

Inauguration of Newly Constructed Headquarters Office Building of Central Council for Research in Siddha and New OPD block of Ayothidoss Pandithar Hospital Extension OPD Block of National Institute of Siddha

Chennai, Aug 16 2022: The Central Council for Research in Siddha, an autonomous organization functioning under Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India, with its headquarters at Chennai was established after the bifurcation of erstwhile Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, New Delhi during the year 2010. With effect from 2010 to 2012, CCRS functioned at New Delhi and from 2012 to 2022 at Siddha Central Research Institute, Arumbakkam, Chennai - 106. With due support from Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India, CCRS headquarters office has been established providing impetus to Research and Development, the mandatory prerequisite for globalization. The CCRS, headquarters office building is constructed at the cost of Rs.13 Crores at Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai-47.

The National Institute of Siddha was established in the year 2004 and is functioning under Ministry of Ayush, Govt. of India. An Ayothidoss Pandithar Hospital New Extension OPD block is constructed at the cost of Rs. 35 Crores to cater the needs of general public. Both the projects were approved by Ministry of Ayush and the foundation stone was laid down by Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, former Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent charge) for Ayush on 2nd May 2018. The construction works have been completed through CPWD and inauguration is being held at the Auditorium of NIS,



Chennai on 13th August in a grand manner.

The inaugural ceremony began with Tamil Thai Vazhthu and Siddhar Vanakkam, followed by Lighting of Kuthuvilakku by all the dignitaries. Prof. Dr. K. Kanakavalli, Director General, Central Council for Research in Siddha, welcomed the Union Minister and State minister, all the dignitaries, guests, stakeholders, CPWD Officials, Police, Media & Security personnel, and esteemed participants. Both the newly constructed buildings were inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister, Ministry of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India, with the esteemed presence of Shri Ma. Subramanian, Hon'ble Minister for Medical & Family Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu. Felicitation address was delivered by Dr. P. Senthil Kumar, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Shri S. Ganesh, Commissioner, Directorate of Indian Medicine & Homeopathy, Govt. of Tamil Nadu. Shri T. R. Baalu, Member of Parliament, through CCRS and NIS in

expanding & propagating the Siddha System of Medicine. He also dedicated the new buildings to the people of India on the occasion of 75th year of Independence. The Union Minister also released the achievements of CCRS and distributed the Amukkara Chooranam tablet under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav programme and initiated the Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign. The Bioinformatics section which was established at the cost of 30 Lakhs under champion sector scheme was dedicated to the nation. Significant Research & development on Non communicable diseases like Diabetic mellitus, Cancer, Rheumatoid arthritis, Vitiligo, Fibroid Uterus, Urolithiasis and communicable diseases like dengue, chikungunya, COVID, etc has been done by CCRS.

Prof. Dr. R. Meenakumari, Director, National Institute of Siddha delivered the vote of thanks, to all the Union Minister and State Minister for their esteemed support and gracious presence, she also thanked to all the stakeholders, CPWD Officials, Police, Media & Security personnel and delegates. The programme blissfully concluded after playing National anthem. Various cultural programmes depicting Siddha system and its advantages to observe the 75th Independence year of celebrations through Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign were displayed.

The Chief Guest & Inaugural address was delivered by Hon'ble Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ayush and Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India, in which the union minister highlighted the role of Ministry of Ayush through CCRS and NIS in

FIFS Appoints Two Former Judges as Panel Members of Fantasy Sports Regulatory Authority (FSRA)

Chennai, Aug 16 2022:

The Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS), India's only self-regulatory body for the fantasy sports industry has appointed Justice (Retd.) Mukul Mudgal, former Chief Justice, Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court and Justice (Retd.) G.S. Sistani, former Judge, Hon'ble Delhi High Court as panel members of Fantasy Sports Regulatory Authority (FSRA). Eminent jurist, Justice (Retd.) A.K. Sikri, former Judge, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India is the Chairman of the FSRA.

framework, which includes:

Formulating and setting best practices, standards, code of ethics including responsible gaming policies for FIFS members

Setup stringent audit mechanisms to ensure zero violations of the FIFS Charter and take appropriate action for non-compliance. Initiate dialogues, consultations with the Government stakeholders for growth & sustenance of India's fantasy sports industry. Ensure effective grievance handling and consumer dispute resolution

chart the path towards its long-term growth trajectory."

bringing business certainty which is integral to the rule of law."

FIFS has been driving industry led self regulation since 2017. Recently, FIFS also announced the appointment of Joy Bhattacharya as the Director General. Joy is an Indian quizzer, orator, writer and sports producer. He is the former Team Director of the IPL franchise Kolkata Knight Riders. He also served as the director for the FIFA U-17 World Cup, which was conducted in India, and later as CEO of the inaugural Pro Volleyball League. Further, sports industry veterans such as Professor Ratnakar Shetty - Former BCCI Chief Administrative Officer and Mr Amrit Mathur - Former Secretary Sports Authority of India are Advisors to the FIFS Secretariat.

On his appointment as a FSRA panel member, Justice (Retd.) Mudgal said, "Our role will be to work as an independent regulatory body to ensure regulations, laws of India and our constitution are abided by."

Sharing his views, the newly appointed panel member Justice (Retd.) Sistani said, "I'm delighted to join FSRA as a panel member. As far as the legal front is concerned, all the issues relating to fantasy sports are a settled matter as it has been recognised as a game of skill repeatedly in multiple judgements by various courts including Hon'ble Supreme Court of India thereby extending protection to the sunshine sector under Article 19(1)(g) of the Indian Constitution

Fortis Vadapalani celebrates 75 Years of Independence by organizing Blood Donation Drive

Chennai, Aug 16 2022:

On the 75th Independence Day, Fortis Hospital, Vadapalani along with Nourishment for the Needy, an NGO, organized a day-long Blood Donation



Camp on August 15, 2022, at Fortis Hospital, Vadapalani. The event was graced by Chief Guest Social Activist and MDMK Chief Secretary Thiru Durai Vaiyapuri and Mr. Venkat Phanidhar Nelluri, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospitals, and witnessed participation of 100 donors.

Safe blood saves lives. Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person the gift of life. A decision to donate blood can save a life, or even several if the blood is separated into its components red cells, platelets, and plasma. Every pint of your blood can save the life of up to 3 people, improve their lives, and enhances social solidarity. It sends a powerful message of mutual aid and brings about a societal commitment. For healthy

adults, blood donation is not only safe, but also provides a sense of belonging and pride.

Although many patients requiring transfusion they do not have timely access to safe blood. This blood donation drive is aimed to encourage the youth and instill the sense of responsibility among them. There is a dearth for blood because of the fear of infection among donors. To avoid this kind of a situation in future, Fortis Hospital urges the youth to volunteer to donate blood.

Gracing the occasion, Mr. Venkat Phanidhar Nelluri, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospitals, Vadapalani said "shortage

of blood is a serious concern. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), India suffers from an annual deficit of 2 million blood units. This is because only 1% of Indian population donates blood each year. Every life is important, healthy donors are even more important and one needs to understand the urgency of saving lives by donating blood.

Every camp encourages first timers, youth, and students to be a donor for a lifetime. On this Independence Day, where we pay homage to our freedom fighters, it is important that the donors are also given recognition".

To register to become a blood donor, call 044 4020 4040.

Ola rolls out vision to make India the global epicenter for electric transformation

Bengaluru, Aug 16 2022: Ola Electric, India's largest electric vehicles company, today rolled out its vision for India to be the global epicenter of EV transformation. After kickstarting India's EV revolution last year with the launch of Ola S1 Pro scooters, Ola today unveiled its vision for making India a global EV hub.

Bhavish Aggarwal, Founder and CEO, Ola, said, "Over the last year EVs have been at the center of transforming personal mobility. At Ola, we have been at the epicenter of this change, driving adoption, increasing access and affordability. There is much to be achieved yet. Currently, less than 15% Indians own a 2W or a 4W and with India poised for strong economic growth, the Indian automotive industry will witness demand for 20Mn 4Ws and 50Mn 2Ws each year. We believe that India needs to become the global epicenter of the EV revolution and command



25% of the world's automotive market. Today, at Ola we are taking Mission Electric to the next level by ensuring we have a roadmap to investment in technology, build scale and bring quality products that India deserves. As we build for India, we will also be creating the EV paradigm for the rest of the world."

Expanding 2W portfolio with all new Ola S1 To further accelerate EV penetration in the country, Ola has launched the all-new Ola S1 scooter. With premium design, superior performance, best in class features and new age connected technology, Ola S1 is one of the most

equipped with a 3 KWh Lithium-ion battery pack, the Ola S1 gets an ARAI certified range of 131 kms, a true range of 101 kms on Normal Mode, 128 kms on Eco Mode, and 90 kms on Sports Mode. The Ola S1 also comes with some most popular MoveOS features like Music Playback, Navigation, Companion App, and Reverse Mode, and its top speed of 95 Km/h makes it one of the fastest scooters in the segment. Available in Porcelain White, Jet Black, Neo Mint, Coral Glam and Liquid Silver, the S1 has been launched at an introductory price of ₹9,999.

Ola also plans to take its software to the next level by releasing MoveOS 3 to everyone this Diwali! MoveOS 3 brings many exciting features like moods, digital key sharing, proximity unlock, improved regen, documents on your scooter and many more.



IDBI Bank employees, as part of the country's celebration to commemorate 75 years of Independence under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative, held a march past event in Chennai.