





## Rubaru Mr.India 2022 Title winner Gokul Ganesan from Chennai represent upcoming Mister Model International Competition

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: Gokul was elected Rubaru Mr. India Model International 2022 at the National finals of the 2022 Rubaru Mr. India championship at Crowne Plaza Chennai Adyar Park Hotel. Along with winning the prestigious championship, he also won two major special awards including Best Speaker of the year 2022 and Mr. Photogenic 2022. He will now represent India at the upcoming Mister Model International competition to take place in coming months.

Mister Model International is the world's biggest



international model hunt event for men. It is based in the Latin American nation of Dominican Republic and also has a branch office in the United States of America. The event is run by Tim Management Group under the leadership of Mr. Luis

Trujillo, who is also the founder and president of the competition. As per the long held tradition, the winner of Rubaru Mr. India contest represents India at the Mister Model International competition.

Rubaru Mr. India is India's biggest and

oldest running men's pageant. The event was created in the year 2004 and is being led by multi-award winning pageant director and international pageant expert, Pankaj Kharbanda based in Mumbai. The competition contributes more than 70% to the Indian men's pageant industry and is one of the largest contributors to the international men's pageant sector. It is also regarded as the most successful national level men's pageant in the world for producing the maximum number of international award-winning male models of Indian Origin.

## Ather Energy strengthens its footprint in Tamil Nadu; opens two new retail outlets

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: Ather Energy, India's leading electric scooter manufacturer, strengthened its retail presence in Tamil Nadu today with the opening of two new outlets in Chennai and Vellore. The company currently has eight Experience Centres (EC) in the state, with Chennai alone having four ECs, making it the city with the most ECs after Mumbai. In November, Ather will open its ninth EC in the state, in Salem.

Ather Energy has grown phenomenally in 2022, with a 121% Y-o-Y growth (April-September) in the number of active Ather scooters on-road. Tamil Nadu has emerged as a high-demand market for electric scooters, with Ather registering a 49% quarter-on-quarter growth. The company continues to invest strategically in charging infrastructure to alleviate range anxiety and has 83+ fast charging points, Ather Grids, across the state. Ather Energy plans to add a total of 15 Experience Centres and 150 fast-charging grids by the end of the current fiscal year to enable stress-free transition to EVs.

The two new



Experience Centres (Ather Space) have been inaugurated in association with Khivraj Group. The outlet in Chennai is located at Ambattur, and the one in Vellore is at Chennai-Bengaluru High Road. Ather Space will provide a unique ownership experience along with complete service and support for the owners. Consumers can also book test ride slots on Ather Energy's website before visiting the Experience Centre.

Speaking on the occasion, Ravneet S Phokela, Chief Business Officer, Ather Energy, said, "With the launch of the new and improved Gen 3 and the ongoing festive season, we have witnessed an exponential spike in demand for our flagship 450 series. Consumers are increasingly looking to upgrade to electric scooters that provide a

great riding experience while also providing advanced features and tremendous value. This has led to a surge in demand for Ather scooters in the state, and we are actively working with our suppliers to ramp up production and fulfil the demand for Gen 3. The waiting period in Tamil Nadu has been reduced to a mere 15 days. We are confident of capturing a larger market share in the state and have some exciting plans for the state to cater to the rising demand."

Mr. Surya Prakash Chordia, Director, Khivraj Group, said, "We are delighted to partner with Ather Energy to drive EV adoption in TN. Ather Energy has built a sustainable, high quality and well-performing electric vehicle from scratch along with the supporting charging infrastructure. We have

been receiving a great response from the customers. With the opening of the Ather Space, we strive to provide the best experience to our customers."

Ather Energy has a long history with the state of Tamil Nadu. In 2019, Ather opened its first Experience Centre in Chennai, and in 2021, the brand started its operations at the Hosur manufacturing facility, catering to demand from across the country. With the rising demand and aggressive expansion plans in place, Ather has commissioned its second factory space in Hosur and plans to manufacture 400,000 units per annum. In a bid to reiterate Ather's commitment towards making EVs mainstream in the country and the brand's focus on investing in the state of Tamil Nadu, Ather Energy partnered with TNPL 2022, the 6th edition of India's biggest regional cricket league.

The ex-showroom price post the Fame II revision for the new Ather 450X is INR 1,57,505 & INR 1,35,995 for the Ather 450 Plus in Chennai and Vellore.

## Department of Justice participates in Special Campaign 2.0 on Swachhta across its premises



Chennai, Oct 31 2022: The Department of Justice has participated in the Special Campaign 2.0 Campaign on Swachhta across its premises at Jaisalmer House, New Delhi since its commencement from October 2, 2022. The initiative on Swachhta Abhiyan started with the preparatory phase from 14th to 30th September, 2022 during which the sites for cleanliness as well as the status of pendency on the various segments were identified during the preparatory phase for the campaign period. The campaign aimed to achieve space management and enhancement of workplace experience in offices under the Department.

Rounds of indoor/outdoor Cleanliness drives at Department of Justice, Jaisalmer House, New Delhi were conducted on the sites demarcated & allocated to the respective Divisional heads. Regular Review meetings by Shri SKG Rahate, Secretary (Justice) were conducted to take stock of the activities under Special Campaign 2.0.

Under the best practices @initiative digital India, the Department of justice has

successfully scanned physical documents towards their digitisation to enable their on-boarding on eOffice portal. The old physical files have been scanned under the Special Campaign 2.0 since its beginning from 2nd October, and target to digitise 4,50,000 pages till 31st October, 2022 has been achieved. This will enable availability of free movement and quick & effective retrieval of data digitally.

National Judicial Academy, Bhopal & National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) partnered with the Department of Justice in conducting special cleanliness drives at their respective office premises. Delhi State Legal Services Authority under the guidance of NALSA, conducted legal awareness programs for construction workers at various locations that includes Pragati Maidan, Jhilmil Colony, Shahdara among others. Legal awareness kiosks were also set up to redress their specific grievances under the Special Swachhta Campaign 2.0.

Legal Aid Counsels and Para Legal Volunteers were deputed to make the construction workers and general public aware

about their Legal Rights. Information booklets of Legal Aid were distributed to the people and they were encouraged to download the NALSA app. People were also made aware about 24x7 toll free helpline number of DLSLA\*1516.

During Special Campaign 2.0, Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, MoS (L&J), inspected all the sections at the Department of Justice, Jaisalmer House, New Delhi on 28.10.2022, and interacted with officers and Staff. During his visit to the Department of Justice, Jaisalmer House, New Delhi, Prof. S.P. Singh Baghel, MoS (L&J), interacted with a beneficiary of Tele-Law services and through VC with the participants of 11th National Webinar on Cyber Crimes in India organised by the Department of Justice.

The Special Campaign 2.0 while emphasising on Swachhata activities, also aimed at improving the efficiency in the Government by prioritising the clearance of pendency in administrative matters viz. VIP References, PMO References, Cabinet Matters, Public Grievances, etc. The target during the Campaign period was to

review and weed out old files/records. The disposal of old and obsolete electronic/furniture unserviceable store created hygienic and spacious office premises, apart from generating revenue. The targets identified during the identification phase of the campaign, have been largely achieved by the end of the Campaign i.e. as on 31.10.2022.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Swachh Bharat Mission was launched in 2014 to bring about a behavioural change in people and as a fitting tribute to Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi who advocated cleanliness as a way of life. Later, a Special Campaign on Disposal of Pending References and Cleanliness was launched in 2021 across government departments and ministries. Following the success of the Special Campaign during last year, it was decided to organise Special Campaign 2.0 on Swachhta in Central Government Ministries/Departments, attached/subordinate offices from 2nd October to 31st October 2022 under the vision of DARPG.

## SIS Group Enterprises announces its partnership with Practo to provide customised health plans for its employees and their families

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: SIS Group Enterprises, a market leader in security, cash logistics and facility management with presence in India and Asia-Pacific (APAC), today, announced its partnership with Practo, India's leading integrated healthcare company to empower its employees with customised corporate health and wellness plans.

The partnership will enable SIS Group employees and their families to avail the benefits of a flexible consultation model (online or physical) with doctors across 23+ specialities, in addition to services like preventive/diagnostic health checkups, secondary care surgeries and medicine delivery.

Through Practo's Corporate Health benefits plan, SIS Group employees will get 15 free online consultations every month. Apart from covering traditional specialities like General Physician, Gynaecology, and Pediatrics, these plans also include super specialities like Cardiology, Oncology, and Neurology. Considering the linguistic

diversity among SIS employees majorly constituting of field staff such as Security Guards, Supervisors, Unit Commanders / Assignment Managers in addition to its corporate/back-office employees, they shall have the option of audio-video consultation with the empanelled doctors in 15 Indian vernacular languages.

It is estimated that India has 500 million blue collared workers, which makes them a majority of the workforce. However, they lack the resources to avail access to quality healthcare, which puts their health at risk. While 100% of SIS Group employees are covered under Health & Accidental insurance, OPD constitutes 15% of total healthcare expenditure (per individual/household). But with the Corporate Health benefits, all the employees will have holistic coverage, giving the blue-collared workers a blanket towards financial shocks caused by healthcare expenses.

In addition to online doctor consultations, the employees will have the added benefit of booking

physical doctor's appointments with doctors from the Practo network. They also benefit from availing Practo's preventive/diagnostic health check-up services and medicine delivery. Being covered under both health and accidental insurance by SIS, with Practo they now have the added advantage of availing the benefits offered through Practo Care surgeries at a discounted rate.

Practo's Corporate Health benefits has also been growing steadily at 10X YoY, and now covers over 700+ corporates. Currently, these health plans cover more than one million employees and their families which constitute nearly two million people in the country. And with this association, Practo further extends its vision of providing digital healthcare to all.

Shikha Saxena, Chief Business Officer, Corporate Health Benefits, Practo, said, "We at Practo have been committed to providing access to quality healthcare to a billion+ Indians. And our efforts with Corporate Health

Benefits have taken us a step closer towards this mission. We are glad to have partnered with SIS Group Enterprise as we move further on our endeavour to create #HealthierWorkplacesForAll, and through them, we can cater to all segments of society. Today, Corporate Health Benefits covers 700+ corporates impacting the lives of over 1 million people and we are optimistic about the future ahead and the impact of digital health in the country."

Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Dhiraj Singh, Chief Executive Officer at SIS Group Enterprises said, "Being a people-first company, we are committed to providing our employees with the best healthcare possible. And we are happy to partner with Practo, which has been leading the way for digital health and has become a household name, especially during the pandemic. With Practo's myriad of services we are looking forward to offering our employees the benefits of accessing healthcare anytime, anywhere while empowering them to take charge of their health."



## Prabhu Solomon's Sembi Audio Launch Event - featuring Kovai Sarala and Ashwin in the titular characters

Chennai, Nov 01 2022: every one of us. The movie this movie. I was stunned perfect for this character. And now, she has done a



Trident Arts And AR Entertainment Ajmalkhan, Reyaah has produced 'Sembi', directed by Prabhu Solomon, featuring Kovai Sarala and Ashwin in the titular characters. The audio launch of this movie was held this morning (October 28, 2022) in Chennai with the presence of iconic personalities from the movie industry. The event was presided over by Padma Bhushan Ulaga Nayagan Kamal Haasan. Producer G Dhananjayan said, "Prabhu Solomon has yet again enthralled us. He keeps marveling us with his selection of locations. Kovai Sarala stuns us with her performance. With Kamal sir's presence in a movie event, the respective film is sure to garner success. I wish the crew for the phenomenal success of this movie." Actress Kovai Sarala said, "Prabhu Solomon is the hero of this film. It's not an easy task to be acting in his movie. The only way to excel is inhale his inputs and deliver as he has envisioned. I thank the well-wishers and everyone, who are here to wish for the film's success." Producer TG Thyagarajan said, "I wish the hero of this event, Music Director Nivas K Prasanna. Prabhu Solomon is a gifted filmmaker. We at Sathya Jyothi Films wanted to make a film with him after witnessing his colossal work in Kumki. The crew has crafted this movie with great efforts. Kovai Sarala madam has delivered impeccable performance in this movie. I wish the team for good success." Producer T Siva, Amma Creations, said, "When Kamal Haasan sir is there for a movie related event, and then the success is already guaranteed. He has revived the Tamil cinema with the grand success of Vikram. Prabhu Solomon is an astonishing filmmaker. Actress Kovai Sarala is a fabulous performer, and is the successor of Aachi Manorama. One of the greatest achievements of Prabhu Solomon is introducing ace actors like Thambi Ramaiah in the Tamil industry. I wish the entire team for the grand success of this movie." Thiru Arulpathi said, "I congratulate Kamal Haasan sir for the grand success of this movie. I wish the entire team for the phenomenal victory of this movie." Director Vasantha Balan said, "Kamal Haasan sir is still inspiring

an icon like him. Prabhu Solomon enthralled us by making small budgeted movies like Myna and Kumki at a grander scale. He displayed a shot of bird flying in its nature, and the entire theater goes in high applause. Kovai Sarala has done a tremendous performance. I wish the entire team for the grand success of this movie." Director RV Udhayakumar said, "I can bet that none can be a great fan of Kamal Haasan sir than me. I have directed him in the movie 'Singara Velan', which remains as a greatest entertainer till now. It's because of him, the film garnered great success... He would perform some minute nuances and make the scene elevated. Ashwin grew up watching his films and performances that inspired him to become an actor. Prabhu Solomon is one among the rarest pearls of Tamil cinema. Kovai Sarala has delivered an extraordinary performance in the movie. She is the next stellar performer after Aachi Manorama. I wish the crew for great success." Nanjil Sampath said, "This movie is a dance of nature. Prabhu Solomon wanted me to perform the role of an opposition party leader, which was my interest as well. Kovai Sarala appreciated my performance. I would say that she is the successor to Manorama, and yes it's true indeed. I wish the entire crew for the success of this movie." Director Karu Pazhaniappan said, "When Prabhu Solomon offered me a role to perform in this movie, I requested him to make me act accordingly. He would experiment letting the actors perform in different tones and styles for every scene, and wouldn't get satisfied until he gets what he expects. He is a fabulous director. I wish the entire team for the success of this movie." Director-Actor K Bhagyaraj said, "Everyone is saying that Kamal Haasan sir's presence in a movie event will definitely yield great success. I have experienced it for my films as well. I was stunned looking at his performance in the movie 16 Vayadhinile. I have known Kovai Sarala from the age of 8. She tried a lot and insisted to act with me in the movie Mundhaana Mudichu. Everyone is acclaiming her as Manorama, and it's true. She has astonished us with her lovely performance in

proficiency of Prabhu Solomon in Kumki. This film's trailer itself is amazing. I wish the entire team for the success of this movie." Dr. Ishari K Ganesh said, "Prabhu Solomon is my favourite filmmaker. It's been a long time desire to produce a movie under his directorial, and it will happen soon. Kovai Sarala madam has delivered a fabulous performance in this movie. While the trailer itself is amazing, I can foresee the success of this movie. I wish the entire team for the success of this movie." Director K.S. Ravikumar said, "The previous films of Trident Arts R. Ravindran have been great successful hits. I am sure this movie is also going to be a bigger success.. It's great to see that you have Kamal Haasan sir's support. Even I became producer in Tenali with the support of Kamal Haasan sir. Kovai Sarala has done a remarkable job with this movie. I wish the entire team for success." Actor Ashwin said, "Working in a movie itself is a blessing, and to get the first movie opportunity from Ravi sir and produce another movie for me is beyond that. When it is Prabhu Solomon, there is no second thought. I instantly agreed to be a part of this movie as I could learn a lot. You can all see what he has done for me in this movie. It's a pride to be standing next to Kamal Haasan sir, and to get his wishes is a bliss indeed. I request everyone to support this movie." Actor Thambi Ramaiah said, "Kamal sir is the hero of craftsmanship. It's a blessing and prestige to be sharing the stage with him. I thank Ashwin, director Prabhu Solomon and her powerhouse performer Kovai Sarala for making me a part of this movie. I request you all to support this movie." Director Prabhu Solomon said, "I thank the entire team of actors and technicians for supporting me in creating this project. It's because of you, the movie has been shaped up well. I had to travel across many places to find a perfect actor for the specific role. I travelled all the way from Kodaikanal to Kolli Hills to find the one, but couldn't get. Finally, I got reminded off Kamal Haasan sir's Sathilelavathi and approached Kovai Sarala madam. She was doubtful and asked if she would be

remarkable job with her performance. Everyone in the team has worked so hard for the project. I thank Nivas K Prasanna for adding more soul through his musical score in this movie. I thank Kamal Haasan for his support and presence here. Actor Kamal Haasan said, "Everyone is addressing Kovai Sarala as Sister and Mother, but I am unsure how to call her. I have known her from childhood. She has delivered a fabulous performance in this movie, and the 8-yr old baby has also acted so well. It's a rare gift that many can't possess. It's not an easy job to laugh or cry as soon as the camera is switched on. Many get scolded and even I am not an exception. During those days while seeking for chance, I would get offended whenever they scold me for not dropping tears before the camera. During the time of 16 Vayadhinile many asked why I should appear almost bare and naked before the camera, and now they are celebrating it. A movie's success is defined only after years, where people discuss and appreciate it. Now they are appreciating 16 Vayadhinile, and if you ask us if it was made with Crores of budget, the answer is No. Prabhu Solomon has shot this movie across the exotic locales of Kodaikanal. I have already watched the movie. Fans and audiences should appreciate good cinema, and must point out the mistakes, when a movie is not satisfactory, this will let the makers rectify and deliver good cinema. My support for good movies is always there. Many hard working talents have lost their chance in the movie industry due to lack of recognition and appreciations. I have witnessed it personally. So don't hesitate to appreciate the talented actors and technicians. Be ready to learn. Ashwin has done a good job as a performer. Thambi Ramaiah has effortlessly delivered a beautiful spell. I kept admiring him throughout the show. Nanjil Sampath's performance is more appealing. Cinematography is commendable. I wish the entire team for grand success. Audiences will decide the good and successful movies by themselves. Good luck for the entire team."

## Batch-II admissions of Director Vetrimaaran's film institute IIFC begin.

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: Director Vetrimaaran, who has become a household name in the industry today, proved his mettle in his debut film itself. He has taken all his films to international standards and brought in worldwide recognition. That is why many young people who are coming towards cinema with the dream of being a director are taking Vetrimaaran as their role model and learning the nuances of cinema through his films.

On the other hand, director Vetrimaaran had started the International Institute of Film and Culture (IIFC) last year to



provide free cinema training classes for socially and economically backward students who are interested in achieving in cinema.

At the rate of one per district from Tamil Nadu, Tamil speaking students aged between 21 - 25 years

who have graduated in any non-media course are preferentially eligible for admission to these training courses.

Special priority is given to socially and economically backward people, first generation graduates of a family.

These include preliminary examination, written test, academic interview, professional interview and home visits.

The examination is conducted in five steps and the students who qualify are provided with 100% subsidies along with full board and lodging facilities during their training period.

Following this, the admission of students for the 2nd batch (2023) of this institute has now started. Students who wish to enroll for this, can apply through the website <https://iifcinstitute.com/admission/>

## HINDUJAS HOST THEIR CELEBRATED ANNUAL DIWALI RECEPTION IN LONDON AFTER THREE YEARS OF THE PANDEMI

Chennai, Nov 01 2022: The Hinduja Diwali Reception, which has become a part of London's fabled social calendar and attended by successive past PMs, was hosted yesterday in all its pomp and glory after the forced break of 3 years owing to the Pandemic. While the invitations had already gone much in advance, the turn of the political events in the UK provided an auspicious restart to this august event.

Only a few days ahead of Diwali, Rishi Sunak became the United Kingdom's first British Asian Hindu Prime Minister. The Hinduja family was delighted to welcome over 300 guests, including peers, MPs, Ambassadors and diplomats, top business leaders, and journalists to their Diwali Reception at their London Heritage Home, the Carlton House Terrace. It was the family's first in-person Diwali celebration since the beginning of the Covid

19 pandemic.

Proceedings began with Sir Clive Alderton, Principal Private Secretary to HM King Charles III delivering special Diwali wishes from the new Monarch, highlighting King Charles's commitment to all faiths and communities.

Welcoming the guests, Gopichand Hinduja, Co-Chairman of the Hinduja Group, along with his brothers, Prakash and Ashok Hinduja, spoke of the significance of Diwali, about Goddess Lakshmi, and how real wealth comprises blessings and contentment earned through the acts of giving. GP Hinduja fondly mentioned missing his elder brother, SP Hinduja, who couldn't join the Reception owing to his ill health.

Representatives from the Conservative, Labour, and Liberal Democrat parties who joined the celebration included the new Conservative Party

Chairman, Nadhim Zahawi MP, former Health Secretary during the Covid 19 pandemic, Matt Hancock MP, Foreign Office Minister Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, and the globally recognised Mayor of London Sadiq Khan. They all thanked the Hinduja family for bringing so many people together from across the faiths, communities, and political spectrum for this Diwali celebration. Mrs. Kamal Prakash Hinduja, and Mrs. Harsha Ashok Hinduja, presented the moortis of Goddess Lakshmi to the dignitaries.

Arjun Rampal with his partner, Gabriella, and playback singer, Kanika Kapoor were there from Bollywood. Mrs. Usha Mittal, the wife of Arcelor's LN Mittal, who was travelling, also attended along with 22 High Commissioners from the 38 countries where the Hinduja Group is directly present.

Invoking the Goddess

Lakshmi and Lord Ganesh for the success of the new Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, Gopichand Hinduja, Mayor Sadiq Khan, and Lord Tariq Ahmed emphasised the richness of diversity in the United Kingdom today with a Christian monarch, a Hindu Prime Minister and a Muslim Mayor of London drawing reference to the famous Hindi movie 'Amar Akbar Anthony' which incidentally was financed by the Hinduja Family only. Praising the half-a-million-strong Hindu community in London, Mayor Sadiq Khan stated, "London is the greatest city in the world, and one of the reasons is the immense contribution made by the Londoners of the Hindu Faith".

Keeping in line with the tradition of Diwali and the Hinduja Family ethos, the guests were served an eclectic menu of the choicest vegetarian Indian food.

## Groovy gaana! Varun-Kriti's thumkas and the Shraddha Kapoor surprise light up Bhediya's first song Thumkeshwari

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: The Bhediya mania has begun and how! Jio Studios and Dinesh Vijan's creature comedy set the ball rolling with a thrilling and sensational trailer, and now, the makers have released the first song from the film's album. 'Thumkeshwari' is a funky cool dance number that features Varun Dhawan and Kriti Sanon at their groovy best as they put their desi dance shoes on and sway to Ganesh Acharya's eclectic choreography. Sharing his thoughts on the track, Varun Dhawan says, "Thumkeshwari is a number that's tailor made to burn the dance floor. I thoroughly enjoyed performing to its funky tune. The song's lyrics are a catchy delight, and I am sure fans are going to have a gala time dancing to the track". The biggest highlight of the track is the scintillating special appearance from Stree alumni Shraddha Kapoor. Flaunting pure oomph in



ravishing red, Shraddha is a sight to behold as she shakes a leg with Varun. Having earlier worked with director Amar Kaushik in Stree, we also wonder if there's more to Shraddha's glimpse! The song sees Kriti Sanon dressed in a barrage of colorful hues, radiating her trademark charm as she looks breathtaking in each shade. About working on the song, Kriti says, "I had

an absolute ball shooting for Thumkeshwari. I was sharing screen space with Varun after a very long time and we have never worked on this kind of a grand and majestic track together. This was quite the memorable experience". Talking about the track, composers Sachin-Jigar say, "Thumkeshwari exudes the kind of fun and enjoyable vibe that Bhediya is all about. With

an addictive tune, thumping beats and catchy lyrics, this is a song tailor made for the dance floors". Composed by Sachin-Jigar and penned by Amitabh Bhattacharya, Thumkeshwari is a peppy number that is also a treat to the eyes. Thumkeshwari (Tamil) Sung by Karthik, Anusha Mani With a majestic set, vibrant costumes and that extra special Stree magic, this is a melody meant to be enjoyed in all its big screen glory. If Bhediya's first track is anything to go by, looks like a wild and wonderful album awaits audiences! Jio Studios & Dinesh Vijan present, 'Bhediya'. A Maddock Films production, directed by Amar Kaushik, produced by Dinesh Vijan and starring Varun Dhawan, Kriti Sanon, Deepak Dobriyal and Abhishek Banerjee among others, is releasing in cinemas Pan-India in Tamil, Telugu and Hindi in 2D and 3D on 25th November 2022.



## MGM CANCER INSTITUTE CONDUCTS AN AWARENESS WALKATHON FOR BREAST CANCER ~ #WalkInPink in Chennai ~

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: MGM Cancer Institute celebrated Pink October with a 'WALKATHON' in Chennai on Sunday, October 30, 2022. The walkathon was flagged off by the Deputy Commissioner of Police P Thiru. VijayKumar from MGM Cancer Institute, Chennai. Thiru Mohan MLA and Ms. Revathi, Film Actress, Director and a Social Worker welcomed the walkers and spoke about the breast cancer awareness.



The walkathon began at 6:00 AM from MGM Cancer Institute at Nelson Manickam Road and covered till Anna Nagar Tower Park. The walkathon had 500

participating with complete enthusiasm. Dr. Urjitha Rajagopalan, Director, MGM Healthcare, Chennai along with her team of doctors led the Walkathon. The event featured Zumba classes handled by experts and had Breast Cancer Awareness talks by the Doctors. Students from D.G. Vaishnav College and Krishnaswamy

College participated in the walkathon.

#PinkOctober is celebrated every year with an objective of spreading awareness about breast cancer. Having the theme as "Walk away from Breast Cancer" and "Let's Walk together to keep breast cancer away", this year's purpose of the Walkathon is to extend support in educating and preventing

Breast Cancer.

On speaking at the Walkathon, Dr. M.A.Raja, Senior Consultant Medical Oncology, Director - Oncology Services, Chairman, Medical Advisory Board said, "MGM always encourages and conducts such awareness drives and extend our support for the cancer afflicted. It is time that people understood the impact that this disease could have on the society. The purpose is to create awareness and educate more women in understanding the nature of the disease, to be aware and to be prepared."

## Indian Film Producer and Director Kalaippuli S Thanu of V Creations volunteered to save a life

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: Indian Film Producer and Director Kalaippuli S Thanu volunteered to support a 33 year old woman undergoing treatment for lung disease at Kauvery Hospital Chennai.



The woman, who is a single mother, was diagnosed with interstitial lung disease which led to scarring of lungs over the last two years. Currently she is

awaiting a Dual Lung Transplant, and has been registered with the Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (TRANSTAN).

Mr. Thanu, owner of V Creations, had contributed Rs. 5 lakhs to the patient's family towards her treatment.

Dr Iyappan Ponnusamy, Medical Director Kauvery Hospital Chennai and Dr. Yamini Kannappan, Consultant Psychiatrist, Kauvery Hospital, received the support on behalf of the family and thanked the producer for his noble gesture.

Kauvery Hospital has subsidized the total cost of the transplant and is also looking forward to raising funds from more donors.

## Ahead of COP27, WRI India hosts Accelerating Clean Energy 2022

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: Winds of Change: Learnings for the Indian Offshore Wind Energy Sector In India, a working paper examining the potential of scaling offshore wind as rapidly as solar energy in India, was jointly launched by World Resources Institute (WRI) India and National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), today. The launch was part of a two-day annual event Accelerating Clean Energy in India, or ACE 2022, organized by WRI India in the national capital, to build a dialogue on the fast-changing energy landscape of the country.

last eight years, while solar has increased by 25 times. But we are not resting on our laurels. We have achieved this due to a bouquet of curated policy and program efforts, and structural changes."

One of ACE 2022's focus was to discuss the growth of renewables other than solar. Recent advancements in offshore wind technology, could enable it to become cheaper, and possibly viable for larger swathes of global populations. In India, waters off the coasts of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu alone hold over 70 GW of wind energy capacities. The working paper analyzed how offshore wind can play a prominent role in India's energy transition, especially given the country's target of 500 GW RE by 2030 across different technologies.

Tamil Nadu alone has 35 GW of offshore wind capacity, and recent studies have identified ports in the state that require development. Thoothukudi port has been identified as best placed to handle the supply chains required to cite offshore wind projects. But concerns over loss of fishing communities' livelihoods and ecological damage must be taken into consideration.

Moderating a panel discussion on offshore wind energy, Ms. Kajol,

Senior Manager, Energy Program, WRI India, who is also one of the authors of the working paper said, "Contracting certainties, possible offshore wind purchase obligations and creative financing models are required to enable offshore wind energy attain economies of scale. Updating and improving the 2015 National Offshore Wind Energy Policy could serve as a foundation for this sector."

Speaking at the event, Mr. Jarnail Singh, Deputy Director, MacArthur Foundation India, said, "Global philanthropy is focusing on ensuring the world's vulnerable communities overcome extreme weather events. We have already begun to face them and transitioning to cleaner forms of energy is a vital component to mitigate climate change. India's leadership in achieving this transition, which is also just and equitable, will doubtless be an anchor for the global economy and society."

Other sessions at ACE included a discussion on ways to improve the role of states' RE agencies in India's energy transition. Panelists recalled the early days of the renewables sector, and the vital role the government played by setting up State Nodal Agencies almost a decade ago, when nascent RE

technologies were being piloted across the country in diverse settings. But they also impressed upon a shift in their role and focus required for these agencies to better serve the needs of the RE sector that has rapidly evolved.

Recollecting ACE's history and purpose, Mr. Bharath Jairaj, Executive Director, Energy program, WRI India, said, "ACE was conceived as a space to discuss ongoing and emerging research streams on global energy transitions, and their implications on India. In its third edition after a break during the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021, we at WRI India are looking forward to these discussions and much more, to ensure India lives up to its pledges on carbon neutrality, renewables, and Sustainable Development Goals."

Day two of ACE 2022 would include sessions on creating effective finance models for newer forms of renewables technology, like Distributed Renewable Energy, or DRE; pathways to deep decarbonize heavy industries, and tools that power distribution companies could use to effectively handle the impending surge in energy demand from electric vehicles on their grids.

## Dr. M. Manickasamy, Principal inaugurated Regional Level NCSC 2022 at KV IIT Chennai by lighting the lamp

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: The Chennai Regional Level 30 th National Children's Science Congress (NCSC)-2022, themed "Understanding Ecosystem for Health and Well-being" was hosted by Kendriya Vidyalaya IIT Chennai on 28th and 29th October 2022.



The Inaugural ceremony began with the formal lighting of the lamp. Dr. M. Manickasamy, Principal, KV IIT, Regional Academic Coordinator, NCSC welcomed the gathering and explained how NCSC kindles the curiosity of the young minds and stretches their imagination. The Chief Guest Prof. Prathap Haridoss, Chairman, VMC, KV IIT Chennai and Dean, Academics, IITM in his address shared his personal experiences with NCSC and extended his appreciation and wishes for the participants. The Guest of Honour, Shri. P. I. T. Raja, Asst. Commissioner, KVS RO, Chennai encouraged the budding scientists from various KVs and gave his appreciation for a participant, who was a Special child and asked the Guide teachers to bring out the student's fullest potential.



Students qualified from 6 clusters of KVS Chennai region presented 115 projects on various sub-themes: Know your ecosystem,

Fostering health, nutrition and well-being, Social and cultural practices for ecosystem and health, Ecosystem based approach for self-

reliance and Technological innovation for ecosystem and health, under two different categories Juniors (10 to less than 14) and Seniors (14 to less than 17). The projects were evaluated by a panel of judges.

Prof. Shiva Nagendra S.M, Department of Civil Engineering and Vice-Chairman, GATE & JAM, IITM in his valedictory address, motivated and counseled the students to build up a career in the premiere institutions of our country. Being the founder President of the Air Quality Management Association (AQMA), he threw light on air quality management. Dr. Thilli and Prof. Ganapathi Subramanian, Judges in the Panel were also present and were very much enthralled at the way students have done their projects of high level.

Mrs. Smith, PGT, Physics announced the much-awaited results. Top 20 projects, 8 from Juniors and 12 from Seniors were selected for the National level NCSC scheduled at Bangalore in November. All the participants were awarded with Certificates.

## Department of Telecommunications Successfully Completes Special Campaign 2.0

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: Special Campaign 2.0 is being organized in the Department of Telecom, its attached & subordinate offices, field offices and PSUs, across the country from 02.10.2022 to 31.10.2022. This campaign was preceded by a preparatory phase from 14.09.2022 to 30.09.2022.

The Campaign has focused on liquidation of pendency in respect of MP's references,

references from State Government, Inter-ministerial references (Cabinet Note), Parliamentary Assurances, PMO References, Public Grievances & PG Appeals. In addition, the Campaign has ensured a number of special drives for cleanliness in and around the Office premises by way of weeding out of files and also scrapping of obsolete office equipment.

During the Campaign,

about 100% pending Public Grievances & Appeals, Inter-ministerial references and State Government references were achieved. As regards MP References the disposal percentage is 36%.

During the Campaign 350 sites across the country were identified for cleanliness drive and the said target has been exceeded due to enthusiastic participation of officers/officials.

During the campaign, against an identified target of reviewing 1,15,000 physical files, 97000 physical files were reviewed and 12000 files were weeded out. More than 20,000 sq feet of space was cleared due to better record management.

Further, Secretary (T) inspected and participated in Field Office cleaning and tree planting at Haridwar on 22.10.2022.

## Diamond necklace gift to Golu contest winner

Chennai, Oct 31 2022: Thiru Mylais Star, a neighbourhood weekly publication of Mylapore and NAC Jewellers had organized a Grand Golu Kondattam in which diamond, gold and silver necklaces worth Rs 2 lakhs were given as prizes to the winners in the Navaratri golu contest.



Besides the three top winners, seven consolation prizes with gift coupons worth Rs 5,000 each were given to seven winners.

Dr Padma Subrahmanyam, Padma Bhushan awardee and an internationally renowned Bharathanatyam dancer and guru and founder of Nrithyodaya gave away the prizes at a glittering function held at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Mylapore last week.

Dr Venkatachalam Murugan, Head of Chennai

Branch Secretariat, Ministry of External Affairs and Protector of Emigrants; Dr J Radhakrishnan, Principal Secretary to Tamil Nadu Government and Sadna Sankar, a movie actress, model and a fashion designer were other guests of honour.

The chief guests also honoured three jury members who chose the

winners Raghi Janarthanan, Nalini Sampath Kumar and Vijayalakshmi Srikanth. N Anantha Padmanabhan, Managing Director of NAC Jewellers welcomed the gathering. Prakash M Swamy editor-in-chief of the weekly gave a special address and Raj Thaneeghaivel; publisher of the weekly presented a vote of thanks.

The winners First Prize (diamond necklace) - Vasumathy Suresh and R Suresh, second prize (gold necklace) Shruithi Ashwin Shekher, third prize (silver necklace) - Saranya N Vijay Rajan. Consolation prizes (gift coupons worth Rs 5,000 each) - Janani J M, Krishna Kumari, Shanthi Kannan, Nanditha Venkatesh, T Bala Vijayakumari, Priya Kapil and Akhila Kannan.