

PM hosts Sikh delegation at his residence in New Delhi

Chennai, April 29 2022: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today hosted a Sikh delegation at 7 Lok Kalyan Marg, the official residence of the Prime Minister. The group included people from different walks of life. Union Minister, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri was among those present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister recalled his long association with the Sikh community. "Going to Gurudwaras, spending time in 'sewa', getting langar, staying at the homes of Sikh families has been a part of my life. The feet of Sikh saints keep falling from time to time in the Prime Minister's residence here. I keep getting the good fortune of their company", the Prime Minister said. The Prime Minister also recalled his visits to the places of Sikh heritage all over the world during his visits abroad.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said "our

Gurus have taught us courage and service. The people of India have gone to different parts of the world without any resources and achieved success through their labour. This is the spirit of New India today too", he said.

Reiterating his appreciation for the mood of new India, the Prime Minister said New India is scaling new dimensions and is leaving its mark on the whole world. Period of Corona epidemic is the biggest example of this. At the beginning of the epidemic, people with old mindset were expressing concerns about India. But now, people are giving the example of India for its handling of the pandemic. Earlier concerns were being voiced over the enormity of population of India and many were doubtful about vaccine for Indians. But today India has emerged as the biggest vaccine maker. "You will also be proud to hear that 99 percent of the



vaccination has been done through our own Made in India Vaccines", he said.

The Prime Minister said in this difficult period, India has emerged as one of the world's largest start up ecosystems. "The number of our unicorns is constantly increasing. This growing stature and credibility of India

provides maximum satisfaction and pride to our diaspora", he added. The Prime Minister said "I have always considered our Indian diaspora as Rashtrdoot of India. All of you are the strong voice and lofty identity of Maa Bharati abroad." He said even diaspora feels proud about the strides of growth

that India is taking. "Wherever we are in the world, 'India First' needs to be our primary faith, he added.

Bowing to the great contribution and sacrifices of the Gurus, the Prime Minister recalled how Guru Nanak Dev ji a w a k e n e d t h e consciousness of the entire

nation and bought the nation out of darkness and took it on the path of light. He said that the Gurus travelled all over India and everywhere there are their signs and inspirations. They are revered and there is faith in them everywhere. The Prime Minister said that the feet of Gurus sanctified this

great land and inspired its people. Sikh tradition is a living tradition of 'Ek Bharat Shreshth Bharat', he said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed the county's gratitude for Sikh Community's contribution during the freedom struggle and after Independence. He said that 'Sikh community is synonymous with the courage, prowess and hard work of the country'.

The Prime Minister once again elaborated on his vision of India's freedom struggle. He said that this struggle is not confined to a limited period but is a manifestation of thousands of years of consciousness, ideals, spiritual values and 'tapasya'.

The Prime Minister expressed happiness on the good fortune of being associated with the landmark events like Guru Teg Bahadur's 400th Prakash Purab, Guru Nanak Devji's 550th Prakash Purab and Guru Gobind Singh Ji's 350th

Prakash Purab. He also said that events like construction of Kartarpur Corridor, making langars tax free, FCRA permission for Harmandir Sahib and improving infrastructure and cleanliness around Gurudwaras have been done in the tenure of this government.

The Prime Minister referred to the Gurus' emphasis on duty and linked it with the same emphasis on sense of duty in the Amrit Kaal and said mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas is an evocation of this spirit. He said this sense of duty is important not only for the present but also for our future generations. He praised the Sikh community for being always active for the causes of environment, nutrition, and protection of cultural values. He concluded by requesting the gathering to contribute in the recently launched campaign for Amrit Sarovars.

'Food Processing Week 2.0' organized by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under the 'Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari' Campaign by the M/o Agriculture & Farmers Welfare under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'

Chennai, April 29 2022: To commemorate 75 years of India's independence, the Government of India is celebrating the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.' As a part of the celebration, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is organising 'Food Processing Week 2.0' from 25th to 30th April, 2022 under 'Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari' Campaign by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare under the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.



Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana today in New Delhi.

The total cost of these projects is about Rs.1238 crores, and the Ministry has provided financial support through grant of Rs. 309 crores for these projects. These projects will provide direct and indirect employment to about 36,000 people and benefit about 4 lakh 63 thousand farmers.

The Ministry launched

the 'Food Processing Week 2.0' on 25th April, 2022, through a social media campaign under which awareness about the schemes of the Ministry, the success story of the beneficiaries of the Ministry were covered on social media throughout the week. Apart from this, ODOP workshop and exhibition on Processing and Value Addition of One District One Product is

also being organized under PMFME scheme in many districts across the country.

While addressing the promoters, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Shri Pashupati Kumar Paras thanked the promoters of these projects for developing state-of-the-art processing facilities, which will prove to be a milestone in the development of the food processing sector and will greatly benefit the farmers, producers, processors and consumers of the surrounding areas. He also mentioned that as a result of growing urbanization and middle class, there is a constant demand for nutritious processed foods and food processing has the potential to transform India's rural economy.

PFCI to distribute 2000 Water Bowls to quench the thirst of needy Animals and Birds, this summer Invites people to participate in #WaterBowlChallenge2022

Chennai, April 29 2022: People For Cattle in India (PFCI), an NGO formed by the animal Lovers in India, to promote the welfare of animals and prevent any form of cruelty against them. PFCI will launch this year's Water Bowl Challenge 2022 on 30th April 2022, 4PM at SPP Gardens, Maduravoyal.

Global warming has contributed to hotter summers and just like us, animals too suffer from parched throat, severe dehydration not to mention several diseases from drinking unclean dirty water if they do not have proper access to drinking water.

The intent of the Water Bowl Challenge is to encourage people to place water bowls outside their houses, terraces, balconies, gardens, offices, streets and wherever else possible in order to help the birds and animals quench their thirst anytime they need. To take up the water bowl challenge, one has to collect his/her water bowl, click a picture with an animal/bird drinking water from the bowl they



had collected from PFCI and challenge 5 people to do the same. The participants have to use the hashtag #WaterBowlChallenge2022 when they post the pictures on social media. The 5 most creative entries will be qualified for surprise gifts from the PFCI Team.

To collect a Free PFCI Water Bowl, please sign up as soon as possible using the link <https://tinyurl.com/PFCI-WaterBowl-2022> as its allotted on a first come first serve basis.

This year the campaign brand ambassador will be Ms. Ishwarya Menon, a



celebrity actress who will inspire people to put out a bowl of water for the neighbourhood animals & birds. Clean access to water is a privilege for community animals that otherwise have to depend on unhealthy source of water to quench their thirst, which in turn can

lead to diseases. Arun Prasanna, Founder of PFCI requests people to put out a bowl of water for animals to help them tide over these hot summer months.

PFCI has been distributing water bowls since 2014 & in 2021, had distributed 1500 bowls and this year intends to distribute 2000. In the past, The Water Bowl Challenge has witnessed celebrities, industrialist

& bureaucrats participating and spreading awareness in the past few years. This year too, we expect a good participation from the animal lovers and general public alike. Together we can make a difference!

Ministry of Tourism displays India's vast range of travel products and opportunities in Oman edition of the Incredible India Reconnect 2022 virtual roadshow

Chennai, April 29 2022: As India opens its borders post-pandemic, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India is organising a series of virtual roadshows with Indian Missions overseas as a means to reconnect with its existing partners and explore new ties and opportunities.

India's vast range of travel products and opportunities was on display on Tuesday at the Oman edition of the Incredible India Reconnect 2022 virtual roadshow.

The Incredible India

Reconnect 2022 Virtual Roadshow started with opening remarks from Mr. Amit Narang, Ambassador of India to the Sultanate of Oman. He talked about India and Oman's bilateral relationships and how the same may be leveraged for the promotion of tourism.

It was followed by the remarks from Mr. G Kamala Rao Vardhana, Director General (Tourism), Ministry of Tourism, Mr. Rao discussed about the recovery of the tourism sector and how India was ready to open up its borders once again.

After this, a session was conducted by Mr. Sunil Dsouza, CEO, Travel Point who focused on India being a 365-day destination and stressed on pointers like formulating an annual events calendar based around festivals, transportation, security aspects and redressal mechanisms, halal foods, guide trainings, competitive pricing and seamless policies.

This session was followed by another insightful session from the representatives of IATO and ICPB who spoke about their respective

organisations, India's USP, geography, products, its edge as a MICE tourism destination and showed 2 films highlighting the same. The event was attended by 244 participants.

The first Incredible India Reconnect event signalled the start of great efforts between the government and the market to encourage bilateral tourism by recognising the issues, challenges, and opportunities in an attempt to strengthen and build momentum on two-way growth phase.

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Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 launches National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities

Chennai, April 29 2022: Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has launched the 'National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities' to strengthen the ongoing jan andolan for 'Garbage Free Cities'.

Urban India has seen a social revolution in the field of sanitation, with one hundred and thirty crore citizens rallying behind the Hon'ble Prime Minister's clarion call for 'Clean India' to become a developmental priority during his Independence Day Speech on 15th August 2014. Over the last seven years, this Government policy for cleanliness has metamorphosed to become the world's largest behaviour change programme that champions the principles of sustainable urbanization, circular economy, Reuse, Reduce, Recycle, as well as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

As a consequence of SBM-U, the idea of Swachhata is now ingrained in the minds of citizens with diverse citizen groups coming together to take ownership of their city's cleanliness status and visibly improve it. At the core of the Mission lies the central belief that 'swachhata is everyone's business' and clear, consistent, and repetitive messaging around this core message has been done tirelessly over the years, through the use of traditional, digital, social media campaigns and large-scale interpersonal communication to ingrain this belief in the minds of all citizens.

Now, under SBM-U 2.0, the newly launched 'National Behaviour Change Communication Framework for Garbage Free Cities' shall serve as a guiding document and blueprint for States and Cities to undertake large scale multimedia campaigns along with intensive and focused interpersonal communication campaigns. Launched by Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, the framework focuses on intensifying messaging around the key focus areas of source segregation, collection, transportation, and processing of waste, plastic waste management, and remediation of legacy dumpsites to truly transform the urban landscape of India.

Speaking at the launch event, Shri Manoj Joshi said, "We have seen unprecedented levels of behaviour change being achieved under the

Mission. Over the years, our realization is that IEC Campaigns are most successful where local bodies have done adequate work alongside IEC activities. Campaigning and on-ground mobilization must go hand-in-hand for tangible impact to be felt on ground and across society. We must all also resolve to maintain the achievements earned during the last seven years of SBM while forging ahead towards achieving SBM-U 2.0's vision of 'Garbage Free Cities' through strategic partnerships and interventions."

While presenting the core tenets and principles of the Framework, Ms. Roopa Mishra, Joint Secretary and Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs emphasized on the need to build strategic partnerships with a diverse set of stakeholders to drive behaviour change. She said, "Over the course of the Mission, Cities have proved their creativity and have conceptualized different kinds of interventions for citizens to be part of the jan andolan for swachhata. After seven years, the learnings are clear: any city that has engaged with its citizens directly and extensively has been successful in achieving its Swachhata objectives, in terms of better outputs and outcomes in the sanitation space. The focus of SBM-U 2.0 is to scale up inter-personal communication, mid-media activities, as well as strategic partnerships across all sectors to improve overall sanitation outcomes and drive last mile change."

Following the national launch of the BCC Framework for Garbage Free Cities was second edition of SwachhTalks, the peer-learning webinar series for States/Union Territories and Urban Local Bodies titled 'Swachhata Ki Jyot' that aimed to share field experiences and best communications' practices of sector partners, cities, and States in making an impact in the field of Swachhata.

Sharing the on-ground experiences of



mobilizing women for across Chhattisgarh, India's Cleanest State in Swachh Survekshan 2021, Shri Saumil Ranjan Chaubey, Mission Director, SUDA, Chhattisgarh said, "Swachhata Didis are the pillars of the Swachh Bharat Mission in Chhattisgarh. They ensure that every neighbourhood is clean every day. Their efforts have resulted in the State winning the Swachhata Ka Taaj as Cleanest State, three years in a row. Our

strategy was targeted towards the household. We used digital communication tools such as WhatsApp and created 3,500+ groups to spread critical public information relating to home composting, segregation, and others directly to the citizens. That is how a difference came to be made over time."

Perspectives from Odisha was shared by Shri Sangramjit Nayak, Mission Director, Odisha who said, "Community participation is key to achieving desired sanitation outcomes. Odisha has always emphasized on the value and role of community-level institutions such as Mission Shakti Women Self Help Groups, Swachh Sathis, Swachh Supervisors, Swachh Karnis, Transgender and Waste Picker in Sanitation and Waste Management. The State has been successful in harnessing the efforts of these groups towards improving swachhata outcomes in the State."

Sector partners and specialists in the field of behaviour change communication added nuanced perspectives to the discussion. Ms. Radharani Mitra, Global Creative Advisor from BBC Media said, "A 360-degree approach to communication ensures more exposure to the content, with the same idea implemented across different touchpoints, thus helping to raise awareness, changes attitudes, generate conversations and increases intent to act."

Shri. Pandit Patil, Chief Office, Lonavala also



highlighted the resolve of citizens, especially young students, in the hill station of Lonavala towards making the lush green hills around them garbage free. He spoke about the 'Dry Waste Passbook Scheme' by the Lonavala Municipal Corporation that has been well received by young students since 2015. Every year, this initiative alone attracts 9,000+ students from 23 schools to come forward and drive behavioural change by nudging neighbourhoods in Lonavala to segregate waste at the household level.

Sharing perspectives from Vijayawada, Shri Swapnil Dinkar, Commissioner, highlighted the resolve with which citizens in his city transformed their urban landscape. He said, "There are 3,700+ SafaiMitras across the city who work tirelessly to change the urban landscape of the city. Key interventions from the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation are nudging citizens to become actively involved in increasing the number of green communities in the city."

Further enriching the discussion were perspectives from Dr. Barsha Poricha, Head of Technical Cell at CURE, who said, "BCC is key to the success of SBM U 2.0. It requires localization, community engagement, citizen participation and collaborative partnerships to bring about desired outcomes. It is also critical to bring all the stakeholders on board from the start of the BCC design process. This will enable co-creation and co-ownership of the approach and ensure sustainability of the behaviour change."

The second episode of SwachhTalks was successful in conveying how behaviour change can put India on the path of sustainable urbanization, with active involvement from all citizens, implementers, and state officials. The virtual event was attended by Mission Directors from States and Union Territories, Senior officials as well as sector partners.

Valediction Ceremony of the 74th Batch of Indian Revenue Service in NADT, Nagpur

Chennai, April 29 2022: The Valediction Ceremony of the Induction Training of 74th batch of Indian Revenue Service Officers (Income Tax) was conducted on 29th April, 2022 at the National Academy of Direct Taxes (NADT), Nagpur. Shri. M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra, was the Guest of Honour. Shri Nitin Raut, Minister of Energy, New and Renewable Energy of Government of Maharashtra, also graced the event. Shri J.B. Mohapatra, Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and Shri Pravin Kumar, Principal Director General (Training), NADT were also present on the occasion.

The Chief Guest, Shri. M Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India, at the outset, congratulated the Officer Trainees of the 74th Batch of IRS. He urged the new entrants of the Income Tax Department that they should work towards enhancing the quality of life of people of this country. He also advised the Officer Trainees to strive towards transforming 'Swaraj' to 'Suraj' by ensuring the



'mantra' of 'reform, perform and transform' given by the Prime Minister of India. He also congratulated the CBDT for highest ever income tax collection and for successfully implementing the Faceless Schemes. He urged the Officer Trainees that while they should work towards tax collection and increase of revenue, but their actions should not be arbitrary. He exhorted that they should ensure a non-adversarial and non-intrusive tax regime. He also congratulated NADT for the effective training given to the young officers.

Shri J. B. Mohapatra, Chairman, CBDT, welcomed the dignitaries on behalf of the Income Tax Department. He

informed the gathering that the training at the Academy is guided by the Citizens' Charter of the Department and advised the Officer Trainees to always remember that they are Civil Servants first and officers afterwards. He also advised them to have a positive attitude, highest standard of integrity and strive to be fair and firm in their approach. Shri Pravin Kumar, Pr. DG (Trg.), NADT presented the profile of the 74th Batch of IRS along with an overview of the Induction Training.

NADT is the apex training institute for the officers of IRS(IT), recruited through the Civil Services Examination. At NADT, they undergo Induction Training of 16 months wherein they are

given detailed inputs on Income Tax Laws, Jurisprudence, Allied laws, Accountancy and Tax Administration. The 74th Batch of IRS(IT) comprises of 56 officers including 2 officers from Bhutan Royal Service. It includes 21 lady officers and has representation of 19 States and Union territories of India.

The Chief Guest presented the medals for the best performance in Academics and overall performance. Team NADT led by Shri Pravin Kumar, Pr. DG (Trg.), NADT, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the dignitaries for taking time out of their busy schedule and for their valuable guidance to the young Officer Trainees of the 74th Batch of IRS.

Strategic Buyer approved for disinvestment of Pawan Hans Limited

Chennai, April 29 2022: The Alternative Mechanism, empowered by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, comprising Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs and Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, has approved the highest bid of M/s Star9 Mobility Private Ltd for sale of entire GoI's shareholding (51% of shareholding) of Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) and transfer of management control.

PHL is a joint venture of GoI and ONGC providing helicopter and aero mobility services. GoI holds 51% of the shares in the company and ONGC holds the balance 49%. ONGC has earlier decided to offer its entire shareholding to the successful bidder identified in the GoI strategic disinvestment transaction, on the same price and terms as GoI.

CCEA had approved the strategic disinvestment of entire GoI stake in PHL in October, 2016. The transaction had been attempted thrice in the past. In the first round, the Preliminary Information



Memorandum (PIM) was issued on 13 October 2017 seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI). Out of four EOIs received, only one was found eligible and the transaction was cancelled. In the second round, PIM was issued seeking EOIs on 14 April, 2018 and two bidders were found eligible and were issued the Request for Proposal (RFP). Finally, however, a single, incomplete bid non-compliant with the RFP was received. In the third round, PIM was issued seeking EOIs on 11 July 2019. Out of four EOIs received, only one was found eligible and the process was cancelled. This is the fourth iteration with request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) invited on 8 December 2020. Seven EOIs were received and four interested bidders were shortlisted as qualified bidders. After detailed due diligence, the qualified bidders were

invited to submit financial bids. Three financial bids were received.

As per extant procedure, the Reserve Price for sale of 51% shareholding of PHL was fixed at Rs 199.92 crore, on the basis of valuation carried out by experts (transaction adviser and asset valuer). Thereafter, the three bids were opened in the presence of the bidders. All three bids were found to be valid. M/s Star9 Mobility Private Ltd, a consortium of M/s Big Charter Private Limited, M/s Maharaja Aviation Private Limited and M/s Almas Global Opportunity Fund SPC; emerged as the highest bidder quoting Rs 211.14 crore, which was above the Reserve Price. The other two bids were for Rs 181.05 crore and Rs 153.15 crore. Following due deliberations, the financial bid of M/s Star9 Mobility Private Limited

has been accepted by the Government.

The strategic disinvestment transaction was implemented through an open, competitive bidding process supported by a multi-layered consultative decision making mechanism involving Inter Ministerial Group, Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment and the empowered Alternative Mechanism. The transaction now moves to the concluding stage. The next steps are issuing of the Letter of Award, signing of the Share Purchase Agreement and closing of the transaction.

PHL has been incurring losses in the last three years (FY-19, FY-20 and FY-21). The company has a fleet of 42 helicopters with 41 of them owned by the company. The owned helicopters have an average age of over 20 years and three-fourths of them are presently not being manufactured by the original equipment manufacturer. With this privatization, it is expected that the strategic buyer will revitalize the company by replacing the aging fleet through infusion of fresh capital and improve the performance of the company.

TVS Motor Company and PETRONAS Partner to Form PETRONAS TVS Racing Team

The PETRONAS TVS Racing Team will participate in all formats of domestic 2-wheeler racing TVS Motor Company and PETRONAS Lubricants International Private Limited set to launch a new co-branded oil PETRONAS TVS TRU4 RacePro across India

Chennai, April 29 2022: TVS Motor Company, a reputed manufacturer of two-wheelers and three-wheelers globally has reached a partnership agreement with PETRONAS, an alliance that will see the progressive energy company become the title partner of TVS Racing, India's first factory racing team.

Rebranded as PETRONAS TVS Racing Team, the outfit will don a new livery as part of the alliance effective this season. PETRONAS is also set to supply its high-performance engine oil, PETRONAS Sprinta to the team who will participate in road-racing, supercross, and rally formats of racing, including the Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship (INMRC), Indian National Supercross Championship (INSC), and Indian National Rally Championship (INRC).

TVS Racing, a pioneer in building Motorsports in India since 1982 has been integral in growing the racing performance culture. It has done so by creating multiple riding platforms for young enthusiasts to explore race performance in a fun and safe environment. This partnership will give a boost to further grow the popularity of racing in India.

The partnership is further complemented by a strategic business alliance with PETRONAS Lubricants International (PLI) to develop a co-branded oil PETRONAS TVS TRU4 RacePro which will be available for consumers in the high street market



across India in May 2022.

Mr K N Radhakrishnan, Director & CEO TVS Motor Company: "We are delighted to have PETRONAS as our partner for TVS Racing. PETRONAS comes with many progressive technological solutions, backed by significant wins in prominent racing events. I am confident that PETRONAS' global expertise and solid presence in motorsports combined with TVS Racing's four decades of strong racing heritage will take us to greater heights."

Datuk Szazali Hamzah, Executive Vice President and CEO Downstream PETRONAS: "PETRONAS continues to make headway across the value chain in India. Amongst the examples of a significant portfolio, enhancements include supplying LPG through IndianOil PETRONAS Pvt. Ltd. (IPPL), provision of rooftop solar panels via AmPlus Energy. Today, we seal a stronger partnership with one of India's most respected OEM, TVS Motor Company, with the PETRONAS TVS Racing Team launch. PETRONAS lubricants have a solid track record in global motorsport events, and we are proud to support TVS Racing's ambitions."

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expertise to the TVS Racing Team. We are highly motivated by this project. It gives us another platform to test our capabilities and create awareness about the PETRONAS brand and philosophy to motorsport fans in India, a strategic market for our business."

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Dighole, Vice President, New Product Development, TVS Motor Company: "TVS Racing has been a prominent force in Indian Motorsports for over four decades. We are immensely committed to motor racing in the country and have been continuously working towards growing the interest and enthusiasm for the sport here. Our partnership with PETRONAS is a testimony of this, and it gives me immense pleasure to announce the renaming of the TVS Racing Team to PETRONAS TVS Racing Team.

Datin Anita Azrina Abdul Aziz, Senior General Manager, Group Strategic Communications PETRONAS: "Through our involvement in global motorsports events, PETRONAS has been able to continuously innovate our Fluid Technology Solutions offering for track and road, and we are proud to partner and extend our

Regional Managing Director, PETRONAS Lubricants International: "The PETRONAS TVS Tru4 Race Pro engine oil is formulated with the same premium additive technology as the one used by the PETRONAS-TV S Racing team. This is so that TVS consumers can experience the same superior performance in their bikes."

TVS Racing has been pivotal in engineering the TVS Apache series through the company's "Track to Road" strategy. The brand has redefined the sports segment by focusing on race performance, making it a highly desirable product for sports enthusiasts. This has resulted in TVS Apache and TVS NTORQ 125 becoming the fastest growing brands in their respective segments. TVS Racing is also the pioneer of the One Make Championship in the country, the first Indian manufacturer to introduce the series in India.

Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (HITS) announces dates for HITS Online Engineering Entrance Exam - HITSEE 2022 & HITSCAT 2022

10 Schools offer more than 100 programmes with Industry relevant and flexible curriculum with the option of add-on Honours and Minors Certification

Chennai, April 29 2022: Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (HITS) has announced the dates for its online Engineering Exam - HITSEE 2022 & Online Entrance exam for Liberal Arts & Allied sciences, School of Law and other programs- HITSCAT 2022. The Online Engineering Entrance Examinations are to be held for the academic year 2022-2023. The Institution has announced that the Online Entrance Examination will be held in two phases. Phase 1 will be held from 25th May 2022 to 30th May 2022. Phase 2 will be held from 16th June 2022 to 18th June 2022. Students can apply online through the university website apply.hindustanuniv.ac.in

The last date for the submission of the Application form for Phase 1 is 23rd May 2022 and for Phase 2 is 12th June 2022, Results will announced on 20th June 2022 and the counselling will be take place on 24th June 2022 to 30th June:2022.

Commenced in 1985 Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science (HITS), a deemed to be university offers a wide spectrum of Undergraduate Programmes, Post Graduate Programmes, Diploma Programmes, Research and Doctoral Programmes in diverse fields of Engineering, Technology, Management,



Architecture, Liberal Arts, Applied Sciences, Design, Allied Health Sciences and Law. The Institution is part of the reputed Hindustan Group of Institutions which caters to the academic requisites of over 18,000 students from India and overseas.

HITS has 10 Schools offering more than 100 programmes with Industry relevant and flexible curriculum with the option of add-on Honours and Minors Certification. The Institution focuses on Industry 4.0 Ready Programs and Engineering Degrees in specialized fields of study such as Clean Energy, Cyber Security, Avionics, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning to bridge the gap in the growing requirement of a skilled workforce created by these emerging technology arenas.

Additionally, HITS has also introduced Project Based Learning as its philosophy across all streams of study. This will not only help students to have a better grasp of the fundamentals but will also offer an integrated approach towards

research within a structured learning environment with exposure to cutting edge technologies that is required by the modern industries.

Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science has also instituted Dr. K C G Verghese Scholarship programmes for students. This is offered under three categories: 1) Merit Scholarship - Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme - offered to HITSEE and HITSCAT participants based on their scores. 2) Merit Cum Means Scholarship - offered to meritorious students who are economically weak/physically challenged/ Children of Ex-servicemen and those serving in Defence. 3) Sports & Cultural Scholarship - offered to students with outstanding performance in sports & cultural activities at State and National levels.

HITS has the distinction of being accredited with an "A" Grade by the National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC), Govt. of India with a score of 3.3/4.0 and is a Category 2

Institution with many privileges from the Government. The National Board of Accreditation (NBA) has accredited several B. Tech programs of the University. HITS has been certified with QS I Gauge E Lead for E learning excellence for academic digitization. HITS was ranked among top institutions in Sustainable Development Goal by Times Higher Education World University Rankings. Education World magazine ranked HITS in 10th position all India in Private Engineering Ranking 2020 -21. HITS is awarded with 5 stars for the instituting innovation cell activities carried out through HTBI HEIC by MHRD, Govt of India and ranked 25th in All India under private Universities Category in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) which is an initiative of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India to systematically rank all major higher educational institutions and universities in India on indicators related to "Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development" amongst students and faculties. Recently HITS got the World Record for the highest number of online courses delivered/taught during the lockdown (4359 participants completed 2, 20,745 lessons) by the International Book of Records.

BNY Mellon opens new state-of-the-art office in Chennai

Chennai, April 29 2022: BNY Mellon, a global financial institution delivering pioneering financial services to its clients, today announced the opening of its new state-of-the-art office at Embassy Splendid TechZone in Chennai, India. Spread across 10 floors, the new space measures over 760,000 sq. ft. and will be the single largest facility for BNY Mellon in India, with the capacity to accommodate more than 4,000 employees. With this, BNY Mellon's total footprint across its India offices is currently more than 1.36 million square feet, reinforcing India's importance in the company's global operations. The office has been thoughtfully designed with elements that add vibrancy to the workspace, integrating curated art and culture elements along with the latest technology, helping foster an inclusive,



engaging, and highly productive work environment. BNY Mellon places paramount focus on the well-being of their employees and has prioritized elements such as ergonomic furniture, height-adjustable workstations, quiet rooms, along with arrangements for special needs. Apart from engaging the local artist community to design tasteful murals and illustrations across the premises, the office will also host the company's global art collection in

India for the first time, providing a glimpse into BNY Mellon's 230 plus years-old legacy.

Embassy Chennai is strategically located in Chennai's fast-growing IT corridor, comprising a cluster of IT parks and associated infrastructure to support the city's technology economy, including global capability centers. The new office also represents an important historical milestone for BNY Mellon's operations in

Chennai, marking their presence in the city for more than 20 years, and will accommodate different teams assisting global operations including Pershing X, a recently launched business unit within Pershing that will design innovative solutions for the advisory industry in India. India is currently home to BNY Mellon's largest workforce outside of North America and the youngest by demographics.

United States Joins With Indian Diaspora Luminaries to Celebrate 75 Years of U.S.-India Relations

Chennai, April 29 2022: The U.S. Mission in India (comprising the Embassy in New Delhi and Consulates General in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, and Hyderabad) has released a star-studded video message to celebrate 75 years of U.S.-India relations, with participation by some of the most iconic and accomplished Indian Americans and Indians in America, whose remarkable contributions reflect the journey of Indians in the United States over the past 75 years. The full video can be viewed here: Chargé d'Affaires Patricia Lacina stated: "At the core of the U.S.-India partnership are the countless personal friendships formed over the years between individual Americans and Indians as they study, work, live, and learn together. The contributors to this video stand at the pinnacle of their respective fields of



endeavor, highlighting the many ways that these people-to-people connections have helped both our countries thrive."

The video features (in alphabetical order): tennis ambassador, philanthropist and filmmaker Ashok Amritraj; author and wellness pioneer Dr. Deepak Chopra; activist, first Indian Miss America and actor Nina Davuluri; CNN chief medical correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta; tabla virtuoso, composer and

music ambassador Zakir Hussain; food and travel author, TV chef and actor Madhur Jaffrey; actor, producer and philanthropist Priyanka Chopra Jonas; television host, producer, food expert and author Padma Lakshmi; comedian, actor and television host Aasif Mandvi; literary author and journalist Suketu Mehta; U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy; film director and producer Mira Nair; former chairman and CEO of PepsiCo and author Indra Nooyi; 2019

Scripps Spelling Bee Champion Shrutika Padhy; 2020 TIME Magazine Kid of the Year, scientist and inventor Gitanjali Rao.

People-to-people ties are one of the cornerstones of the U.S.-India relationship. In 2019, 15 million Indian visitors traveled to the United States, and Americans are now the second-largest group of foreign citizens visiting India. Approximately 200,000 Indian students currently enrich U.S. university campuses as they pursue higher education opportunities. The Indian American diaspora numbers an estimated four million people, and roughly one-third of all immigrant-founded start-ups in the United States have Indian founders.

The U.S. Mission in India will continue 75th Anniversary celebrations with a range of events across the country throughout this year.