

Vice President advises public representatives to maintain high standards and protect the dignity of Parliament and legislatures

Chennai, March 05 2022: The Vice President, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu today advised public representatives to maintain high standards and protect the dignity and sanctity of institutions like Parliament and the offices of those holding high constitutional positions.

Inaugurating a newly constructed state-of-the-art Durbar Hall in the precincts of Goa's Raj Bhavan, he expressed his concern over disruptions in Parliament and the recent happenings in some legislatures. He said people's representatives can criticise the budget or an address if they did not like it and must avoid anything that will weaken democracy. "We must respect these institutions", he added.

He said India as the largest parliamentary democracy is setting a great example to the rest of the world through peaceful change or continuation of regimes during elections.

"In a democracy if you don't like, you can criticize, you can educate and agitate peacefully and wait for your turn. We must have patience to respect the mandate of the people", the Vice President added.

The Vice President also urged all public representatives to participate in Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and to contribute towards the momentum for Atma Nirbhar Bharat. He said the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi is keen to transform the country and the lives of the people



by bringing in reforms.

He said that even after 75 years of independence, the country was facing challenges like poverty, illiteracy, regional disparities, social and gender discrimination and it is the duty of every government and individual to focus their attention on eradicating them.

Apart from eradicating various social evils, the Vice President said that the focus of all political parties must be on bridging urban-rural divide, uplifting the poorest of the poor and totally

empowering women. "We must further see to it that India marches forward as a strong, stable and prosperous nation".

He said that India which was once known as Vishwaguru always believed in peaceful co-existence and never attacked any country. He said "We believe in "Sarve Jana Sukhino Bhavantu" and share and care is the core of Indian philosophy".

Describing Goa as a special place, Shri Naidu said, "With its cultural and linguistic diversity,

scenic splendour and the warmth and hospitality of the people here, Goa has always had a special place in my heart." He said that with Goa's natural beauty, extensive forest cover, diversity of flora and fauna and rich cultural heritage, the state remains at the top of tourist destinations in India.

Shri Naidu said that apart from its natural beauty, Goa also enjoys a healthy socio-political culture. He called for the preservation of Goa's rich cultural traditions and linguistic, literary heritage. "It is important to support efforts to preserve Goan culture, festivals and the rich diversity of its traditional cuisine," he added.

The Vice President said that among Goa's many impressive accomplishments is the fact that it boasts of the highest per capita income and is at the top of the least poor states in the country.

Praising the grand structure of the Durbar Hall, Shri Naidu said that the building was a reflection of Goan architecture, with its transparent walls and wide verandas. He mentioned that the Durbar Hall with a seating capacity of 800 persons is the second largest hall in Goa after Dr Shyama Prasad Mukerjee Stadium.

The Governor of Goa, Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai, Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, the Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Tourism, Shri Shripad Naik, Leader of Opposition, Shri Digambar Kamat and others were present on the occasion.

More than 100 Experts attend Coal Gasification Webinar Organised by Coal Ministry

Chennai, March 05 2022: "Four gasification projects will help in framing up technical and financial viability of coal gasification." said by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi while inaugurating the webinar on Energy for Sustainable Growth here today. Coal Gasification was one of the six topics which was deliberated in six concurrent sessions. This is the ninth webinar in the series of post-budget webinars addressed by the Prime Minister.

Dr. Anil Kumar Jain, Secretary, Coal addressed the webinar organised on coal gasification by Ministry of Coal. He stressed on suitable business model, so that not only public sector but also private sector takes role in setting-up of coal gasification plant. In the Webinar, six eminent speakers participated including Dr. V.K Saraswat, member NITI Aayog. Dr Saraswat stressed on setting up demonstration plants to scale up indigenous technology and introduction of PLI scheme for setting up Coal Gasification Plants. He suggested rationalisation of pricing of coal for gasification on the parameters such as taxations, State Cess, transportation and handling charges and acceleration on the projects planned by the Coal India Limited and subsidiaries preferably



through EPC approach for production of chemicals & fuels.

During the session, highlights of both the existing plant of JSPL and plant under construction of TFL, were shared by Shri VR Sharma, Managing Director, Jindal Steel and Power Limited and Shri SN Yadav, Managing Director, Talcher Fertilizer Limited. Further, Shri Yadav pointed out key enablers of coal gasification such as development of indigenous technology, formulation of Policy for consistent quality & uninterrupted supply of coal and challenges face by TFL.

Session was attended by more than 100 experts and during question answer session no. of interactions were made. Further R & D of Thermax plant & BHEL plant were shared. CIL Chairman also expressed his readiness to join hands with BHEL in the development of indigenous coal gasification plant to produce Ammonium Nitrate.

In the second session Shri VK Tiwari, Additional Secretary, Coal highlighted six key takeaways which were Availability of Coal for Gasification Projects, Development of Indigenous Gasification technology on

commercial scale, Development of indigenous technology for production of methanol from syngas, Suitable policy provision for Marketing of indigenous product derived from Coal Gasification, Financial assistance to Gasification projects at Initial stage and taking up of all business models for setting up of projects.

Additional Secretary (Coal) concluded by stating that by all these steps, coal gasification target of 100 MT of domestic coal by year 2030 will be achieved creating to a new path of sustainable coal utilization.

Ministry of Culture in collaboration with Sulabh International to organize "Swacchagraha: celebrating Swachhta and Swadhinta" tomorrow

Chennai, March 05 2022: Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in collaboration with Sulabh International is organizing an event "Swacchagraha" under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage the mass awareness with the core thought of "Swachhta, Swadhinta and Sulabh" tomorrow in New Delhi.

The event will be conducted in two sessions and in the first session Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, founder of Sulabh Sanitation, Social Reform & Human Rights Movement will address the audience. On the occasion, Baba Ramdev, Yoga Guru from the Patanjali Yogpeeth center situated at Haridwar will also address the audience virtually. The event will also be graced by many eminent personalities and guests who have contributed to this field including Dr. Richard Pais, Prof. Kameshwar Nath Singh, Smt. Usha Chaumar.

of the Amrit Mahotsav film will be done on the occasion. The event will also have a panel discussion on new ideas and measures for increasing Swacchhta, Swadhinta and Sulabh along with a song and film showcase.

The evening session themed 'Ek Shaam Sur, Taal aur Swachhta ke Naam' will be addressed by Chief Guest Shri Vijay Goel. On the occasion Saraswati Stuti will be performed by Dr. Sushmita Jha.

The event will also feature performance by Dhruva -The

Sanskrit Band. This is the world's only music band that is based on India's oldest own tradition of Vedic-gaan and Stotra-gaan in Sanskrit language. The evening will be summed up by a musical performance of prominent percussionist in India Pandita Anuradha Pal's and SuFoRe music group that combines an exhilarating mix of Indian Folk, Sufi, Qawwali, Hindustani and Carnatic Classical music, recharged with dazzling Indian and World percussion.

Is AI/ML now becoming a part in the beauty industry??

Chennai, March 05 2022: It's really not a surprise that AI/ML is going to be a part in the beauty industry and much needed facelift all over the world. Leveraging artificial intelligence/Machine learning, many Big GIANT IT companies are introducing solutions for patient's need that provide a better smart skin analysis and also personalized product recommendations which is based on just a selfie and as well as short proforma based on the needs of the treatment. However, It is also considered as fascinating approach to witness the integration of advanced technologies to pave its way into the beauty industry. But perhaps

more important, it proves to be another valuable use case for artificial intelligence. The use of AI/ ML can help consumers navigate through the thousands of products on the market to find solutions that are personalized and customized to their individual needs.

In addition, it can also help the individuals virtually to try out various cosmetic products without painstaking. Importantly, AI/ML can also help with predictive analysis in order to determine the course of action to be taken for carrying out medical procedures in most efficient way.



Dr. Aravindha Babu, MDS, FICD (USA), Professor in Oral Pathology & Assistant Director of Centre of Oral Cancer Research, Sree Balaji Dental College and Hospital, Pallikaranai, Chennai and Dr. Jayalalitha S (PhD in Biotechnology) works for an MNC in India.

This will not only have invasive and non-invasive procedures but also improve the cosmetic field such as confidence of correcting physical deformities through individuals.

Students from Veranda Learning Solutions Clear CA Foundation and Intermediate Examination in their first attempt

Chennai, March 05 2022: Veranda Learning Solutions today announced that students trained under Veranda CA cleared the respective foundation and intermediate exams in their first attempt. Veranda CA, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Veranda Learning Solutions Ltd., provides students with 360-degree online coaching to assist them prepare for the CA examinations. The following students cleared the exams: Piyush Gupta from New Delhi, Karthik Ramasubramanian from Coimbatore, Menuosatuo Mepfhuo from Nagaland, Ragavendran from

Trichy, Bhargavi S from Chennai, Anannya Girme from Pune, Taranjai Singh Ajmani from Lucknow, and Deepika Shet from Mumbai.

The ICAI released the results for the CA foundation and intermediate for December 2021 on 10th and 26th February 2022 respectively. Menuosatuo, a student from Nagaland shares his experience, "Veranda is among the top and after availing their services, they're rightfully so. The online program has helped students tackle work head-on, with minds only focused on the work to be done."

"Every idea is presented in detail through video lectures and reinforced through numerous rounds of evaluation in the Veranda CA course. Chapter tests, midterm assessments, and mock exams are all used to assess students under the ICAI framework. The CA curriculum at Veranda CA is meant to guarantee that students are well-prepared for ICAI exams," commented Mr. CA Rajaraman R, Senior Consultant, Veranda Learning Solutions.

Speaking about his decision to take the CA exam, Karthik said, "I have seen the power and respect for Chartered

Accountants in the society and my fascination towards accountancy made me take up this career." Bhargavi shares her experience with Veranda, "Though self-learning was sufficient, I lacked testing abilities. Fortunately, I came across Veranda for coaching and test preparation."

Veranda Learning Solutions congratulates these students for their perseverance in participating and clearing the foundation and the intermediate examinations on their first attempt, bringing honor to the organization.

The revolutionary Uniportal Robotic Surgery for complex thoracic procedures, available for the first time in India at Apollo Hospitals! A single minor incision to perform critical cardiothoracic surgeries Brings in highest efficiency & precision with unmatched outcomes

Chennai, March 05 2022: The two-day Uniportal Robotic Surgery Workshop, was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr Prathap C Reddy, Chairman, Apollo Hospitals Group, today. This novel technique is being performed for the first time in India at Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad. Uniportal Robotic Surgery involves robotic arms performing the surgery through a single 3 cm incision made in the chest. It's a boon for performing critical and complex cardiothoracic surgeries with greater efficiency and precision coupled with the best possible outcomes. These surgeries being minimally invasive, bring down the rate of post-surgical complications, mortality, infections and hospital stay drastically. Uniportal robotic surgery is being performed in select European countries currently and Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad, is the only facility in south east Asia, with expertise to perform this high-end surgery.

The team of cardiothoracic surgeons at Apollo Hospitals, led

by Dr Manjunath Bale, Consultant Robotic and Minimal Access Surgeon, Apollo Health City; is performing the first ever Uniportal Robotic Surgery in the country, in collaboration with Dr Diego Gonzalez Rivas, Robotic and Vats Surgeon, from Spain. Dr Rivas pioneered the procedure in September 2021 in Spain and since then he performed it in many countries.

In Uniportal Robotic Surgery, a single minor incision is made between the ribs to insert the camera and instruments into the patient's chest, instead of ripping open the chest with a large incision as is done in a conventional cardiothoracic surgery. The surgeon has a crystal clear, magnified vision of the interior of the patient on a screen and performs the surgery using specialized instruments. The robot has a master slave model which moves in synchrony with the surgeon's movements on the console and replicates the movements inside the human body.

Cardiothoracic

surgeries are considered the most risky of all with high rate of post-surgical mortality. Uniportal Robotic procedure ushers in a new era and transforms the way thoracic surgeries are performed. Its surgeon and patient friendly, brings in unmatched precision and unrivalled outcomes, says Dr Manjunath Bale.

The new procedure can treat several pleural and lung conditions including the most complex surgeries which carried high quotient of risk hitherto with conventional surgery. This procedure presents multiple advantages with much better outcomes. For surgeons the robot enables better control and manoeuvrability of surgical instruments, magnified visibility through 3D view and easy access to the operating area through supple robot instruments, resulting in high precision outcomes. From patient's perspective, each of the chest space has nerves, when multiple spaces are opened for surgery, several nerves are

mutilated leading to intense and prolonged pain, as in an open surgery. A single incision will reduce the number of injured nerves hence is less painful. This minimally invasive surgery reduces hospital stay and expedites recovery due to diminishing complication risks and substantially reduces chances of catching infection. All this enables the patient to avoid long bouts of trauma and get back to work and his normal routine quickly.

The delegates at the Workshop comprised of leading thoracic surgeons and pulmonologist from across the country. Also present were Mr Y Subramanyam, Regional CEO, Apollo Hospitals, Telangana; Mr Tejasvi Rao, COO & Unit Head, Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills; Dr Manjunath Bale, Consultant Robotic & Minimal Access Surgeon, Apollo Health City; Dr Diego Gonzalez Rivas, Robotic and Vats Surgeon, Spain and Dr Vijay Dikshit, Senior Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Apollo Health City.

American Center Chennai Welcomes Visitors on Appointment Basis from March 7 American Center Chennai has the largest collection of material on American Studies in South Asia

Chennai, March 05 2022: The American Center on the premises of the U.S. Consulate General, 220 Anna Salai, Gemini Circle, Chennai, which holds the largest collection of material on American Studies in South Asia, will reopen to the public from Monday, March 7, 2022, on an appointment basis. The Center will be open Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Visitors are requested to book their slots in advance. The American Center has been closed to the public since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visitors aged 15 and above who are fully

vaccinated are welcome to the American Center with prior appointment. To know more about our operations and programs, you can visit us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Visitors to the American Center are required to fill a form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BQRGZC2> available on our website <https://in.usembassy.gov/education-american-spaces/american-space-chennai/> to seek an appointment. The American Center will approve ten guests for a one-hour slot. Visitors must carry a hard or soft copy of the filled-in vaccine attestation form available at <https://in.usembassy.gov/>

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U.S. Consul General in Chennai Judith Ravin said, "We are happy to welcome the patrons and public back to the American Center. We've missed you! The American Center is a landmark in the city and has welcomed visitors for more than 74 years. Whether you come to check out one of our nearly 16,000 books, watch a DVD, attend a program, or inquire about U.S. higher education, we look forward to seeing you again."

All visitors to the American Center are requested to conform to

security regulations and produce a valid original Photo Identification (ID) at the Consulate's Cathedral Road entrance. Acceptable photo IDs are: Aadhaar card, passport, driver's license, voter ID card, PAN Card, government employer issued ID, or school/college/university issued ID. Wearing masks is mandatory at all the times within the premises. Only cell phones can be deposited at the security counter of the Consulate. Other electronic devices will not be allowed including iPads/notebooks/ laptops etc. The Consulate is located near the AG-DMS Metro station; there is no parking facility available for visitors.

LAUNCH OF THE TAMIL VERSION The TCS Story . . . and Beyond by S. Ramadorai

Chennai, March 05 2022: Mr. N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, launched the Tamil version of the book 'The TCS Story... and beyond' by former TCS chief executive and managing director Mr. S Ramadorai. The English version, published by Penguin, retained its position at the top of the charts for several months when launched in September 2011. The Tamil version of the book was launched at The Kalakshetra Foundation in Chennai.

The TCS Story is one of modern India's great success stories and Mr. Ramadorai, one of the country's most respected business leaders, recounts the steps the company took that led to it being extraordinarily successful in the years later. Such initiatives, which became building



blocks to make TCS one of the largest IT services companies globally, included establishing offshore development centers in India to provide high-end solutions to global behemoths, spearheading Indian industry through the IT boom, using the Y2K challenge to its advantage, successfully expanding worldwide operations and listing itself on the stock exchanges in 2004 with the country's biggest ever IPO at the time.

"I am delighted that the book is being launched in Tamil eleven years after it was

first published," said Mr. Ramadorai, who was also TCS' Vice Chairman. "The book intends to be an inspiration for generations of professionals and entrepreneurs who must think of addressing problems differently. The very essence of the book is to inspire the readers to be solution-oriented so that our people and the country at large can reach our true potential and move towards a future of collective prosperity," he added.

Mr. Ramadorai, who succeeded the legendary FC Kohli in 1996, had

transformed TCS to one with cumulative revenue of \$6 billion and workforce of 160,000 people in 42 countries from \$400 million in 14 years. The book narrates the history of the growing prowess and importance of India's IT industry, especially from the turn of the century, chronicled by a stalwart.

Behind the phenomenon called TCS lies a quest for excellence and attention to detail. There is a great deal to be learnt from the TCS example, which holds true even today as Mr. Ramadorai outlines a vision for the future. As he completes 50 years with the Tata Group this year, the Tamil version of the book could not have been published at a more opportune time. The book is available on both Amazon and Flipkart for purchase.

Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar inaugurates NIC Tech Conclave 2022

Chennai, March 05 2022: National Informatics Centre (NIC) organized the #TechConclave2022 focused on Emerging Technologies applicable especially in e-Governance, with the theme - "Next Gen Technologies for Digital Government". The event was attended by Shri K. Rajaraman, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Additional Secretary, MeitY, Dr. Neeta Verma, Director General, NIC, along with other dignitaries from Centre and State Governments.

Addressing the event, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar said that NIC plays an important role in bringing technology

into Government & Governance. He further added that anticipating planning for the future of Technology for the Government, is embedded in the DNA of NIC.

Shri K. Rajaraman, Secretary, MeitY congratulated NIC for its innovative products and said that the Conclave is going to serve as an opportunity to devise innovative ways of working, new things that can be done for the citizens. He also congratulated NIC Team for its transformative flagship product, eOffice.

Dr. Rajendra Kumar, Additional Secretary, MeitY during his address said that the continuous efforts of MeitY and NIC in building larger

platforms which aim at changing the entire paradigm of Digital Government, and making the services seamless, easily accessible, improve the ease of living and doing business, will yield results in the time to come.

Dr. Neeta Verma, DG, NIC in her welcome address said that the Digital India program launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister has changed the Digital profile of the country. The tremendous growth in broadband networks, mobile apps, digital payments, cloud infrastructure, and vibrant start-ups ecosystems are leading to a whole lot of technology-led innovation around us.



Commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at NIC, MoS Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar released the e-book titled #75DigitalSolutionsfromNIC. The ebook outlines the

benefits of various Government Schemes & initiatives achieved, through Digital Transformation facilitated with the help of NIC developed technology-driven solutions for the

Citizens, Businesses, and the Government. The eBook is available at: <https://uxdt.nic.in/flipbooks/75-Digital-Solutions-from-NIC/>

MoS also released the book titled "Citizen Empowerment Through Digital Transformation in Government" edited by Dr. Neeta Verma, DG NIC. The book captures the technology-led transformation of various sectors & their evolution presented from the lens of NIC officers working on PAN India digital infrastructure and services.

Dr. Anand Deshpande, Founder, Chairman and Managing Director, Persistent Systems delivered a keynote

address on NextGen Technologies for Digital Government. He talked about the need to focus on the concept of Nano-Entrepreneurs. He highlighted technologies to invest and leverage in coming times - Data & Machine Learning, Applications & APIs, Metaverse, Web3 & Crypto and Security & Privacy.

In her keynote address, Ms. Daisy Chittilapilly, President, CISCO India, and SAARC said that technology is India's greatest ally. As work patterns are getting redefined and new business models are getting redesigned, technology can be used for greater good and inclusive growth.

NIC's Tech Conclave 2022 will enrich the IT Managers of the Government Ministries/ Departments on the latest ICT technologies and their use cases on the latest technologies and applications which can be rolled out in the states. It will facilitate interaction among Industry and IT managers of the Government, contributing immensely to the capacity building especially in the Government functioning across the country, and help in delivering high-quality citizen-centric services.

