide

circulation till 15 March 2022. The manufacturers were encouraged to take BIS certification for use of Standards Mark (ISI mark) on their products. Information on BIS Conformity Assessment Scheme and process of application of license were also provided.

BIS has published four Indian Standards for Aqua feed, which are listed below:

IS 16150 (Part 1): 2014 Fish Feed - Specification, Part 1 Carp Feed

IS 16150 (Part 2): 2014 Fish Feed - Specification, Part 2 Catfish Feed

IS 16150 (Part 3): 2014 Fish Feed - Specification, Part 3 Shrimp Feed

IS 16150 (Part 4): 2014 Fish Feed - Specification, Part 4 Freshwater Prawn Feed

We are in process of developing new Indian Standards for aqua feed covering new species, where the request has been made by Ministry of Fisheries, AH&D.

Fish feed for Pangasius fish Fish feed for omnivorous fish Fish feed for carnivorous fish Fish feed for polyculture of fish

As aquaculture is making rapid progress in

the country and new initiatives / schemes are being launched by governments in this field. Implementation of Indian Standards would ensure optimum quality of aqua feed and this in turn improves quality of aquaculture produce. Enhanced quality and safety of the aqua feed will benefit the producer by commanding better price and the end consumers will receive safe product enhancing the overall health of the ecosystem. The standards can also be used to regulate the quality of fish feed being imported in the country.

BYJU'S Launches 'BYJU'S Tuition Centre' in Chennai

Chennai, February 19, 2022: BYJU'S, the world's leading EdTech company with 115 million registered learners, today announced the launch of 'BYJU'S Tuition Centre' a first-of-its-kind comprehensive program for students that brings together the best of offline and online learning experiences. In Chennai, 8 BYJU'S Tuition Centres will be operational. 6 have been functional since December 2021. The centres are spread across Egmore, Anna Nagar, Porur, Selaiyur, Velachery, Purasawalkam, Alwarpet and Vadapalani.

Available for students in classes 4-10, BYJU'S Tuition Centres will be the neighborhood tech-enabled physical tuition centres that provide world class learning experience with focus on engagement and better outcomes through the two teacher model.

With strong positive feedback from the first 80 centres launched as a part of the pilot program, BYJU'S will be launching 500 centres across 200 cities in 2022. BYJU'S Tuition Centre will not only redefine after-school learning with its 360 degree teaching and learning system but also create employment opportunities for over 10,000+ people across India within a year of operations. BYJU'S targets to enroll 1 million students into this program in the next two years.

BYJU'S Tuition Centre combines the best of technology, teachers



and formats that ensures a wholesome and impactful learning experience for students. Standardized teaching methodologies offer deep teacher connect along with delivering superior learning experiences that enable better outcomes. With technology that enables identification of doubt expression, student engagement in class, anytime doubt resolution support, regular tests/practice sessions and frequent parent teacher meetings - students get the best of both worlds - access to high quality teachers and personalised attention.

Commenting on the launch, Himanshu Bajaj, Head of BYJU'S Tuition Centre, said, "We are happy to announce the launch of BYJU'S Tuition Centre in Chennai. This fortifies our commitment to make quality education accessible while addressing the needs of our students across the country. Owing to the pandemic, students had to oscillate between offline and online learning but this new offering of

BYJU'S will address complex concerns of students and parents across the country. BYJU'S Tuition Centres is the next step in personalized learning. It will offer students 1. Two teacher model in tech-enabled physical centres 2. Teacher-student personal connect supported by analytics led assessment of progress and performance and 3. Access to BYJU'S online ecosystem. By keeping students' requirements at the core, we hope that this new offering will stand as an example and achieve scale resulting in nurturing future-ready students, and a forward-looking and unique academic environment."

The BYJU'S Tuition Centre offering has been designed in a way where students will get to bridge learning gaps, strengthen conceptual understanding and reinforce learning through regular practice and tests that ensures exam readiness. Students will also have the same teacher for their offline and online classes who

will support them with their personalized learning journeys.

Keeping pace with the current scenario and student requirements, with this launch, BYJU'S is reaffirming its student-centric approach, and creating new and innovative experiences, products, and services based on learners' real needs. With blended learning set to be the future of education in a post-pandemic world, the BYJU'S Tuition Centre is setting new benchmarks for this format.

Last year, the company launched BYJU'S Classes with a two-teacher advantage for its learners. With 115 million registered students and 7 million paid subscriptions, BYJU'S sees an annual renewal rate of 86%. Under BYJU'S Education for All social initiative, BYJU'S has helped 3.4 million children access education through digital learning and aims at empowering 10 million children from underserved communities by 2025.

FIRST FILM ANNOUNCEMENT OF TAMIL CINEMA COMPANY PRODUCTION

Chennai, February 19, 2022: Tamil Cinema Company decides to produce best films by in belief of good and unique stories & with efficient directors. We have announced few weeks ago to register to narrate stories. Immediately after our announcement 349 future Directors have registered. So far we have listened to 52 stories and have selected 11 scripts. We plan to produce all the selected scripts in regular intervals. We start our first production with a new director whose name is T.Saravanan. Today the announcement function happened in our Tamil Cinema Company office hall for the above movie. Screenplay, dialogue, locations, Artists & Technicians selection will be done further in due course. Further, Film Pooja will be done in massive way soon' says Ghazali, Chairman of Tamil Cinema Company. Tamil Cinema Company will run as a Corporate Concern with following 6 personnel,-



Producer & Director Ghazali as Chairman,- Director & Dialogue Writer AK Sudar as CEO - Operations,- Producer, Actor & Distributor Jinnah Vijay

as CEO - Marketing & Distribution,- Lyricist & Screenwriter Murugan Manthiram as CEO - Publicity & Media Relations- Media Relations Orchestrator Nikil Murukan as Public & Media Relations Executive Two producers

have listened to the synopsis and have come forward to produce 2 movies out of 11 stories that we have selected, in their respective companies. We will not be overburdened ourselves by producing all the selected scripts but we will recommend to other producers thus to pave the way to enthusiastic new Directors. And we will execute movie production in First Copy basis (Contract basis) also. Thus, Tamil Cinema Company will act as "Story Bank" in Tamil Cinema industry. Different Story, very good Screenplay, Claps acquiring Dialogues & perfect Direction will lead to at par with world cinema standard, big profits and name & fame. Our Tamil Cinema Company will lead the industry as pioneer in such type and this is the beginning' says Liyakath Ali Khan, Chief Advisor of Tamil Cinema Company and one of the leading Legends of Tamil Cinema Industry.

Ensuring Skilled and Globally benchmarked talent; VET by EHL provides 18-month-Professional Diploma in collaboration with ITC Hotels

Chennai, February 19, 2022: With a motive to promote skill development in Indian Hospitality, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) & ITC Hotels have collaborated with the Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL) Education Group of Switzerland to offer an 18-month Vocational Education & Training (VET) Professional Diploma program. Designed by the EHL Group, this professional diploma course is being conducted at four ITC luxury properties including ITC Grand Chola (Chennai), ITC Maurya (New Delhi), ITC Sonar & Royal Bengal (Kolkata) and ITC Maratha (Mumbai).



Over 160 students who have passed 12th standard in school are expected to enrol for VET by EHL in Tamil Nadu this year. The industry experts at ITC Hotels will impart training to the students while CII has assured 100% placement upon successful completion of the 'VET by EHL' Professional Diploma program which is recognized by all major hospitality chains worldwide.

Talking about the program, Mr. Praveen Roy, Associate Director and Regional Head of VET by EHL for South Asia, Middle East & Myanmar said "VET by EHL was devised specifically to bridge the current skills gap and to strengthen India's position as the global hospitality workforce supplier of choice. Employers from the hospitality sector have been facing industry-wide shortage of qualified employees. The traditional hospitality education model lacked soft skills training like communication, leadership, critical thinking, cultural

competency, flexibility, and customer service, just to name a few. Tamil Nadu, more specifically Chennai, has a massive tourism potential which not only attracts tourists from all over the world but also provides employment opportunity in hospitality industry, hence, it was crucial for us to tap the market and assess the gap between demand and supply of skilled employees. We witnessed a dire need of skilling the youth at global standards of vocational training which will result in talented hospitality professionals."

He further added, "Being ranked as the No. 1 hospitality and leisure management school in the world, it was vital to join forces with the stalwarts of the industry to impart the youth with global standards of employable skills. The unique training model of VET by EHL in partnership with one of the leading hospitality brands in India, is being delivered at industry premises and facilitated by industry experts, to prepare the youth for quality employment within the industry. Developed over a two-year period by EHL subject matter experts and faculty members with global industry feedback, the diploma will polish the youth with world-

class standards for careers within the wide-ranged hospitality industry"

Mr. Sougata Roy Choudhury, Executive Director, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) commented that, "We at CII aim to direct the attention to the need for skilled, globally benchmarked talent in the Indian Hospitality industry. To deliver global standards of hospitality skills, CII & ITC Hotels partnered with the 129-year-old EHL Group, which is ranked as the No. 1 hospitality and leisure management school in the world for the Vocational training programme. The students will be able to brush their skills sets through interactions with guests in real work settings at ITC Hotels. The program will enable to strengthen talent pipeline in India as we are aiming to expand our presence in the country while adding more hotels to the program in the coming years. We are expecting to enrol close to 10,000 students nationally over the span of 3 years"

He further added, "We have a rapidly growing accommodation offering across the tourist destinations and a sizable population affluent with English in the country. The program provides the students who

have passed 12th standard with splendid opportunity to skill and reskill themselves with an international curriculum, while placing them on par and contributing to the ever-expanding hospitality and tourism industry of India. The students will benefit from on-the-job training by the leading hotel chain with assured placements."

Mr. Nilesh Mitra, Vice President, Talent Management, ITC Limited - Hotels Division said that "To keep up with the evolving industry, the chain of ITC Hotels across the country has been consistently integrating skill-set and learnings to the teaching module. We have an array of highly proficient faculty for the program who are trained and certified by EHL and CII. The programme will help students gain benefit from the immense knowledge and experience of faculty members preparing the youth for frontline jobs in hospitality at global standards. The program provides students from a great opportunity to hone their skill set with on job training."

To generate maximum awareness for the programme and with a motive to promote education and hospitality, A team of three Swiss students from the EHL Hospitality Business School, Lausanne, Switzerland (EHL), participated in a tour to cycle 2,266 KM from Delhi to Chennai. The one-of-a kind initiative was organized to empower a generation of future thinkers, innovators, leaders and provide them with an impeccable opportunity to upskill themselves from the comfort of their homes by investing in technologies such as an internet connexion, projectors, and computers.

JAGUAR LAND ROVER ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH NVIDIA

Coimbatore, February 19, 2022: Jaguar Land Rover has formed a multi-year strategic partnership with NVIDIA, the leader in artificial intelligence (AI) and computing, to jointly develop and deliver next-generation automated driving systems plus AI-enabled services and experiences for its customers.

Starting in 2025, all new Jaguar and Land Rover vehicles will be built on the NVIDIA DRIVE™ software-defined platform delivering a wide spectrum of active safety, automated driving and parking systems as well as driver assistance systems. Inside the vehicle, the



system will deliver AI features, including driver and occupant monitoring as well as advanced visualisation of the vehicle's environment.

This full-stack solution is based on NVIDIA DRIVE Hyperion™, which features DRIVE Orin™ centralised AV computers; DRIVE AV

and DRIVE IX software; safety, security and networking systems; plus, surround sensors. DRIVE Orin is the AI brain of the car and runs the Jaguar Land Rover Operating System, while DRIVE Hyperion is the central nervous system.

Jaguar Land Rover will also leverage in-house

developed data centre solutions with NVIDIA DGX™ for training AI models and DRIVE Sim software built on NVIDIA Omniverse™ for real-time physically accurate simulation. Jaguar Land Rover's software-defined features and its end-to-end verification and validation architecture will enable the delivery of innovative assisted and automated driving services throughout the life of the vehicle via over-the-air software updates.

Jaguar Land Rover aims to achieve net-zero carbon emissions across its supply chain, products and operations by 2039.

Bharat Petroleum launches EV Fast-Charging Corridor on Chennai Trichy Madurai Highway

Chennai, February 19, 2022: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), a 'Maharatna' and a Fortune Global 500 Company, has launched EV Fast-Charging Corridors on Chennai Trichy Madurai highway, with the rollout of CCS-2 DC Fast chargers at 10 of its conveniently located fuel stations along the 900 Km route on both sides of the highway. The Company is accelerating its focus on new business segments for sustainable growth and converting 7,000 conventional Retail Outlets into Energy Stations providing multiple fuelling options, which will also include EV charging facility, in the medium to long term.

Acknowledging that building customer confidence in the ease of finding conveniently located EV charging stations and elimination of range anxiety will be a principal proponent for faster adoption of Electric vehicles in the country, Bharat Petroleum has planned to provide CCS-2 Electric Vehicle charging stations (EVCS) at its fuel stations at periodic intervals on all major national highways connecting major cities and economic centres in the country to boost inter-city travel on Electric vehicles. The first phase launch on Chennai Trichy Madurai highway will be followed up by key routes which have high existing motorist traffic and a propensity for transition to travel by electric vehicles.

Speaking at the launch at



its state of the art fuel station at Meenambakkam in Chennai, P.S. Ravi, Executive Director In-charge (Retail), BPCL said "Bharat Petroleum has been at the forefront in providing convenience oriented solutions and experiences to its customers across segments. Our Pure for Sure promise which is the bedrock of all our solutions, is built on a bunch of customer enablement processes that bring trust, transparency and convenience to the fore at all touch points.

We are committed to accelerating the transition to cleaner energy and today's launch of 10 CCS-2 EV fast charging stations in our large format fuel stations on the Chennai Trichy Madurai national highway, each at a distance of approx

100 kms, is a beginning in our quest to eliminate range anxiety amongst existing and future 4-wheeler EV owners in the country. With the development of national highways in the country to world class standards, motorist travel on the highways, especially those which connect important cities and economic centres has been seeing rapid growth, accelerated by increased consciousness of health safety that comes with personal mobility. BPCL fuel Stations on highways offer a wide range of conveniences and amenities and we look forward to welcoming and serving our EV customers the Pure for Sure experience in this exciting new and sustainable world of Electric mobility."

The Bharat Petroleum

fuel stations offer the consumers with added convenience of clean and hygienic washrooms for ladies and gentlemen, safe and secure parking while charging, free digital air facility, 24 hour operations, all of which are critical amenities that motorists look for on highways. Select fuel stations also offer Nitrogen filling facility. Several of Bharat Petroleum's highway fuel stations also offer hygienic food through its strategic alliances with leading brands such as McDonald's, A2B, Cube Stop, Café Coffee Day and other regional players. Bharat Petroleum has also planned to roll out its chain of In & Out convenience stores at key fuel stations on highways for added convenience to its customers.

TATA MD's upgraded OmiSure detects all Omicron variants including newer BA.2

Chennai, February 19, 2022: TATA Medical and Diagnostics Ltd. (TATA MD) today announced that its OmiSure RT-PCR test has been upgraded to detect the new BA.2 sub-lineages of Omicron. In an evaluation carried out by ICMR and the Virus Research & Diagnostics Laboratory, Kasturba Hospital for Infectious Diseases, Mumbai, the upgraded OmiSure successfully detected BA.1, BA.1.1, and BA.2 sub-lineages of Omicron. With this, the OmiSure RT-PCR test kit is now capable of detecting all

the sub-lineages of Omicron prolific in India at present.

Tata MD OmiSure RT-PCR test was developed in partnership with ICMR and detected Omicron with 100% concordance, as per the ICMR report.

Dr. V Ravi, Head-R&D, TATA Medical and Diagnostics Ltd. Said, "Our innovative testing platform keeps pace with the evolution of viruses and is equipped to respond rapidly to detect newer variants when they become significant epidemiologically. Our

proactive tracking of the variants on a continuous basis revealed that BA.2 was further mutating in India. We ensured that upgraded OmiSure detected the newer mutations in the BA.2 sub-lineage of Omicron."

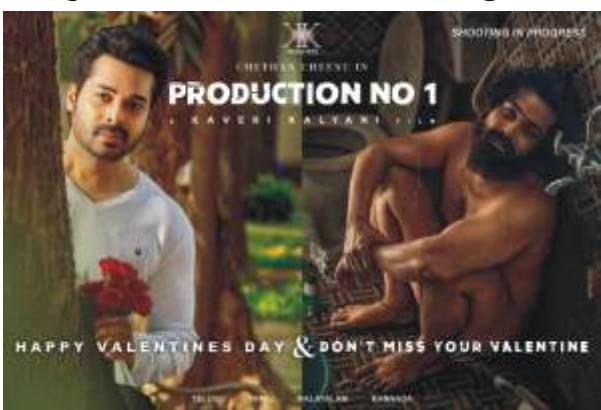
Mr. Girish Krishnamurthy, CEO and Managing Director, TATA Medical and Diagnostics said, "We are glad to announce that OmiSure detects all omicron sub-lineages, including newer BA.1, BA.2 accurately and confirmed by ICMR. It is a testament to our strength that we upgraded the

OmiSure within a week and OmiSure is the most economical variant testing platform to address the market needs."

OmiSure RT-PCR test decreases the load on sequencing; allows healthcare authorities to assess the evolution of variants and take timely action to control spread. Additionally, samples negative for Omicron on the OmiSure test can be prioritized for sequencing as the chances of detecting other variants and newer mutations are higher in these samples.

Valentine's Day special poster of Chethan Cheenu's upcoming flick directed by actress Kaveri Kalyani and bankrolled by K2K Productions grabs attention

Chennai, February 19, 2022: The prelook and Valentine's Day special posters of Chethan Cheenu's upcoming flick directed by actress Kaveri Kalyani and bankrolled by K2K Productions have created quite a buzz. In the prelook poster, the hero can be seen holding a rose standing behind a tree waiting for someone. While this impressed the fans, it was the Valentine's Day special look which gathered even more attention. It has Chethan Cheenu sitting nude in a bathroom with a dejected look indicating that the proposal did not go as expected. These two posters have already raised the hype for the movie. Fans are also expecting to see how a



female director has handled this subject. The movie is written and directed by Kaveri Kalyani, who was part of many successful Tamil films like Kannukkul Nilavu, Kasi and Samudhiram. She is also bankrolling the project under the home banner K2K

productions. The yet to be titled film is said to be a love story which also has a suspense thriller element to it. Shooting for the film is in its final stages. There was a small gap in the filming due to the pandemic. Very soon the post production work will start, following which the

release date will be finalised and announced. Suhasini Maniratnam, Siddhi Idnani, Swetha, Rohith Murali, Shakalaka Sankar, VTV Pugazh and others have played key roles. The technical team comprises cinematographers Alby Antony and Shakthi Saravanan, music director Achu Rajamani, art directors Murali and Jeethu. It may be recalled that Chethan Cheenu created a huge buzz recently when he released posters of himself as 12 freedom fighters, in view of Republic Day. The yet untitled film starring Chethan Cheenu as protagonist is directed by Kaveri Kalyani and produced by K2K Productions.

Giottus Cryptocurrency Exchange introduces smart investment options for Indian investors

Chennai, February 19, 2022: Giottus, India's top-rated crypto platform, today announced the launch of two smart investment options for the benefit of all crypto investors and enthusiasts. These include Baskets, expert-curated thematic investments, which augment an investor's portfolio in the long run, along with a SIP feature to automate and schedule regular buys of popular crypto assets. Both products are designed to help investors expand their crypto portfolio with smarter yet safer investment options starting from just Rs. 100.

Baskets are curated by experts and research analysts. In one click, investors will be able to buy a selection of crypto assets. These assets, conceptualized based on the themes they represent, have immense growth potential.



Themes such as DeFi, metaverse, gaming, and meme coins are already popular among Indian investors, and Baskets are specifically designed to

meet this demand.

SIP is a proven method of beating volatility in an emerging market like crypto. It helps in building a strong portfolio with an

optimized cost. Starting at Re.1 per buy, investors can schedule their SIP on an hourly, daily, weekly, or monthly basis at the Giottus platform.

Commenting on the new launch, Giottus CEO Vikram Subburaj, said, "This is an exciting month for the Indian crypto ecosystem. We believe that this is an opportune time for us to release two exciting and innovative products - Baskets and SIP - to help customers build a diversified crypto portfolio. They are conceptualized to ease every investor's predicament in terms of choosing the right set of crypto assets and timing their trades. We intend to add more product offerings soon, including fixed deposits and staking, that will make our platform a comprehensive suite of financial products for the savvy crypto investor."

