

PM participates in virtual summit of Quad leaders

Chennai, March 04 2022: Prime Minister participated today at a virtual summit of Quad leaders, along with US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

The meeting reviewed the progress on Quad initiatives since the September 2021 Quad Summit. The leaders agreed on accelerating cooperation, with an objective to achieve concrete outcomes by the summit in Japan later this year.

Prime Minister



underlined that the Quad must remain focused on its core objective of promoting peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region. He called for concrete and practical forms of cooperation within the Quad, in areas

like Humanitarian and Disaster Relief, debt sustainability, supply chains, clean energy, connectivity, and capacity-building.

Developments in Ukraine were discussed in the meeting, including its humanitarian

implications. The Prime Minister emphasised the need to return to a path of dialogue and diplomacy.

The leaders also discussed other topical issues, including the situation in Southeast Asia, the Indian Ocean region and the Pacific Islands. Prime Minister reiterated the importance of adhering to the UN Charter, international law and respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The leaders agreed to stay in touch and to work towards an ambitious agenda for the forthcoming Leaders' Summit in Japan.

Vice President advises youth to strive hard with determination to achieve success

Chennai, March 04 2022: The Vice President, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today advised youth to strive hard with determination to acquire knowledge and expertise in their chosen fields to face competition and achieve success.

Addressing trainees of various vocational courses at Swarna Bharat Trust, Vijayawada, he asked them to dream big and work with discipline and dedication in a systematic manner to achieve their goals.

Pointing out that the government alone will not be able to provide employment to the youth, he called upon the private sector and NGOs to empower youngsters by providing them vocational training and imparting necessary skills to enable



them to become self-employed or find employment.

Observing that it was important to channelise the energies of the youth towards nation building, he said Prime Minister, Shri

Narendra Modi is laying great emphasis on skilling and empowering the youth.

He said that a separate Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been established to achieve the vision of 'Skilled India'.

The Vice President also advised the trainees to read about the lives of great men and women and draw inspiration from them. At the same time, they should imbibe the right values and develop empathy for others. He said the attitude of 'Share and Care' is at the core of Indian culture.

Emphasising the need to protect and preserve Indian culture, Shri Naidu advised youth to return to their roots. Suggesting them to shun junk food and eat a healthy diet, he said it was equally important to undertake regular physical activity like yoga to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Chairman of Swarna Bharat Trust, Dr. Kamineni Srinivas and others were present on the occasion.

PM's address at post-budget webinar on 'Make in India for the World'

Chennai, March 04 2022: Namaskar! The decisions taken in this year's budget regarding 'AatmaNirbhar Bharat' and 'Make in India' are very important for both our industry and economy. The 'Make in India' campaign is also the need of 21st century India today and it also gives us an opportunity to demonstrate our potential to the world. If any country exports raw materials and imports manufactured goods made from the same raw materials, it will be a lose-lose situation. On the other hand, if a vast country like India remains only a market, then it will neither be able to progress, nor will it be able to provide opportunities to its younger generation. We have seen the disruption of the supply chain in this global pandemic. And these days, we are especially seeing how the issue of the supply chain has shaken the economy of the entire world. When we analyse these negative issues, we should also look at other aspects. In the light of this, we find that when there is such a huge crisis and the situation turns for worse suddenly, the need for 'Make in India' becomes more apparent. On the other hand, we should see whether there are any positive elements that inspire us for 'Make in India'. Can we find the opportunity? You see, a country which has such a huge young generation and nobody in the world doubts their talent, which can develop skilled manpower as per the needs and has demographic dividend as well! And the world today is looking towards democratic values with a lot of urgency and hope. That is, it is such a capsule in itself. We have so many things with which we can dream big. Along with this, we are rich in profound natural wealth. We must make full use of it for 'Make in India'.

Friends, Today the world is looking at India as a manufacturing powerhouse. Our manufacturing sector accounts for 15% of our GDP, but 'Make in India' has infinite possibilities. We should work hard to build a

robust manufacturing base in India. Be it the central government, state governments, private partnerships, corporate houses; how can we all work together for the country. We have to promote 'Make in India' for goods whose demand is increasing in the country today. Now there are two issues -- one to keep exports in mind and the second to meet India's requirements. Let's suppose, we are not able to become competitive in the world, but we can provide quality materials according to the requirements of India so that India does not have to look to foreign countries. We can do this. Once I mentioned 'zero defect, zero effect' during my address from Red Fort. Our products should not be defective at all because quality matters in the competitive world. Today the world has become environmentally conscious. Therefore, zero effect on the environment and zero-defect are two such mantras that we can adapt to meet the challenges of quality and global warming. Similarly, there has been a tremendous revolution in the communication world due to changes in technology. For example, semiconductors! We have no option other than to become self-reliant in the field of semiconductors. I believe there are new possibilities in this field for 'Make in India'. We must be farsighted. It is also our requirement. Even from the point of the security of the country, it is more important for us to focus on this. Now people are getting attracted to electric vehicles in view of the environment, and its demand is also increasing. Can't India innovate in this field? Can't India manufacture these EVs? Can't Indian manufacturers play the lead role in this? I think we should move forward with the spirit of 'Make in India'. India is also dependent on imports for certain kinds of steel. What kind of situation is it where we first export our iron ore and then import quality steel from those countries? Can't we make steel from the iron ore which is needed in the country? I think this is our

duty also. What good are we doing to the country by selling iron ore to other countries? Therefore, I urge the people of the industry to come forward in this regard.

Friends,

Indian manufacturers should see that the dependence of the country on foreign countries is minimized. Therefore, 'Make in India' is the need of the hour. Medical equipment is another sector. We procure essential medical equipment from outside. Can't we make medical equipment? I don't think it is such a difficult task. Our people have the potential to do it. Can we put emphasis on it? We should not be satisfied that all the necessary products are available in the market according to our needs. Many products which are available in the market are imported. And when Made-in-India products should be available, there should be a feeling among people that these products are better than the imported ones and we have to purchase them. We should create this situation and this difference should be visible. We have so many festivals here. There is Holi, Ganeshotsav, Deepawali, etc. There is a huge market for many products during these festivals which also provide livelihood opportunities to small traders. But today foreign products rule there too. Earlier, our local manufacturers used to meet the demand for these products and in a much better way. Now with the changing times, things should be changed. We cannot live in the same old groove. And I want you to take the lead. When I reiterate 'Vocal for Local', some people have the misconception that 'Vocal for Local' means the purchase of earthen lamps during Deepawali only. I don't mean lamps only. There are so many things around you. You just need to have a look. Those who are present in the seminar today should do one thing. You sit with your children and find out the products needed from morning till evening in your household and make a



list of Indian products that you don't use and buy foreign-made products. You will be surprised. Therefore, I want to bring the manufacturers on board in this regard.

Friends,

Another issue is the branding of made-in-India products. Now I see, our companies advertise their products, but never ever mention 'Make in India'. Why don't you emphasize this when you advertise your products? Your products will be sold anyway, but there is a huge community that has a special attachment with the country. Think of it as a business strategy to encourage them. Take pride in the products your company makes and inspire people to be proud of them too. Your hard work is not in vain, you have so many good products. But come forward with courage and tell the people of our country that these products are from the soil of the country and have the fragrance of the sweat of our people. Connect with them emotionally. I wish common branding could also be considered in this regard. Both the government and the private players can develop such a good thing.

Friends,

Our private sector will also have to find destinations for their products. We have to increase our investment in R&D and also emphasize upgrading to diversify the product portfolio. Now as you know that the year 2023 will be celebrated as the International Year of Millets all over the world. It is natural that people will be attracted to millets. Should it not be the dream of Indians that the country's millets reach the dining table of the world? Our small farmers will bless us for this. There should be tests, proper

packaging of millets and their exports. We can do this and I think we must do it. You can definitely succeed in it. We should develop our mills in advance by studying its market in the world and work for maximum production and its packaging. A lot of new possibilities have emerged with the opening of sectors such as mining, coal, defence, etc. Can we formulate any strategy for exports from these sectors? You must maintain global standards and compete globally as well.

Friends,

Special attention has been given to this year's budget to strengthen MSMEs through credit facilitation and upgrade of technology. The government has also announced a 6,000 crore rupee RAMP program for MSMEs. The budget has also focused on developing new railway logistics for farmers, large-scale industries and MSMEs. The integration of postal and railway networks will solve the problems of small enterprises and connectivity in remote areas. We have to develop innovative products in this field and your active contribution will be necessary in this regard also.

The PM-DeVINE scheme is also a part of the budget to promote the regional manufacturing ecosystem, especially for the North-East. But we can develop this model in different ways and in different regions of the country. The reform in the Special Economic Zone Act will give a great boost to our exports, and the 'Make in India' will be strengthened. Your suggestions as to what changes we can make in the functioning of our existing SEZs to increase exports would be valuable.

Friends,

The impact of the continuous reforms is also visible. For example, PLI for large-scale electronics manufacturing! We have crossed production worth Rs one lakh crore in this targeted segment by December 2021. Many of our PLI schemes are currently in a very critical stage of implementation. Your suggestions will be helpful in speeding up their implementation.

Friends,

Compliance burden has been a huge speed breaker in India's manufacturing journey. Last year itself, we abolished more than 25,000 compliances and started the system of auto-renewal of licenses. Similarly, digitization is also bringing speed and transparency to the regulatory framework. You can experience our development-friendly approach in setting up companies in every step

from common SPICe Form to National Single Window System.

Friends,

We need your maximum collaboration, innovation and research-based futuristic approach. I am sure that the brainstorming in this webinar will further strengthen the mission of 'Make in India'. See, this webinar is a form of democracy, which has hardly got the attention of people. People's representatives should discuss the budget and take it forward. The government officials and political leadership should make programs according to the budget. I am discussing every aspect of the budget with all the stakeholders in the two months that we have after the presentation of the budget. I am seeking your suggestions and want your participation for the implementation of the budget from April 1. I want to save time, which otherwise is wasted in the rotation of files for six months. You are well-versed in your field and you know that there will be so much benefit if done in the light of the budget proposals. You can offer good alternate practical suggestions. Today we are not discussing how the budget should be. Today we are discussing how to implement the budget. The focus of our discussions should be on the maximum outcome while implementing the budget in a simpler and more effective manner. This is not a

webinar by the government to school you. This webinar is meant to learn and understand from you and that is why the entire government machinery is sitting here to listen to you. We have to plan how to implement our budget in the best way from April 1. I have a request for people from the industry world. Can you take up a challenge that you will create such a situation within a year so that a particular product will not be imported? If there are 100 items that are imported, you will work to reduce two such items. Someone should take the challenge of three items. This way, the 'Make in India' will become successful. This should be our dream. I know a farmer who decided to grow vegetables like small tomatoes, onions and corn required in a five-star hotel. He was not an educated farmer, but he worked hard. He took the help of the people and five-star hotels started taking vegetables from him. They also made money and the country also benefited. Can't the people from the industry world do it? I would request you and this country has a right to you. We want your industry to be stronger to make India strong. We want your products to earn worldwide respect. Let's decide and move forward together. That's why I have invited you. You have given your time and I expect this discussion to be very fruitful. I wish you the very best!

Many thanks!

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Zoho Takes on Current Low-Code Market Gaps with New Creator Platform

Bringing in 15 years of expertise in low code, the new unified development platform empowers IT teams and business users to build sophisticated and compliant solutions in a manner that is secure, easy to use, and custom-fit to solve business challenges

Chennai, March 04 2022: Today Zoho Corporation, a leading global technology company, announced the latest version of its low-code offering, Zoho Creator. The new version addresses the need for an easy-to-use platform that enables business users (or citizen developers) to create powerful business applications, while empowering the IT teams to place sufficient guardrails and govern usage, ensuring security and compliance. Organizations currently face soaring demand for new business software. However, the existing low-code platforms are either easy-to-use, but lack the sophistication needed to develop scalable, enterprise-ready end-to-end applications or offer the capabilities to build complex solutions, but need users to have an intricate understanding of the application development process. "The bulk of low-code application development, from customization to automation, can be handled today by users with moderate technical knowledge. Where we see a gap, especially for the mid-market and enterprise, is between building and deployment," said Bharath Kumar B, Head of Marketing and Customer Experience, Zoho Creator. "Currently there isn't a low-code solution on the market that allows both business users and IT to truly build end to end business solutions. With this update, Zoho's Creator platform combines application development, business intelligence and analytics, integrations, and process automation into one single platform while simultaneously enabling IT teams to effortlessly manage ongoing challenges of security, compliance, and governance. Now, organizations can leverage a unified solution for all of their low-code needs, extending the ability to innovate to every employee." The new version of Zoho Creator platform empowers business users to easily build scalable low-code solutions which include apps, integrations, analytics, and process automation without costly and time-consuming training demanded by complex platforms. It enables 10X faster deployment than any other solution on the market. Additionally, it equips IT stakeholders with deeper controls around governance and management, without compromising on automation, data-driven insights, interoperability, customization, and the ability to affect revenue and growth. The platform allows IT and business users to work in tandem to create and deploy apps that are highly customizable and are built to auto-scale, in order to suit the business needs. This allows organizations to focus on solving business problems and pursue new

opportunities. The three areas of innovation of the new Creator platform, and the key capabilities under those innovations are: Expand App Building to Solution Building Unified Solution Builder - Create, integrate, analyze, and manage custom business solutions at scale from a single dashboard. Seamlessly switch between different elements, with deep interoperability, and in-built guardrails for IT teams to drive enterprise-wide citizen development programs. Artificial Intelligence (AI) - Zoho's intelligent AI assistant (Zia) now enables developers to import data from anywhere, cleanse and transform with one click, build data models, and automatically detect data relationships via Smart Import. AI tasks such as predictive analytics, keyword extraction, sentiment analysis, OCR, and object detection are built into the drag-and-

drop user interface for easy deployment. Business Process Blueprinting - This intuitive drag-and-drop builder graphically constructs an online replica of a business process by specifying each step, assigning responsibilities across stakeholders, and automating actions based on pre-set conditions. Users can now identify bottlenecks and have clarity to facilitate scalability for evolving business needs. Enhanced Serverless Functions - Developers can now write, store, and execute reusable code blocks in Zoho Creator Platform using Deluge, Java, or Node.js. These encourage IT and business teams to work together and build scalable and easily maintainable enterprise-ready apps faster. Build a Connected Ecosystem of Solutions for a Seamless Experience Unified Data Modeling (UDM) - Unchecked data points, varied data formats, and evolving app landscapes add layers of difficult-to-solve complexities to data integration, resulting in sub-

optimal business results. Universal cloud modeling is now included to help developers establish secure data transfer by automating data integration protocols with unified data architecture and over 600+ plug-and-play connectors to make data integration easier for users. Integration Status Dashboard - Users have complete visibility on how well each integration operates with the new Integration Status Dashboard. Status Dashboard provides key findings on recent executions, success and failure stats, and top connections facilitating early error detection and resolution to enable organizations to discover errors and

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resolve them quicker. Embedded BI and Analytics Engine - An industry-first, full-fledged business intelligence and analytics engine is now included in the Zoho Creator Platform, enabling users to derive business insights from the data residing in their applications without worrying about bringing another subscription into the fold. High-end BI functionalities like predictive analytics, data alerts, what-if analysis, data blending, and conversational analytics are all now supported on the low-code platform. Increased Control for IT with End-to-End Application Development Lifecycle Management (ADLM) Environments - Developers can now launch solutions in different environments of choice—development, staging (testing), or production—with a single click based on the readiness of the solution. This allows users to add features continuously or make changes without disturbing the existing app in production. The environments also support role-based access to help business users simulate user-

specific experience validation. Centralized Governance - To help IT manage low-code development, features such as granular role-based access controls, comprehensive audit trails and backup options, application Integrated Development Environment (IDE), dashboards to view and manage users, billing dashboard, personalization options such as localization, branding customization, and more, are now available in the low-code platform. Integrated Communication and Collaboration - Often, citizen developers get stuck in the build phase with minor obstacles, especially when new to the platform. In order to enhance communication and collaboration, integrated communication enables messaging, sending files, sharing screens, and the ability to make audio and video calls. Zoho Creator Platform Pricing Pricing starts at ₹1,000 per month per user. The platform also offers a 15 day free trial. For comprehensive pricing information, please visit: <https://www.zoho.com/creator/pricing-comparison.html>

1. What is Zoho Creator Platform?

Zoho Creator is a unified low-code development platform that empowers everyone to build secure and scalable custom enterprise business solutions 10X faster.

2. What is the difference between former versions Zoho Creator Platform and what we're announcing today?

The previous generation of Zoho Creator was already a low-code platform that helped developers build custom business apps in a low-code way. But, for use cases that involved blueprinting, integration, and analytics, they had to leave the builder to leverage capabilities of other apps from the Zoho Ecosystem or other 3rd party apps. In the new Zoho Creator Platform, we have added the three capabilities of blueprinting, integration, and BI & analytics (industry-first) to our low-code builder. This means that developers can now build custom solutions with one or more of these capabilities from within the platform without needing any external application. In addition, we have also extended the Zoho Creator platform capabilities to cover all three phases of solution building - Development, Deployment, and Management from a single dashboard. This enables enterprise IT teams to deploy digital strategies that have business developers play an active role in developing contextual business solutions with complete control. Finally, to support IT in scaling org-wide adoption of the low-code, we provide comprehensive onboarding hand-holding, including support bootcamps, priority support, structured and unstructured learning interventions, and implementation support services.

3. What are the core value propositions the new platform delivers?

Unified solution building capabilities which includes process blueprinting, apps, integrations, and analytics. Increased Control for IT with End-to-End ADLM; management

and governance

4. What new features does the platform launch include?

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5. Why are existing low-code market solutions insufficient?

Most of the existing low-code tools take the side of either the business developer or the professional developer. The ones that cater to business developers are often not powerful enough for IT developers to build complex apps fast. The ones tuned for IT developers have a steep learning curve for business developers, making adoption difficult. Both result in poor org-

6. Who is the target user of Zoho Creator?

The Zoho Creator Platform addresses the needs of both business users and IT teams, Zoho Creator Platform supports developers of all skill levels to build, manage, integrate, and analyze for a complete low-code experience, enabling 10X

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7. How does Zoho Creator Platform address data privacy?

All the apps created using the Zoho Creator Platform reside and run on the same infrastructure that runs all of Zoho's services. The architecture is highly scalable on its own, and therefore there is no additional effort required from app developers to scale their apps. In short, an app

created on the Zoho Creator platform becomes a first-class citizen along with the other global SaaS products at Zoho. Specifically: Platform access is secured across admins, developers, and users through features like 2FA, SSO, OAuth 2.0, and unusual activity reports. We support both encryption in transit (TLS 1.2/1.3) and encryption at rest, using the 256-bit Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). Backup data in the DC is encrypted using the AES-256 bit algorithm. We are also compliant with all major compliance norms, such as HIPAA, GDPR, PCI, CCPA,

development strategies. In addition, they also leverage extensive pro-developer capabilities of the platform to join hands with business developers and extend/scale the solution capabilities.

8. How much does Zoho Creator cost?

Pricing starts at ₹1,000 per month per user. The platform also offers a 15 day free trial. For comprehensive pricing information, please visit: <https://www.zoho.com/creator/pricing-comparison.html>

Can Machine Learning/AI replace Dermatologists?

Chennai, March 04 2022: Dermatologists can play a better role in the evolution of AI/Machine Learning. However, it is more important to realize that AI/Machine Learning has a major technical component which needs a multidisciplinary approach to build and effectively deploy it for use. Collaboration with various technical colleagues should be encouraged along with technically inclined E-Healthcare hybrids among dermatologists. In addition, the capabilities of AI/Machine Learning may be over-hyped at present. But, there is a growing tendency to portray it as the panacea for all the woes. Interestingly, it is also important for us to make sure that AI/Machine learning are considered as

realistic and considered as one of the challenges in the adoption of any information system where AI/Machine is not an exception. It is also an important vital role for dermatologists to accept AI/Machine learning as a disruptive change but at the same time to realize that AI/Machine learning can never be the "human" behind the "white coat". Because of a convergence of the availability of large data sets, important theoretical advancements, artificial intelligence/machine learning has recently contributed to high progress in various fields of medicine. Deep learning applications have shown promising results in other



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specialties, including radiology, cardiology, ophthalmology but also in the field of dermatology which also needs enormous study to get explored. Finally, the modern clinician/dermatologist will benefit from basic features of deep learning to effectively use of new applications for better gauge their utility and limitations. Finally, AI/Machine learning helps to facilitate effective communication between clinicians and technical experts for better treatment strategy.

Over 6200 Indians have returned from Ukraine through special Civilian flights; More than 7400 Indians expected to arrive in next two days

Chennai, March 04 2022: India has mounted a massive rescue operation named 'Operation Ganga' to bring back Indian citizens stranded in Ukraine. Ministry of External Affairs, in close coordination with Ministry of Civil Aviation, is making all efforts to bring the Indian students back to India in fast pace. Indian Airlines are putting their resources in faster evacuation process. Four Union Ministers- Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Shri Kiren Rijiju and Gen



(Retd) V.K. Singh have gone to countries adjoining Ukraine to support and supervise these operations. Indian Civilian planes as well as Indian Air Force planes are regularly bringing back stranded Indian students.

The evacuation

process, which began on 22nd February, has brought back over 6200 persons so far, including 2185 persons coming today through 10 special civilian flights. Today's flights included 5 from Bucharest, 2 from Budapest, 1 from Kosice, and 2 from Rzeszow by

Civilian airlines. In addition, 3 IAF flights are bringing more Indians today between 11 pm on March 3 and early morning of March 4. Four IAF flights have already brought 798 Indian nationals between midnight of March 2 and early morning of March 3. The number of civilian flights is being scaled up further, and more than 7400 persons are expected to be brought through special flights in next two days. 3500 persons are expected to be brought back tomorrow and over 3900 on 5th March.

Piyush Goyal calls for increasing India's share in global trade to 10%

Chennai, March 04 2022: The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal has called for increasing India's share in global trade to 10% and taking our share of exports in GDP to about 25%.



taking India among the top 3 nations in Global Services Trade. He called for supporting MSMEs in foreign trade, besides creating Top 10 R&D labs/innovation centres to position ourselves as a leader in technology during the next 25 years as India embarks upon the Amrit Kaal towards India@100.

"Let all of us become job creators, let all of us work towards strengthening India's Manufacturing ecosystem in a collaborative approach, let's all of us make India AatmaNirbhar," he said.

Stating that the Government is looking at a more liberal regulatory regime for the Drones sector barring the Defence systems, Shri Goyal said the Industry should aim to make India

become the manufacturing hub of Drones. He called for integrating Quality in full value chain and said it should not just come into picture once the final product is made.

Underlining the need to develop technical skills of tomorrow for the industry, Shri Goyal called for the need to reorient academic courses to make it relevant to the "needs of today".

"Very often, demand of time is moving very fast, change in curriculum moves much slowly. Of course, there are lot of problems, you cannot change curriculum overnight, but I think more relevant, contemporary education is equally important... so more academic courses relevant to what you

require, and for that we will need to do some research for what is being taught today and how contemporary that is," he said.

Earlier in the day, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered the Special Address to the webinar organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Following the opening session, three consecutive sessions were held covering (i) Paradigm shift in manufacturing in India @ 100, (ii) Charting out the strategy for Realizing India's Trillion Dollar Goal in Exports and (iii) Exploring how the MSMEs will act as the Growth Engine for Indian Economy. The closing session witnessed the Presentation of Action Plans by three senior Industry leaders, i.e, the Session Moderators, on the outcomes and the way forward. Senior officials of the Central and State Governments also participated in the deliberations.

Hybrid seminars organised during DefExpo 2022 to ensure greater participation

Chennai, March 04 2022: Ministry of Defence is hosting the 12th edition of prestigious biennial defence exhibition, DefExpo 2022, at Gandhinagar, Gujarat from March 10-14, 2022. This mega defence international exhibition is focussing on land, air, naval, internal homeland security and electronic systems. The Government, with policy initiative of 'Make in India' and 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' believes that India has tremendous potential to emerge as a global defence manufacturing hub. Therefore, the same theme has been adopted for DefExpo 2022.

The DefExpo seminars



will be held in a hybrid format, enabling the speakers as well as the audience to participate in various seminars virtually. The seminars, which will be streamed worldwide, will be conducted by leading industry fora, international fora, think-tanks, media houses,

Indian industry, DRDO, Ministry of Civil Aviation, state governments etc. The seminars are themed on exports, future of Civil Aviation in India, R&D, Future of Conflicts, Aero Engines and MRO, Outreach programs by the State Governments on investment opportunities

etc. Leading international and national experts from defence and aerospace sectors have been invited as speakers for the seminars. The details of the seminars are available on DefExpo 2022 website (<https://defexpo.gov.in/>) and DefExpo 2022 mobile app.

Govt to support Startups through better incubation centres in smaller towns: Shri Goyal

Chennai, March 04 2022: The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal today called for making IIT-Madras a symbol of Self Reliance & Self Confidence and flag-bearer of 'Startup India'. Our Startups are making India proud and the Government is also working in the Advisory Council continuously with new ideas, he said.

"90 Unicorns, by itself, is reflective of the confidence with which our Startups are growing. By and large, the Startups have created a good name for themselves, a very high level of credibility and I am fairly confident that going forward there will be more and more changes," said Shri Goyal, during an



interaction with the students after delivering the Keynote Address to the "E-Summit 2022- Disruption in veins" organised by IIT Madras.

Shri Goyal said finance is no longer a constraint for Startups engaged in database-technology based solutions, besides scalable and good ideas.

"Our Startups are getting valued for their innovation far better than

ever before. Similarly, there's more money on the table, whether as seed capital or initial capital or different stages of fund raising that is required for Startups, there are several possibilities. I am told, in many cases the Startups do window shopping whose money they are going to take, they chose... that was not something we saw a few years ago when the Startups were chasing capital," he said.

Shri Goyal said the Government is committed to support the Startups through better incubation centres in the new and emerging smaller towns and cities.

"Our quality of technology and innovation is now, in many ways, world class; we are second to none in the world! That itself is a big evolution from the past," said Shri Goyal.

Quoting famous basket ball player Michael Jordan, "I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed", Shri Goyal encouraged the IIT students, "I wish all of you crack in life and even if you cup, rise and start again!"

MoD accords in-principle approval to four projects under Make-I (Government Funded) & five under Make-II (industry-funded) categories of Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020

Chennai, March 04 2022: In a major boost to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's clarion call for 'Aatmanirbharta', Ministry of Defence (MoD), in a landmark step, has offered four projects to the Indian Industry for design & development under Make-I category of Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020. The industry will be provided financial support for prototype development of these projects. The list of projects which were accorded 'Approval In-Principle (AIP)' by Collegiate Committee of MoD is as follows:

Indian Air Force: Communication Equipment with Indian Security Protocols (Routers, Switches, Encryptors, VoIP Phones and their software)



Indian Air Force: Airborne Electro Optical pod with Ground Based System

Indian Air Force: Airborne Stand-off Jammer

Indian Army: Indian Light Tank

This is for the first time since the launch of industry-friendly DAP-2020 that Indian Industry has been involved in development of big ticket platforms such as Light tank and Communication Equipment with Indian

security protocols.

In addition, AIP has also been accorded to following five projects under industry-funded Make-II procedure:

Indian Air Force: Full Motion Simulator for Apache Helicopter

Indian Air Force: Full Motion Simulator for Chinook Helicopter

Indian Air Force: Wearable Robotic Equipment for Aircraft Maintenance

Indian Army:

Integrated Surveillance and Targeting System for Mechanised Forces

Indian Army: Autonomous Combat Vehicle

Projects under 'Make-II' category involve prototype development of equipment/system/platform or their upgrades or their sub-systems/sub-assembly/assemblies/components, primarily for import substitution/innovative solutions, for which no Government funding will be provided for prototype development purposes.

The indigenous development of these projects in the country will help harness the design capabilities of Indian defence Industry and position India as a design leader in these technologies.

Income Tax Department conducts searches in a major Telecom Group

Chennai, March 04 2022: The Income Tax Department conducted search & seizure operations on a multinational group, engaged in distribution of telecom products and providing captive software development services, on 15.02.2022. The ultimate shareholding of the group lies with a foreign entity of a neighbouring country. The searches, which were spread across Delhi, Gurugram and Bengaluru covered the main business premises and also the residential premises of the key office bearers.

The search action has revealed that the group has made inflated payments against receipt of technical services from its related parties outside India. The assessee company could not justify the genuineness of obtaining of such alleged technical services in lieu of which payment has been made as also the basis of determination of consideration for the same.



The expenses debited by the assessee company towards receipt of such services are to the tune of Rs. 129 crore over a period of five years.

During the search, it was found that, the assessee group has debited more than Rs.350 crore in its books of account in recent financial years towards royalty to its related party. Such expenses have been incurred for the use of brand and technical know-how related intangibles. During the search, the group has failed to substantiate receipt of any such services/technical know-how, or the basis of quantification of royalty

rate for such claim. Consequently, the rendering of services and such royalty payments become highly questionable and prima facie, disallowable as business expenses as per extant Income Tax law.

Evidences gathered and statements recorded during the search also reveal that one of the group entities engaged in providing software development services, has been disclosing lower net margins from the related parties, by claiming its operation to be of low-end nature. However, the

evidences collected during the investigation indicated that this entity has been rendering significant services/operations of high-end nature. On this aspect, suppression of income of Rs. 400 crore has been detected.

The search action has further revealed that the group has manipulated its books of account to reduce its taxable income in India through creation of various provisions for expenses, such as provisions for obsolescence, provisions for warranty, doubtful debts/ loans & advances etc., which have little or no scientific/financial rationale. During the investigation, the group has failed to provide any substantial and appropriate justification for such claims. Further investigations are in progress.

Sarbananda Sonowal announces major healthcare boost for Mizoram; lays foundation stones for Six Ayush Hospitals

Chennai, March 04 2022: The Union Minister of Ayush and Ports Shipping & Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal announced a slew of measures to boost the AYUSH sector in Mizoram. The Minister, along with the Chief Minister of Mizoram, Zoramthanga, laid the foundation stones for six Ayush hospitals in Mizoram. In a further boost to healthcare infrastructure in the hill state of the Northeast, as many as 24 Ayush Health & Wellness Centres (HWC) were inaugurated across Mizoram at the event held here today.

The three 50 bedded hospitals will be developed at Aizawl, Champai and Hnahthial in the state. The three 10 bedded hospitals will be developed at Khawzawl, Saitul and Hortoki in the



state. The Union Minister while highlighting the importance of traditional Indian medicine spoke about the role the folk medicine of Northeast can play in palliative, preventive, curative patient care along with the modern healthcare.

The Union Minister underlined the importance of unlocking value from the rich traditional medicinal practice of India, including the folk medicines of Mizoram and the Northeast.

Speaking about the role of Ayush can play in patient care management, Shri Sonowal further said that the rich heritage of traditional medicines as envisaged by Ayush is scientifically proven to be effective in patient care. The holistic approach to patient care & healthy lifestyle includes both preventive as well as curative aspects. He said that in order to learn & leverage the folk medicine, the AYUSH ministry is conducting a multi centric research project to critically

appraise and validate Local Health Traditions (LHT), Oral health Traditions (OHT) and Ethno Medicinal Practices (EMP) among ethnic communities of the Northeast."

Speaking about the role of Mizoram & Northeast in India's new age of economic growth, the Union Minister said, "Through ACT East Policy, the PM has envisaged the Northeast to be the most important region of India that will power the New Engine of growth. The Asta Lakshmi of Northeast can be realised fully when Mizoram - along with all other Northeastern states - become Atma Nirbhar by enhancing our wisdom, work in cooperation & partnership, develop our abilities to compete at the global level."

Jan Aushadhi Bal Mitra programme held on the 3rd day of weeklong celebration of 4th Jan Aushadhi Diwas

Chennai, March 04 2022: On 3rd Day of Jan Aushadhi Diwas week long celebrations, Jan Aushadhi Bal Mitra programme has been conducted across the country at 75 locations to engage children as our Bal Mitras with Jan Aushadhi scheme to educate them about the benefits of the Pariyojana, price difference between Jan Aushadhi medicines and branded medicines, savings, Jan Aushadhi Seva Bhi Rozgar Bhi, etc.

In addition to this, to engage our Bal Mitras

with Jan Aushadhi, PMBI has conducted an online quiz on Jan Aushadhi through MyGov platform with a prize of Rs. 200/- coupon each to 100 Bal Mitras. PMBI has organized release of sky lanterns and balloons at 75 locations, across the country to spread the message of the Jan Aushadhi.

The programme this year is being held under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commemorating 75 years of India's independence which is an initiative of the Government of India



to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements.

Arunachal Pradesh to get a Greenfield Airport in Hollongi

Chennai, March 04 2022: Considering the importance of air connectivity to the capital city of Arunachal Pradesh, AAI has undertaken the work of constructing a Greenfield Airport in Hollongi, 15 Kms from Itanagar. With an estimated cost of Rs.645 crore, the project includes the development work i.e. construction of airport pavements, air side work, terminal Building and city side works.

The proposed airport is designed for operations of A-320 category of aircraft and future extension of Runway by 500m length to cater A-321 type of aircraft. With an area of 4100 sqm, the terminal building of the airport will be able to handle 200 passengers during peak hours. Equipped with eight check-in counters, the terminal building will have all modern passenger facilities.

Development Work is in full swing and almost 80% of airside works is completed. Progress of New Interim Terminal



building is 30%. The airport is planned for operationalization on 15th August 2022.

The terminal will be an energy efficient building provisioned with Rain Water Harvesting system and sustainable landscape. The development work also includes construction of ATC Tower cum Technical Block, Fire station, Medical Centre and other ancillary works.

The building's envelope is influenced by the surrounding landscapes. Moving away from the strict geometry of straight lines and angles, the roof form is organic and establishes



instant connection with the viewer. The building interior is designed to emanate a sense of calm to the passengers. This is achieved by providing free-flowing spaces, hidden service core and a glass façade that links the eye to the panoramic scenic beauty of the Himalayan Foothills.

Hon'ble PM has laid

emphasis on transforming Arunachal Pradesh into a major gateway to SouthEast Asia by developing modern infrastructure across the state. An airport to connect the capital city is a much-needed aspiration of local community which will also accelerate economic activity in the region.

200 Students and Indian Nationals from Ukraine arrive in Delhi as part of "Operation Ganga"

Chennai, March 04 2022: Around 200 students and Indian citizens from Ukraine have been evacuated from Ukrainians and brought back to India as part of Government of India's Operation Ganga.

Shri Bhagwanth Khuba, Minister of State for Chemical and Fertilizers received the evacuees, most of them students, at Indira Gandhi International airport. The special Indigo flight landed at Delhi today morning.

Welcoming all the returnees, the Union Minister said the Union Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is committed to ensuring repatriation of all Indians from Ukraine. He assured the students that their friends and colleagues will also be evacuated soon.

Coming back to India and meeting with families, students expressed gratitude towards the Union Government. A young

student on the flight remarked, with tears of joy, the safe evacuation from a war strife country is no miracle, and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi made it possible.

Indigo flight had taken off from the Istanbul International Airport, at 10.35 p.m.



(IST) on Wednesday and reached New Delhi at 8.31a.m. today.

Air India, Air India Express, IndiGo and SpiceJet have joined the Operation Ganga mission operating multiple flights from Ukraine's neighbouring countries to Delhi and Mumbai.



Sharp expands A3 Multifunctional Printer line-up with Five new models

Chennai, March 04 2022: SHARP Business Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd, a wholly owned Indian subsidiary of SHARP Corporation Japan, announced the launch of its new range of A3 size mono multi-function printer (MFP) series, including the BP-30M35T, BP-30M35, B P - 3 0 M 3 1, B P - 30M28Tand BP-30M28. With its compact footprint, wireless capabilities, and advanced data security features, the new printer series fit securely and seamlessly into any office environment, enhancing printing efficiency, aiding remote working, and addressing varied documentation needs. These Multi-function printers offer an intuitive user experience with print speeds up to 35 ppm, 31ppm and 28 ppm, respectively. The launch also marks Sharp's 50th-anniversary celebrations of its document business.

The new series comes equipped with features like a 7-inch touch screen, easy UI, dual network support, serverless print release and data encryption, Standard Duplex & Network, 2 x 500 sheets tray capacity; well suited to serve the documentation needs for both large & medium corporates, BFSI, Government Institutes, Healthcare, Education, Logistics & E-Commerce, Engineering designing firms, and Modern Retail that demand intelligent, flexible, and secure solutions for their business-essential document needs.

Commenting on the occasion, Shinji Minatogawa, Managing Director, SHARP Business



Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd said, "At Sharp, we do not seek merely to expand our business volume. Rather, we are dedicated to making use of our unique, innovative technology to contribute to the culture, benefits, and welfare of people throughout the world. It is an incredible feeling as we reflect on our journey over the last five decades, transforming businesses operations with advanced document systems. Our latest MFP series builds on our rich legacy of innovation to offer many industry-first features and a class-leading experience that will improve business outcomes and aid the business continuity efforts".

The MFP works efficiently with memory of 4 GB and storage capacity ranging from 128 GB SSD to 512 GB SSD, PCL printing, quick warm-up periods time, and an enlarged higher paper capacity of up to 2100 sheets for even longer continuous copying/printing jobs. Furthermore, with the unique option of Space-Efficient Inner Finisher, the MFP increases productivity by handling document sorting and stapling jobs with great ease. For a wider variety of professionally finished corporate documents, the MFP supports various paper

media, with standard paper sizes maximum to A3 and paper thicknesses up to 55 to 200 GSM

This speedy network-ready MFP generates quicker output offers unique functionality and a slew of productivity features, making it suitable for all the printing, copying, and colour scanning requirements. The highlights include a secondary ethernet port, multiple scan destinations to email, FTP server, Network Folder, SSD, Desktop, and USB drive. It offers High-speed scanning of 60 originals per minute with 100 Sheets Reverse Single Pass Feeder, a convenient bypass tray, and a quick status indicator to notify print jobs. The new MFP series comes with Tandem Print & Copy option that helps reduce the printing time when handling large volumes of tasks such as question paper printing or copying multiple sets within a stipulated time.

The new printer line-up is equipped with advanced security features including configuration restrictions that limit access to the MFP by requiring user authentication via password and ensure data security with job retention features. In addition, the SSL (secure sockets layer) and IPsec data encryption technologies enable secure

network communications. The MFP series comes with an optional OCR capability that helps to convert a scanned document into a searchable PDF file or editable Office Open XML file. The MFP can also scan multiple business cards at once. It can read the contact details on each Business card via the OCR function and can export the details to a chosen contact management system.

Furthermore, the new series offers NFC & QR Code printing with Sharpdesk mobile smart phone application and optional cloud connect services that allow access to cloud by uploading scanned data and printing documents from MFP Touch panel, providing flexibility to access to files from anywhere. It also allows USB direct print with a popup command to choose the print/scan jobs directly from the MFP panel. Besides, Sharp emphasizes the need for privacy and security, allowing IT Managers and System Administrators to remove all data from MFPs when replacing or disposing of the MFP.

Sharp's new MFP series, which includes the BP-30M35T, BP-30M35, BP-30M31, BP-30M28T and BP-30M28, MRP starting INR 246500. The new MFP series will be available for purchase across Sharp offices and authorized dealerships across India.

Sharp is celebrating its 50th anniversary in the printing industry with the launch of its first-ever copier to market in January 1972.