

Ministry of Coal allows concession of 50% in revenue share for promotion of coal gasification: Union Coal Minister

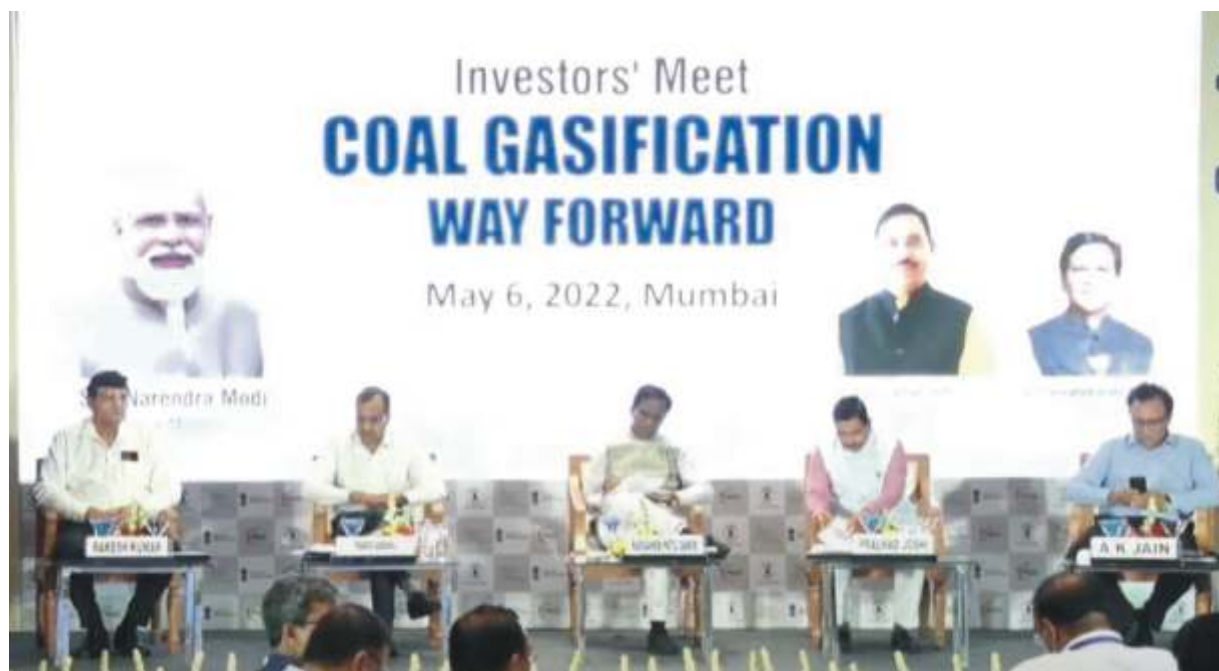
Chennai, May 07 2022: Union Minister of Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi today said that Ministry of Coal has allowed concession of 50% in revenue share for coal gasification. Speaking at an Investors meet in Mumbai, Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi also pitched for options like manufacturing Hydrogen from Coal to help India become energy independent. Earlier during the day Shri Joshi launched the closed / discontinued mines of Coal India Ltd. on revenue sharing model.

Investor's Meet on 'Coal Gasification - Way Forward' in Mumbai was organized by Coal India and FICCI. The Investor

Meet cum workshop aims to encourage effective implementation of Coal Gasification projects and also to ensure ease of doing business in this area.

Minister of State for Coal, Mines & Railways Shri Raosaheb Patil Danve said, 'Coal Gasification is the need of the hour and a step towards sustainable future. Union Minister Shri Danve added that the Government aims gasification of 100 million tonne coal by 2030. "This will generate jobs in both technical and non-technical sector," he added.

Coal gasification is considered as cleaner option compared to burning of coal. Gasification facilitates utilization of the chemical



properties of coal. Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi encouraged the industry players to think about 'coal to Hydrogen'. During the

event Shri Joshi launched a report 'Roadmap for Coal to Hydrogen', prepared by Ministry of Coal.

Experts from Industry, consultants, researchers and stakeholders in coal gasification spoke during the event. Apart from Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, M. Nagaraju and Chairman CIL Pramod Agarwal and other industry leaders

attended the program.

In order to support coal gasification and availability of coal for the sector on concessional rate, Ministry of Coal has introduced a policy for concessions of 50% in revenue share for commercial auction of coal blocks. If the successful bidder consumes the coal produced either in its own plant(s) or plant of its holding, subsidiary, affiliate, associate for coal gasification or liquefaction or sells the coal for coal gasification or liquefaction on a yearly basis, subject to conditions that at least 10% of scheduled coal production as per approved mining plan for that year shall be consumed or sold for gasification or liquefaction, then the

bidder can avail of concessions.

Syn-Gas produced from coal can be used to produce Gaseous Fuels such as Hydrogen (Blue coupled with CCUS), Substitute Natural Gas (SNG or Methane), Di-Methyl Ether (DME), Liquid Fuels such as Methanol, Ethanol, Synthetic diesel and Chemicals like Methanol derivatives, Olefins, Propylene, Mono-Ethylene Glycol (MEG), nitrogenous fertilizers including Ammonia, DRI, Industrial Chemicals along with Power Generation. These products will help move towards self-sufficiency under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Nityanand Rai addressed a seminar organized by Assam Rifles on the topic 'Economic growth is pre-requisite to address deeply rooted insurgencies in the Northeast'

Chennai, May 07 2022: The Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Nityanand Rai, addressed a seminar organized by the Assam Rifles on the topic 'Economic growth is pre-requisite to address deeply rooted insurgencies in the North East' in New Delhi today. The seminar was attended by several dignitaries including Director General, Assam Rifles, Lt Gen PC Nair. In his address, Shri Nityanand Rai said that the seminar is an important annual event to provide a common platform for academicians, a comprehensive exchange of views on contemporary topics contributing to strategic issues related to the North East region.



about a vast improvement in the security situation in the North East and the youth are rapidly joining the mainstream of development. In one of his speeches, Shri Amit Shah had said that the Modi government is committed to the all-round development of the North East region. An amount of Rs 2,65,513 crore has been spent from the year 2014 to March 2021 for the development of various infrastructure projects in the North East region, the result of which is visible in the form of development.

The Minister of State for Home Affairs said that the study of North East communities gives a glimpse into the rich history, vibrant traditions and cultural values of the diverse tribes living in the region. About 145 tribal communities are present in the North East, which is 12 percent of the total tribal population of India and 26 percent of the total population of the North East. It is a vast platform offering diverse ethnic cultures, different languages, diverse traditions and unique tribal identity to the region.

Shri Nityanand Rai said that over the decades, the ideology of rebellion has shifted from social issues to political aspirations, hunger for unquestionable power and monetary gains. The innocent youths of the region got caught in the vicious cycle of pseudo-nationalism and weapons.

The economic deprivation and lack of job opportunities coupled with drug menace pulled this generation further into the web of extremism. The

practice of building social and economic incentives into the system is an essential condition, in order to dissuade them from violence and wrong ideologies. This can happen only when the political scenario and security situation in the region is conducive to the implementation of a well thought-out and comprehensive economic and infrastructure development plan with the aim of generating adequate employment for unemployed youth. Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, this transformation has come in the North Eastern states and it has also yielded good results. Considerable progress has been made in the field of peace, employment and development. Infrastructure development and economic development have led to better connectivity which has initiated the financial stability and sharing of resources for the development of a stable, peaceful and prosperous region.

The Minister of State for Home Affairs said there is a strong political resolve and commitment today for the development of transport, highways, communication, power and waterways in the North East. Now the security situation is under control and people have started receiving the benefits of development and infrastructure projects. He said that it is the duty of all to take the North East towards modern development by working towards the Prime

Minister's mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas'.

Shri Nityanand Rai said that since its inception in 1835, the Assam Rifles has been instrumental in development and has contributed immensely in restoring normalcy in the North East. This force is doing good work shoulder to shoulder with the Indian Army and has done a commendable job of resolving very sensitive situations with great ease. The government has given the Assam Rifles the powers under the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act), it was a well thought out decision, as a result the Assam Rifles has confiscated narcotics substances and drugs worth of about Rs. 1,500 crore in the last one year.

The Minister of State for Home Affairs said that the Assam Rifles has so far planted about 31 lakh trees under the government's tree plantation drive, which is the highest among all the forces under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Our aspirations to make the country a global superpower are motivated by its contribution to world peace and stability. He said we have been contributing to United Nations peacekeeping efforts for very long, but with the riflewomen team of Assam Rifles joining, another social and human dimension has been added to our commitment to the community of nations. I congratulate all riflewomen of the force who made this feat possible and look forward for even more better work from them in the future. Shri Nityanand Rai said the government is working for the welfare of the Ex-Servicemen and the Assam Rifles has removed hurdles faced by these soldiers in many areas by organizing several rallies for Ex-Servicemen in different part of the country. Assam Rifles also organized an ESM rally for ex-servicemen in Nepal.

NHAI Signs Two MOUs in Lucknow to Enhance Highway Infrastructure

Chennai, May 07 2022: Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Kailash Choudhary inaugurated the Conference of Cluster-Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) under the Scheme of Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs on 06th May 2022 at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur.

Appreciating CBBO for the efforts made so far, Shri Choudhary directed the CBBOs and Implementing Agencies to further focus on supporting FPOs, motivating farmers to contribute the equity and support them. He also added that there is a significant role of CBBOs and FPOs in doubling farmers' income and fulfilling the visionary dream of the Prime Minister and therefore, CBBOs, should come forward to contact local elected representatives to mobilize small and marginal farmers to join the FPO movement. FPOs are given priority in government schemes. Further, he encouraged



CBBOs and FPOs to do continuous hard work for benefit of farmers of the country.

Various issues were discussed in the conference including discussion on expectations from CBBOs, Knowledge sharing by CBBOs on best practices, discussion on Training and Capacity Building of Stakeholders, and Open discussion on various issues/ suggestions related to the successful implementation of the scheme.

At the conference considering CBBOs significance and FPOs experience in the field level implementation, 150 representatives of

CBBOs and 350 representatives of FPOs from Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan participated along with all the implementing agencies, different categories of specialists from the domain of Crop Husbandry, Agri Marketing and senior officers from State Government attended the conference.

Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Rajasthan are implementing schemes under which 894 produce clusters have been allocated and 563 FPOs registered, more than 1.35 lakh farmers have been mobilized and about 56,012 farmers have been registered as shareholders

of the FPOs. Equity contribution by farmer members amounts to INR 9.64 crores. 30 women-focused FPOs have been registered. 64 FPOs registered in tribal districts and 85 FPOs registered in aspirational districts.

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha Shri Colonel Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore encouraged farmers for sustainable income-oriented farming & Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha Shri Ramcharan Bohra emphasized the importance of the collective action.

Dr N. Vijaya Lakshmi, Joint Secretary (Marketing), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, addressed the gathering and shared the progress of the scheme which also includes benefits provided to FPOs under the scheme.

Dr. Ramesh Mittal, Director, CCS National Institute of Agricultural Marketing, Jaipur offered a vote of thanks to the dignitaries and the participants of the conference.

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கோடைக்காலத்தில் டெல்டா வைரஸ் அல்லது வேறொரு உருமாறிய கொரோனா அலை - பென் குரியன் பல்கலைக்கழக ஆராய்ச்சியாளர்கள்

சென்னை, மே 07 2022: வேறொரு உருமாறிய கொரோனாவோ அல்லது முந்தைய டெல்டா வைரஸோ இந்த கோடையில் வரலாம் என இஸ்ரேல் ஆய்வாளர்கள் கணித்துள்ளனர்.



வேறொரு உருமாறிய கொரோனா அலை வரலாம் என்பதாகும்.

சீனாவில் 2019 ஆம் ஆண்டு முதன் முதலில் கண்டறியப்பட்ட கொரோனா வைரஸ், தொடர்ந்து பல்வேறு உருமாற்றங்களுடன் அவ்வப்போது பரவி வருகிறது. இது தொடர்பாக உலக அளவில் ஆராய்ச்சிகள் நடந்து கொண்டே இருக்கின்றன.

இதுபற்றி அவர்கள் கூறுகையில், "கொரோனா வைரஸ் பெருமளவில் நிறைய காரணிகள் உள்ளன. எங்கள் மாதிரி, இன்னொரு டெல்டா அலை உருவாகலாம் அல்லது வேறொரு உருமாறிய கொரோனா அலை வரலாம் என்று காட்டுகிறது என்று தெரிவித்துள்ளனர். டெல்டா இருக்கும்

இதுவரையில், புதிதாக ஒரு உருமாறிய வைரஸ் வருகிறபோது அது தனக்கு முந்தைய முன்னோடி வைரஸை விழுத்தும் என்று ஆராய்ச்சியாளர்கள் கூறி வந்தனர். ஆனால், ஒமிக்ரான் வைரஸ் அதிகரிக்கும் போது, டெல்டா மாறுபாடு குறைந்து விடும் என்று எதிர்பார்க்கப்படும் இயக்கவியலுக்கு மாறாக, கழிவுநீர் கொண்டு நடத்திய ஆராய்ச்சியில் பெறப்பட்ட முடிவுகள், ஒமிக்ரான் அளவு

அதிகரித்தாலும் கூட, டெல்டா வைரஸின் ரகசிய சுழற்சி இருக்கும் என்று இஸ்ரேல் ஆராய்ச்சியாளர்கள் இப்போது கருதுகின்றனர்.

மேலும் அவர்கள் கூறும்போது, "எங்கள் மாதிரியின்படி, அகற்றப்படுகிற வரையில் ஒமிக்ரான் அளவு குறையும் என்று எதிர்பார்க்கிறோம். ஆனால், டெல்டா வைரஸ் தன் ரகசிய சுழற்சியைப் பராமரிக்கும்" என்றும் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளனர்.

டெல்டா வைரஸ் உலகின் பல நாடுகளில் கவலைக்குரிய வைரஸாகக் கருதப்பட்டது. ஆனால் ஒமிக்ரான் இயக்கவியல் வெவ்வேறு குணாதிசயங்களைக் காட்டி உள்ளது என்றும் இந்த ஆராய்ச்சியாளர்கள் தெரிவிக்கின்றனர்.

கல்வி நிறுவனங்களில் கட்டாய மதமாற்றம் குறித்து புகார் வந்தால் கடும் நடவடிக்கை

சென்னை, மே 07 2022: கல்வி நிறுவனங்களில் கட்டாய மதமாற்றம் குறித்து புகார் வந்தால் கடும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படும் என்று சென்னை ஐகோர்ட்டில் தமிழக அரசு திட்டவாடமாக தெரிவித்துள்ளது.



சென்னையை சேர்ந்த வழக்கறிஞர் பி. ஜெகன்நாத் என்பவர் தாக்கல் செய்திருந்த பொது நல மனுவில், தமிழகத்தில் கிறிஸ்துவ மிஷனரிகள் கல்வி நிறுவனங்களில் கட்டாய மதமாற்றம் செய்து வருவதாகவும், அதன் காரணமாக தஞ்சையிலும் பள்ளி மாணவியர் லாவண்யா கடந்த ஆண்டு தற்கொலை செய்து தொடர்பாக சிபிஐ விசாரணை நடத்த ஐகோர்ட்டு பிறப்பித்த உத்தரவை உறுதி செய்துள்ளதை குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளார். இந்த ஆண்டும் அரசின் ஆதரவுடன் கிறிஸ்துவ மிஷனரிகள் செயல்பட்டு வருவதாக குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளார்.

மத ரீதியிலான செயல்பாடுகளில் கல்வி நிறுவனங்களை பயன்படுத்தக் கூடாது என சுப்ரீம் கோர்ட்டும், ஐகோர்ட்டும் அறிவுறுத்தி இருந்தாலும், மிஷனரிகளுக்கு பெயர் பள்ளிகளில் கட்டாய மதமாற்றத்தை தடுக்கும் வகையில் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கவும், அதற்கான விதிகளை வகுக்க அரசுக்கு உத்தரவிட வேண்டுமெனவும் மனுவில் கோரிக்கை வைத்துள்ளார்.

நடந்த மதமாற்ற நடவடிக்கைகளில் சம்பந்தப்பட்ட ஆசிரியர் மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டதாகவும், சுட்டிக்காட்டியுள்ளார். அரசுமற்றும் அரசு உதவி பெயர் பள்ளிகளில் கட்டாய மதமாற்றத்தை தடுக்கும் வகையில் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கவும், அதற்கான விதிகளை வகுக்க அரசுக்கு உத்தரவிட வேண்டுமெனவும் மனுவில் கோரிக்கை வைத்துள்ளார்.

நடந்ததாக எந்த புகாரும் இல்லை. கல்வி நிறுவனங்களில் கட்டாய மதமாற்றம் குறித்து புகார் வந்தால் கடும் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படும். எந்தப் பள்ளியில் எந்த தேதியில் மதமாற்றம் என்ற விவரங்கள் இல்லாமல் தாக்கல் செய்யப்பட்ட இந்த வழக்கு விசாரணைக்கு உகந்ததல்ல எனவும், ஆரம்ப நிலையிலேயே இதை தள்ளுபடி செய்ய வேண்டுமெனவும் எந்த புகாரும் இல்லை.

ஃபைசர் இந்தியாவில் உலகளாவிய மருந்து மேம்பாட்டு மையத்தை அமைக்கிறது

உலகளாவிய சந்தைகளுக்கான சிறிய மூலக்கூறுகள், புதுமையான சூத்திரங்கள் மற்றும் கிறிமிகளை உருவாக்குவதற்கான மையம் ஐஐடி மெட்ராஸ் ரிசர்ச் பார்க் வளாகத்திற்கு அமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது; 250 க்கும் மேற்பட்ட விஞ்ஞானிகள் மற்றும் தொழில்நுட்ப வல்லுநர்கள் பணியாற்றவுள்ளனர்

சென்னை, மே 07 2022: முக்கியமான ஆராய்ச்சி மற்றும் மேம்பாடு (R & D) திறன்களை ஒரே இடத்தில் கொண்டு வருவதற்கான குறிப்பிடத்தக்க நடவடிக்கையாக, ஃபைசர் இந்தியா சென்னையில் உள்ள ஐஐடி மெட்ராஸ் ஆராய்ச்சி பூங்காவில் உலகளாவிய மருந்து மேம்பாட்டு மையத்தை அமைத்துள்ளது.



சார்ந்த ஆராய்ச்சி பூங்காவாக எங்கள் பணிக்கு ஏற்ற அமைப்பை வழங்குகிறது. ஐஐடி மெட்ராஸ் மற்றும் பிற தொழில்நுட்ப ஆராய்ச்சி பூங்கா ஸ்டார்ட்-அப்ஸுக்கு அருகாமையில் இருப்பது கல்வி-தொழில் கூட்டாண்மைகளை மேம்படுத்துவதோடு, புதுமைகளை உருவாக்க அதிக ஒத்துழைப்பை ஊக்குவிக்கும் என்று நாங்கள் நம்புகிறோம்," என்று ஃபைசர் இந்தியாவின் தேசிய மேலாளர் S. ஸ்ரீதர் கூறினார்.

முன்னணி தொழில் தொடக்கங்கள் தொழில் மற்றும் கல்வியாளர்களிடையே அதிக ஒத்துழைப்பை வளர்க்கும் என்று ஐஐடி மெட்ராஸ் உள்ள கல்வியாளர்கள் ஃபைசரின் மையத்தை அணுகுவதன் மூலம் பயனடைவார்கள் என்பதையும் நாங்கள் உறுதியாக நம்புகிறோம் என்று, ஐஐடி மெட்ராஸ் ஆராய்ச்சி பூங்காவின் தலைவர் பேராசிரியர் அசோக் ஜான்ஜான்வாலா அவர்கள் கூறினார்.

மேம்பாட்டு மையம் இந்திய விஞ்ஞானிகளுக்கு R&D யில் உலகளாவிய தடம் பதிக்க வாய்ப்பளிக்கும். எதிர்காலத்தில், இது தொழில் நுட்ப கல்வித் துறைக்கும் உதவித்துறைக்கும் இடையிலான ஒத்துழைப்பையும் அனுமதிக்கும்" என்று கூறினார்.

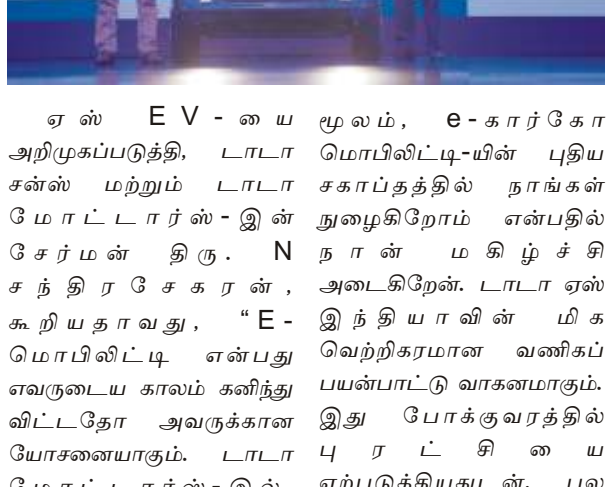
ஏப்ரல் 12ம் தேதி அரசு கட்டுப்பாட்டில் உள்ள கன்னியாகுமரி பள்ளியில் மதமாற்ற விவகாரத்தில் மாணவியை முட்டியிட செய்த விவகாரத்தில், ஊழியர் பணியிடைக்கவும், செய்யப்பட்டதாகவும், குழந்தைகள் உரிமைகள் பாதுகாப்பு ஆணையமும் இந்த விவகாரத்தை விசாரணைக்கு எடுத்துள்ளதாகவும் மனுவில் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளார்.

நபர் ஜாமீன் பெற்று சிறையிலிருந்து வெளியில் வரும்போது, ஆளுங்கட்சி மக்கள் பிரதிநிதி சென்று வரவேற்றதன் மூலம், மிஷனரிகளுக்கு ஆதரவாகவும், கல்வி நிறுவனங்களுக்கு ஆதரவாகவும் அரசு செயல்படுவது நிரூபணமாவதாக குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளார்.

இந்த வழக்கு நீதிபதிகள் ஆர். மகாதேவன், எஸ். ஆனந்தி ஆடங்கிய அமர்வில் விசாரணைக்கு வந்தது. அப்போது தமிழக அரசு தரப்பில் கூடுதல் தலைமை வழக்கறிஞர் ஜெ.ரவிந்திரன் ஆஜராகி மனுதாரர் குறிப்பிட்ட பின்பற்றுவது உரிமையாக இருந்தாலும், மதமாற்றம் செய்வது உரிமை அல்ல எனவும் கூறி, வழக்கை விரிவான வாத்திற்காக நாளடைவில் வைத்துள்ளார்.

டாடா மோட்டார்ஸ் முற்றிலும் புதிய ஏஸ் EV-உடன் e-கார்கோ போக்குவரத்துத் தீர்வுகளை அறிமுகப்படுத்துகிறது

பான்டிச்சேரி, மே 07 2022: இந்தியாவின் மிகப்பெரிய வணிகப் பயன்பாட்டு வாகன உற்பத்தியாளரான டாடா மோட்டார்ஸ்-ஆனது, இன்று, இந்தியாவின் சர்க்குப் போக்குவரத்தை மறுவரையறை செய்த, மிகவும் பிரபலமான ஏஸ் அறிமுகப்படுத்தப்பட்டு சரியாக 17 ஆண்டுகளுக்குப் பிறகு, அதன் மின்சாரப் பதிப்பான முற்றிலும் புதிய புரட்சிகர ஏஸ் EV-ஐ அறிமுகப்படுத்தியதன் மூலம் நிலையான மொபிலிட்டி-ஐ மேம்படுத்துவதற்கான அதன் வேகத்தில் குறிப்பிடத்தக்க முன்னேற்றத்தை வெளிப்படுத்தியது.



ஏஸ் EV-யை அறிமுகப்படுத்தி, டாடா சன்ஸ் மற்றும் டாடா மோட்டார்ஸ்-இன் சேர்மன் திரு. N சந்திரசேகரன், "e-மொபிலிட்டி என்பது எவருடைய காலம் கனிந்து விட்டதோ அவருக்கான யோசனையாகும். டாடா மோட்டார்ஸ்-இல், ஆண்டுகளாக மில்லியன் கணக்கான வெற்றிகரமான தொழில்முனைவோரை காப்பாற்றி வருகிறது. இது மோட்டார்ஸ் ரீதியாக மேம்பட்ட, சுத்தமான மற்றும் ஸ்மார்ட் முன்னோக்கிச் செல்லும் மொபிலிட்டித் தீர்வுகளை வழங்குகிறது. இன்று ஏஸ் EV அறிமுகப்படுத்தப்பட்டதன்

மூலம், e-கார்கோ மொபிலிட்டி-யின் புதிய சகாப்தத்தில் நாங்கள் நுழைகிறோம் என்பதில் நான் மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன். டாடா ஏஸ் இந்தியாவின் மிக வெற்றிகரமான வணிகப் பயன்பாட்டு வாகனமாகும். இது போக்குவரத்தில் புரட்சியை ஏற்படுத்தியதுடன், பல ஆண்டுகளாக மில்லியன் கணக்கான வெற்றிகரமான தொழில்முனைவோரை காப்பாற்றி வருகிறது. இது மோட்டார்ஸ் ரீதியாக மேம்பட்ட, சுத்தமான மற்றும் ஸ்மார்ட் முன்னோக்கிச் செல்லும் மொபிலிட்டித் தீர்வுகளை வழங்குகிறது. இன்று ஏஸ் EV அறிமுகப்படுத்தப்பட்டதன்

வாகனங்களின் மின்மயமாக்கல் குறித்து நான் மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன்." என்றார். இப்புதிய ஏஸ் EV-ஆனது, அதன் பயனாளிகளுடனான அபரிமிதமான ஒத்துழைப்புடன் இணைந்து உருவாக்கப்பட்டதுடன், விடாமுயற்சியுடன் நிர்வகிக்கப்படும் ஒரு சுற்றுச்சூழல் அமைப்பால் ஆதரிக்கப்பட்டு, இ-கார்கோ மொபிலிட்டிக்கான ஒரு முழுமையான தீர்வை வழங்குகிறது. சரியான நேரத்தில் செலவு சிக்கனமான மற்றும் திறமையான லாஸ்ட்-மைடெலிவரிகளுக்கான முக்கியத் தேவையைப் பூர்த்தி செய்வதுடன், ஏஸ் EV-ஆனது நிகர பூஜ்ஜிய கார்பன் தடயத்தை அடைவதற்காக அதன் எதிர்கால பொறுப்புகளையும் மனசாட்சியுள்ள வாடிக்கையாளர்களின் அபிப்பிராயங்களையும் பூர்த்தி செய்கிறது.

Voltas Beko introduces a new range of Home Appliances with advanced technologies this Summer

Chennai, May 07 2022: Voltbek Home Appliances Private Limited (Voltas Beko) - a JV between India's No. 1 Air Conditioning and Cooling Company, Voltas and Europe's leading freestanding consumer durables player, Arçelik, has introduced a new range of refrigerators and washing machines this summer. These products have been specially innovated keeping health, freshness and hygiene at the core of innovation.



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Key Features of Voltas Beko Home Appliances:

Refrigerators:

- **HarvestFresh™ Technology:** Simulates the natural 24 hour sun cycle thereby preserving the vitamins and freshness

- **Active Fresh Blue Light Technology,** simulates natural lighting conditions, which helps fruits and vegetables retain Vitamin C

- **StoreFresh™ - Locks in the freshness of your fruits and vegetables for up to 30 days.**

Washing Machine:

- **StainExpert™:** Helps remove 26 types of Indian stains.
- **Hygiene+:** At 60°C, the super rinsing cycle anti-allergic results by removing pet allergens, mites and pollens. At 20°C, the program helps remove bacteria and fungi.

The novel range of refrigerators is equipped with new-age technologies that meet the evolving needs of consumers. This

summer, Voltas Beko aims to introduce **HarvestFresh™** Technology that uses innovative 3 colour light technology, to cleverly mimic the 24-hour sun cycle. This keeps the fruits and vegetables in their natural original environment long after it's been harvested, preserving their vitamins and freshness for longer. This addition strengthens Voltas Beko's range of high end, higher capacity Frost Free refrigerators equipped with **StoreFresh™** Technology which keeps fruits and vegetables fresh up to 30 days, by minimizing temperature fluctuation inside the crisper and maintaining precise moisture level which protects them from humidity loss. Additionally, the refrigerators include dynamic features such as, **NeoFrost™** Dual Cooling, **Fresh Guard™**, and **Ion Guard™**. Fit for every home, the refrigerators come with a standard BEE Star Rating and are available in major sizes.

Voltas Beko also launched India's first 5 Star rated Semi-Automatic

twin tub washing machine and a Top Load Washing Machine with industry-defining features such as **Hygiene+**, a program that provides anti-allergic laundry for your sensitive skin. The state of art washing machines also comes with dynamic functions like **StainExpert™**, **Air Therapy™**, **Silent-Tech™**, **OptiSense™**, **GentleWave™** and **Prosmart™** Inverter Motor, a function that enhances the machine's performance while consuming less energy. The total Washing Machine portfolio will now accommodate capacities ranging from 7.5 to 14 kg.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Jayant Balan, CEO, Voltas Beko, said, "The customers' needs keep on evolving with changing lifestyles and habits, the last two years we have seen the need for longer preservation and better hygiene as most families were restricted indoors due to the pandemic. Voltas Beko as an organization has been at the forefront in delivering innovative and practical

products that address the growing preferences. Our new range of refrigerators and washing machines is tailor-made for every Indian household with the right mix of advanced technology and design that adds convenience and value to the lives of our customers.

Keeping our brand promise to stand by the 'Make in India' commitment, our products will be manufactured in India. It is the trust of our customers that has made us one of the fastest-growing consumer durables brands in the country. We look forward to being their partners of everyday happiness."

Voltas Beko has also expanded the Microwave oven product portfolio with its solo, grill, and convection units. Additionally, the brand has come up with groundbreaking functional features such as **AquaIntense™** and **Fast+** for its highly successful Dishwasher category. To make the purchase process easier, the brand has launched several consumer schemes such as 15% cashback on major banks' credit and debit cards, **Zero Down Payment Schemes** on NBFC with choice of 6 and 8 EMIs, among others. Keeping true to its brand promise and dedication to the 'Make in India' initiative, Voltas Beko is geared to introduce a gamut of state-of-the-art products in the market this summer.

realme introduces the world's fastest charging smartphone, realme GT NEO 3 along with the realme Pad mini, realme Buds Q2s and realme Smart TV X Full HD

Chennai, May 07 2022: realme, the world's fastest-growing smartphone brand, today disrupted the smartphone market yet again with its latest launch, realme GT NEO 3, which is the world's first smartphone to be equipped with 150W fast charging technology, also making it the world's fastest charging smartphone. Alongside this path-breaking smartphone, realme introduced three new additions to its already expansive AIoT portfolio - realme Pad Mini, realme Buds Q2s and realme Smart TV X Full HD.

Commenting on the launch, Mr Madhav Sheth, CEO, realme India, VP, realme and President, realme International Business Group said, "realme has always taken pleasure in bringing the latest technology to its users. We have enjoyed being a brand that introduces innovations in the tech industry, and we are ecstatic to be bringing the 150W fast charging technology with the realme GT NEO 3. Our GT NEO series, which is our speed flagship, is part of our larger GT series through which we are expanding our premium smartphone portfolio. This year, we are working towards creating our mark in the premium smartphone market and have so far received quite a satisfying response from our users. We will soon be completing four years, and I feel proud of how far we have come. Our aim, since the beginning, has been to bring the best of technology and design to our users, and we will continue to do so in the upcoming years."

"Today, we are not just a smartphone brand, but a tech-lifestyle brand. In the last two years, we have introduced multiple products in order to build a TechLife Ecosystem, and are expanding it further quite swiftly. Along with realme GT NEO 3, we are bringing three new products in our AIoT portfolio. The realme Pad Mini, which is the second tablet from realme, realme Buds Q2s and a new smart TV, the realme Smart TV X Full HD in two different sizes. I am sure that these products will receive the same love and appreciation from our users that the previous ones have. We have an exciting pipeline for our AIoT products, and will be introducing newer categories this year."

realme GT NEO 3, is the World's First & Fastest Charging Flagship with 150W UltraDart Charging technology, powered by ultradart adaptive dual chipset which can charge the 4500mAh mega battery to 50% capacity in just 5 minutes. Ensuring safety to users, the realme GT NEO 3 also comes



with TUV Rheinland Safe Fast-Charge System certification and 38 layers of safety protection, Smart MCU Current Control Management, and a Dual FPC Connector. realme GT NEO 3 has the distinction to be among the first batch of smartphones, as well as one of India's first smartphones to be equipped with Dimensity 8100 5G processor with advanced TSMC 5nm process technology, becoming a tremendously power-packed performer. The first-in-the-segment Dedicated Display Processor provides high frame rates with lower power consumption. realme GT NEO 3 also sports the largest 39,606mm² Stainless Steel VC Cooling area with the strongest thermal conductivity material and a 9-layer heat dissipation structure. Inspired by the Racing Stripe design, realme GT NEO 3 represents performance and speed and is crafted with the industry-leading AG Glass Process which reduces the light reflection rate from 8% to 5%, bringing a delicate, warm and comfortable ergonomic feel. The realme GT NEO 3 features a Wide-angle triple camera with Sony Flagship Sensor IMX766, consisting of 119° Ultra Wide-angle Camera, 50MP Primary Camera, and 4CM Macro Camera with ProLight Imaging Technology and trendy functions street photography mode. It packs in the largest display with a 94.2% screen-to-body ratio along with 120Hz AMOLED Ultra Smooth, 10-bit Colour Display, and a new generation COP packaging process. With the World's first Wireless Burst technology, realme GT NEO 3 solves the Bluetooth and WiFi's competition in antenna resources with Antenna Array Matrix System. The smartphone also comprises Dolby Atmos dual stereo speakers which provide the best sound experience. GT Mode 3.0 is designed to enable a smoother and more responsive gaming experience by giving a major boost to refresh rate and touch sampling rate. realme GT NEO 3 will be available in three gorgeous colors - Nitro Blue, Sprint White, and Asphalt Black. The 150W UltraDart Charge variant

will come with a 12GB+256GB storage option, priced at INR 42,999. With special offers on 4th May, users can avail of the GT NEO 3 150W at INR 35,999 only. This price is basis flat INR 7000 discount on Flipkart.com and realme.com, through SBI and ICICI credit card, debit card and EMI transactions respectively.

The 80W SuperDart Charge variant will come with two storage options, 8GB+128GB priced at INR 36,999, and 8GB+256GB priced at INR 38,999. With special offers on 4th May, users can avail of the GT NEO 3 80W (8GB+128GB) variant at INR 29,999 and GT NEO 3 80W (8GB+256GB) variant at INR 31,999. This price is basis flat INR 7000 discount on Flipkart.com and realme.com, through SBI and ICICI credit card, debit card and EMI transactions respectively.

realme Pad mini, the powerhouse marathoner is powered by Powerful Unisoc T616 Processor, providing strong performance and brilliant image quality. It comes with an 8.7-inches W X G A + □ Wide Extended Graphics Array) full screen, up to 1340x800 pixels screen resolution and a screen-to-body ratio of 84.59%, providing users with more vivid and crystal-clear detail. realme Pad mini comes with a sturdy Aluminium Alloy Body design and is only 7.6mm thin, making it the slimmest pad in the price segment. The tablet is equipped with a 6400mAh mega battery for whole day endurance which is enough for 12 straight hours of video viewing. realme Pad mini is equipped with an 18W quick charge and supports reverse charging too. It also features Stereo Dual Speakers with Dirac Certification along with an 8MP AI Rear HD camera that takes clear and bright pictures and a 5MP HD front camera. realme Pad mini comes with the brand new realme UI for Pad, which is easy to use, feels fluid, and has a ton of cool features like Multi-Window Mode, which allows you to multitask by running two apps at the same time.

realme Pad mini will be available in two colors - Grey and Blue, and four variants, 3GB+32GB

(Wifi) priced at INR 10,999, 3GB+32GB (Wifi+4G) priced at INR 12,999, 4GB+64GB (Wifi) priced at INR 12,999 and 4GB+64GB(Wifi+4G) priced at INR 14,999 and supports up to 1TB Memory expansion. The first sale of realme Pad mini is scheduled for 2nd May 12 noon onwards on realme.com, Flipkart & Mainline channels.

realme Buds Q2s provides a total of 30 hours of total playback and 7 hours of single time playback. It supports quick charging via the Type-C port and comes equipped with a 10mm Dynamic bass driver which uses high-quality PEEK & TPU polymer composite diaphragm for an elevated sound experience. It also has an AI ENC Noise cancellation for calls, which eliminates background noise during a call, allowing the other person to hear more clearly and have a more interesting discussion. realme Buds Q2s support 88ms Super Low Latency Gaming Mode and Dolby Atmos, bringing stereo surround sound quality, and offers users to choose the corresponding sound according to the use of the environment and use scenarios. It will be available in three amazing colors - Night Black, Paper White & Paper Green and at INR 1,999. The first sale is scheduled to live from 2nd May, 12 noon onwards on realme.com, Flipkart & mainline channels.

realme Smart TV X Full HD comes in two sizes, both featuring premium Bezel-less Ultra Bright LED Display as thin as 8.7mm, and has 7 display modes: Standard, Vivid, Sport, Movie, Game, Energy Saving, and User. The Chroma Boost technology allows users to capture beautiful images with only a single click & its ultra-high brightness with 400+ nits peak brightness makes the TV screen visible even on bright days. The smart TV comes with 24W Dolby Audio® Stereo Speakers, bringing more interesting, vivid sound to the TV. It also comes with MediaTek Powerful 64-bit Quad Core Processor, all-in-one smart remote and runs on Android 11 to provide viewers with limitless access to content like Prime Video, Netflix, and YouTube. Priced at INR 22,999 for 40" and INR 25,999 for 43", the first sale of the latest realme Smart TV X Full HD 40" is scheduled for 4th May & realme Smart TV X Full HD 43" is scheduled for 5th May from 12 noon onwards on realme.com, Flipkart.com and mainline channels. realme Smart TV X Full HD comes with a one-year overall warranty and two years of screen warranty.

Online gaming industry to push for stable taxation regime

A thriving skill-based online gaming industry crucial for revenue and employment generation

Chennai, May 07 2022: A day after the Group of Ministers (GoM) tasked by the GST Council to look into matters related to the GST regime covering online gaming, casinos and race courses met, the online gaming industry has made a strong pitch to the government against raising GST rates to protect the industry from degrowth.

The online gaming industry has immense potential to generate revenue and employment opportunities in near future, and any proposal to levy GST on 28% of the entry fee + 115% surcharge instead of platform fee /Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR) will make the industry commercially unviable.

Multiple industry experts have come forth to demand continuation of 18% GST on online gaming strongly opposing the clubbing of the industry in the 28% bracket along with racing, gambling and betting.

Gopal Jain, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, said, "We've seen internationally that markets which started taxing the prize pool instead of the GGR have had to revert back to

taxing only to GGR as it resulted in non-compliance, revenue leakage and grey markets."

He was referring to the international online gaming industry tax structures in countries such as the USA, UK, Australia and Germany, highlighting how they levy tax on GGR at a rate between 15-20 per cent.

Advocating the need for levying tax on GGR alone, the online gaming industry has maintained that taxing on GGR instead of the prize pool has proven to increase tax revenue in the long term. And with international learnings also indicating the same, several recommendations have been sent to the GST council, ahead of the scheduled meeting, to plug revenue leakage by preventing shift of the business to the grey market and discourage non-compliance with a prevalent global practice.

Rameesh Kailasam, Chief Executive Officer, IndiaTech.Org, said "The burgeoning potential of the online gaming industry in India needs to be tapped rightfully. It is necessary that games involving predominance of skill should ideally be taxed at 18% on the

platform fee. The GoM should ideally take a positive view and recommend continuance of the current practice of considering the platform fee / GGR as value of supply. Since online skill-based gaming is not gambling or betting or wagering, a clarification needs to be issued to resolve litigation and provide relief to the industry."

According to a 2021 report by BCG & Sequoia on the Indian Mobile Gaming market, the Indian Online Gaming industry is expected to triple to a \$5Bn+ market opportunity by 2025. Gaming is a \$1.8Bn sunrise sector in India and is still relatively small (~1% of global), but it is growing rapidly (~38% CAGR). According to the recent FIFS-Deloitte report, Fantasy Sports, a distinct form of online gaming, has the potential to attract Rs. 15,000 crore of FDI in the next three years.

Experts believe that the industry will suffer significantly if the current taxation regime is changed. In addition, transactions on online gaming platforms are 100% digital and they have a significant contribution to "Digital India". Moreover, the

online gaming industry is believed to play a crucial role in taking the startup spirit in the country to the next level and further boost India's AVGC sector.

Expressing concerns on the current ambiguity, S Krishnan - Advocate, Practising in Fields of Sports Law & Taxation, said, "A higher tax burden will make the industry unviable, and online gaming platforms have appealed to the government on numerous occasions to not treat skill based online games same as gambling while sharing a case in point on how a different and rational tax treatment of online skill based games can help in eliminating non-compliance, leakage of revenue and grey markets."

Experts believe that it can be a win-win scenario for all stakeholders if uncertainty in policy-making and taxation for skill-based online gaming are resolved at the earliest. In doing so, the industry will attract increased FDI and growth, therefore enhancing consumer interest and tax revenue. This in turn will help the government in the long term and make India a dominant global force in AVGC.

Procter & Gamble Health Announces Third Quarter Results Showing 14% Growth in Net Profits

Sales of ₹ 262 Crores and PAT of ₹51.2 Crores for quarter ended March 31, 2022 Sales for the quarter up by 23%

Chennai, May 07 2022: Procter & Gamble Health Limited announced today its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2022. The Company has delivered total sales of ₹ 262 crores for the quarter ended March 31, 2022 vs ₹ 214 crores, up by 23% vs year ago. The Profit After Tax (PAT) was ₹ 51.2 crores, up by 224% vs year ago. Increase in PAT is driven by higher sales and lower marketing and depreciation charge vs same period last year.

Sales for the nine-month period ending March 31, 2022, were ₹ 803 crores, vs ₹ 710 crores up 13% vs a year ago. PAT for nine-month period is ₹ 151 crore Vs ₹143 crore a year ago, despite high inflationary pressures.

Mr. Milind Thatte, Managing Director, P&G Health India, said, "We have been able to register consistent growth in revenue and earnings in recent quarters. Our strong portfolio of products that address the increasing demand for daily

supplementation and a renewed focus on expanded reach and improved productivity continue to form the pillars of our strategy. We will leverage our strengths in medico-marketing, technology and distribution, in order to better serve the consumers and customers who count on us."

"We continue our efforts in promoting consumer education, raising awareness around women's health and overall health and

wellness. This year, we launched 'Women in Healthcare' summit as a platform to encourage more women to join the healthcare and pharma sectors. We continue to strengthen and expand our projects under SEHAT, our CSR program that aims at contributing to building a healthier India. Recently, we partnered with Apnalaya, to extend our support to the urban poor and provide care to underprivileged pregnant women, new mothers and newborns," he added.

Southern Railway celebrates 67th Railway Week 37 Efficiency Shields awarded

41 Gazetted, 157 non-gazetted and 11 Group awards were presented for outstanding performance

Chennai, May 07 2022: The 67th Railway Week award distribution of Southern Railway was held today, 06th of May 2022 at ICF Dr. Ambedkar Arangam, Chennai. Railway Week is



Mechanical, Security, Signal and Telecommunication and Inter-Divisional Rajbhasha Rolling Shields. Salem Division also bagged Electrical, Operating and Accounts Efficiency Shields. Madurai Division bagged Rail Madad Efficiency Shield while Trivandrum Division bagged Planning-Work Study Efficiency Shield.

Among workshops, Golden Rock Workshop won the Green Shield for adopting various energy efficient and eco-friendly

industrial relations. Congratulating the awardees for their meritorious work, General Manager stated that, employees, being the greatest strength of the organisation, should stay healthy and practice holistic health habits like yoga and meditation.



celebrated all over the Indian Railway network every year in commemoration of the first train run on Indian soil on 16th April, 1853 from Bori Bunder to Thane.

Shri B. G. Mallya, General Manager, Southern Railway was the

Officer, Southern Railway welcomed the gathering.

Speaking at the function, B. G. Mallya, General Manager, Southern Railway lauded the officials of Construction, Engineering and other departments for their illustrious efforts in the



Chief Guest of the function and distributed Shields to various Divisions/ Departments/ Workshops and Individual/Group Awards to officers and staff for their meritorious performance, in the presence of Shri K. Hari Krishnan, Principal Chief Personnel Officer and Shri P. Mahesh, Senior Dy. General Manager & Chief Vigilance Officer, Southern Railway. Principal Heads of Departments, Divisional Railway Managers, Smt. Renuka G. Mallya, President, Southern Railway Women's Headquarters Organisation, Representatives of the Labour Unions, Officers and Staff of all the six divisions participated in the function.

Shri K. Hari Krishnan, Principal Chief Personnel

execution of significant infrastructural projects across the zone. Stressing that for Southern Railway 'Safety first' is the strongest buzzword, he appreciated the Safety department for the 'Zero' accident record during 2021-22. Calling for active contribution from the freight wing to double up loading in tune with IR's ambitious plan, he commended their matchless efforts in achieving 30.56 Million Tonnes loading during the last fiscal. Further, he praised the Security department, which, in coordination with Signal & Telecommunications wing have stepped up the installation of CCTV cameras under 'Nirbhaya fund' in 43 stations. He shared his accolades to the Personnel Department, Unions and various associations for maintaining harmonious

37 Efficiency Shields were awarded to Divisions/Workshops/Units for outstanding performance in different areas of railway working for the year 2021-22.

41 Gazetted and 157 non-gazetted staff were honoured with General Manager's (Individual) Awards. Group Awards were presented to 11 Groups from various departments.

General Manager's Inter Divisional overall Efficiency Shield was bagged by Tiruchchirappalli Division. Shri Manish Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager and Divisional Officers received the Shield from the General Manager. Palakkad Division bagged the Runners up Shield for Overall Efficiency and was received by Shri Trilok Kothari, Divisional Railway Manager, Palakkad and Divisional Officers.

Among other performance efficiency shields, Chennai & Salem Divisions jointly bagged Commercial Efficiency Shield. Chennai Division also bagged Engineering & Manpower Efficiency Shields. Palakkad Division bagged

practices.

Sri B. Bhaskar, senior inspector, civil defence, S. Rly, has been awarded with President gold medal for his meritorious service in Civil Defence. In his three decades-long service, he enrolled 2340 volunteers in the Civil Defence Organisation and produced 30 instructors for the National Disaster Response Force academy (NDRF) at Nagpur. During the COVID pandemic period he conducted online classes to 1736 railway employees on disaster management, first aid, fire fighting and emergency methods of rescue.

Seven employees of the Zone who received Railway-Board level awards were also felicitated.

An audio visual, 'Southern Railway: Grow-Progress-Prosper', was played during the event showcasing the performance highlights and robust initiatives of the Zone during the financial year 2021-22.

The event concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Shri S.N. Karuppannaswamy, Chief Personnel Officer (IR), Southern Railway.

Pfizer sets up global drug development center in India

Center to develop small molecules, innovative formulations and APIs for global markets Set up within the IIT Madras Research Park campus; employs over 250 scientists and technicians

Chennai, May 07 2022: In a significant move to bring critical research and development (R&D) capabilities under one roof, Pfizer has set up a global drug development center at the IIT Madras Research Park in Chennai, India. The center's capabilities will include the development of both, active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) and finished dosage forms (FDFs) of differentiated products such as complex/value-added formulations, controlled-release dosage forms, device-combination products, lyophilized injections, powder-fill products, and ready-to-use formulations. The center will develop and support products in global markets and Pfizer's manufacturing centers worldwide.

"Pfizer's drug development center in the IIT Madras Research Park is a positive opportunity to establish truly one of the most advanced laboratories that Pfizer is setting up for R&D in the aforementioned disciplines anywhere in the world, in Chennai and an opportunity to showcase the potential of R&D in the country. We are confident that it will allow for synergistic co-development of cutting-edge API and FDF processes under the same roof. The world-class



scientific, technology and innovation-driven Research Park campus provides an ideal setting for our work. We are hopeful that the proximity to IIT Madras and other technology Research Park start-ups will also improve academia and industry partnerships and encourage greater collaboration to drive innovation," said Mr. S Sridhar, Country Manager, Pfizer India.

Pfizer has invested USD 20 million (INR 150+ crore) in the 61,000 sq ft research and technology center at the IIT Madras Research Park. While this center will be a part of a network of 12 global centers set up worldwide, it is the first and only one at present being set up by Pfizer in Asia.

Speaking at the launch, Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, I.A.S., Principal Secretary to Govt. of Tamil Nadu (Health and Family Welfare Department Tamil Nadu) said, "It is encouraging to see a company like Pfizer make a significant investment in

R&D in India, and on this prestigious IIT Madras Research Park campus. This center will offer Indian scientists the opportunity to establish a global footprint in medical R&D. In the future, it will also allow for collaboration between industry and academia."

The center integrates two essential functions under the export-oriented undertaking of Pfizer Inc.: Pharmaceutical Sciences (PharmSci) and Global Technology and Engineering (GT&E) Center of Excellence. PharmSci is dedicated to the development of anti-infectives, oncology, sterile injectables, anesthesia products, CNS products, and uniquely differentiated hospital products. GT&E pioneers next-generation API process and manufacturing technology to supply medicines to patients around the globe.

"We are pleased to welcome the Pfizer global drug development center to IIT Madras Research Park. We believe that the

proximity of Pfizer to IITM, scientists and students, the Tech corridor, and other leading industry start-ups will foster greater collaboration between industry and academia. We are also sure that the academicians at IITM will benefit from having access to Pfizer's center," said Prof. Ashok Jhunjhunwala, President, IITM Research Park.

"Drug Development is one of the most important activities wherein technology meets medicine. Aligning the process with regulatory conditions using technology will not only quicken but enhance the quality of the process of drug development. Wishing Pfizer all the best and looking forward to their technical interactions with IIT Madras," Prof V. Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, added.

This 61,000 sq ft facility employs 250+ scientists and professionals from a range of scientific disciplines including Formulation Scientists and Pharmacists, Analytical Scientists with expertise in process, analytical and formulation medicinal sciences, Life Science specialists such as Microbiologists and Biotechnologists, Chemical Engineers, Data Scientists, and Program Managers.

Visithiran Movie Review : A faithful remake of Joseph

Chennai, May 07 2022: Remakes are always tricky as they come with a lot of expectations, especially when the original is a critically acclaimed film. RK Suresh's Vichithiran, the official remake of Joju George's Malayalam film, Joseph, kicks off right from the word go and stays faithful to the original without resorting to adding any commercial ingredients.

The film is an emotional investigative thriller which is all about how a retired police officer uncovers a huge crime syndicate while sacrificing many things in his life. In the first scene, we are introduced to a depressed cop who has got VRS, Maayan (RK Suresh), who is a victim of his past. Also an alcoholic and a chain smoker, Maayan is almost lifeless due to the death of his daughter and separation from his ex-wife Stella (Poorna). The film unfolds when Maayan discovers that Stella has been admitted in a hospital due to an accident. Now, the sequences of his daughter's death and the current situation with Stella begin to feel similar to him. As he tries to overcome his loss, a sudden revelation changes the truth about the accidents and the events surrounding them. The second half is all about how he takes this forward and starts an investigation to unravel the truth behind a huge crime.

The crime here is associated with medical mafia and despite many films touching this aspect, Vichithiran hits hard as it is too personal to the protagonist. Those who have watched the



Malayalam version might find this film to be odd in parts, but still would find it engaging, mostly. The reason behind the separation between Maayan and Stella could have been stronger and that would have helped us empathise with his sufferings even better. We are not allowed to immerse in his drama to really understand him; instead, the film keeps moving towards the investigation.

The dialogues in the Tamil version are too explanatory and a few things could have been told visually. However, RK Suresh's intense performance is laudable and it's evident that he has done a lot of hard work to get into the skin of character. And of course, this is his best performance till date. Poorna, who plays his wife, has delivered a wonderful performance in a role in which she has to look older. She holds the flashback sequences well along with RK Suresh.

Cinematographer Vetrivel Mahendran and composer GV Prakash have done a decent job and tried their best to elevate the mood of the film. It is commendable that the intention of the makers is to deliver a faithful adaptation of the original.



Overall, Vichithiran might appeal an audience that is on the lookout for an engaging emotional thriller as their weekend watch.

Actors: RK Suresh (Maayan) Poorna

(Stella) Madhu Shalini (Meenakshi) Ilavarasu Priyadarshini (Diana) Marimuthu (Boopalan) George (Father) Bagavathi Perumal (Peter) JP (Subbiah) Production: M Padmakumar Music: GV Prakash Kumar Cinematography: Vetri Mahendran Editing:

Satish Surya Art: Mayapandi Public Relations: Nikil Murukan Executive Production: M Senthil Kumar Music Release: Saregama India Limited Release by: R.K Suresh Studio 9