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Prime Minister Modi unveils the Logo, Theme and Website for India's G-20 Presidency

Our Mantra of One Earth, One Family, One Future (Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam) will pave the path for Global Welfare: PM Modi G-20 will not be limited to Delhi or a few places. Every citizen, state government and political party should participate in it: PM Modi

2022:

gathering, the Prime activities about the G-20 Minister remarked that from 1st December 2022, India will preside over contributions of the the G-20 Summit and citizens in the launch of said that it is a historic the G-20 logo, the Prime opportunity for the Minister said that the country. The Prime government received Minister said G-20 is the thousands of creative premier forum for ideas for the logo. international economic Thanking everyone for cooperation representing their contribution he said around 85% of the global that these suggestions are said, "It is a resolve that brotherhood is reflected world is dealing with the the logo of G-20 is a GDP, over 75% of the becoming the face of the has been omnipresent in via the G-20 logo. worldwide trade, and global event. Remarking our thoughts through about two-thirds of the that the G-20 logo is not 'Vasudhaiva that India's G-20 world population. merely a logo, the Prime Kutumbakam'. He presidency comes at a pandemic, conflicts and Calling this a momentous Minister said that it is a further added that the time of crisis and chaos.

Chennai, Nov 08 Minister said the The Prime Presidency of G-20 Minister, Shri Narendra during the year of Azadi Modi unveiled the logo, Ka Amrit Mahotsav is a theme and website of matter of pride for every India's G-20 Presidency Indian. The Prime via video conferencing Minister expressed happiness over the Addressing the growing interest and and related events.

Highlighting the occasion, the Prime message, a feeling that

runs in India's veins. He thought of universal He underlined that the uncertainty. "The lotus in great opportunity for us Pradesh, West Bengal,

The PM remarked

disruptive once-in-a- tough times," he said. century global

PM Modi said that this summit is not merely a lots of economic diplomatic meeting.

Pointing out that G-20 is programmes will be held not an event of the central in every corner of the government alone, he country. "Each of our requested the state states has its own governments as well as characteristics, heritage, all the political parties to culture, beauty, aura and actively take part in this hospitality", he said and endeavour. He said that gave examples of the the event is organised by hospitality of Rajasthan, Indians and the G-20 is a Gujarat, Kerala Madhya to showcase a glimpse of Tamil Nadu, Uttar aftereffects of a symbol of hope in such our tradition of 'Guest is Pradesh, Himachal God' (Atithi Devo Pradesh and Uttarakhand Bhava). He informed that remarking that it is this the events related to G-20 hospitality and diversity

Delhi or a few places but

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ONE EARTH . ONE FAMILY . ONE FUTURE

will not be limited to that amazes the world.



Stringent actions taken by the state have resulted in reduction smuggling: Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Govt of Tamil Nadu

2022: R Sakkarapani, trade is 10% of the legal Minister for Food and international trade Civil Supplies, (around 2% of the world's Government of Tamil overall economic output). Nadu today said, The problem of illicit "Stringent actions by the trade is much more state have reduced the serious than it is smuggling of watches, commonly perceived." gold, alcohol and Indian currency, to a Advisor, FICCI considerable extent, but CASCADE and Former there's a lot that still needs Special Commissioner of to be done."

on 'Preventive Strategies for consumers being to Combat Counterfeiting continuously made aware and Smuggling', of the detrimental impact organized by FICCI of illicit products. CASCADE, the Minister Consumer awareness suggested to organize campaigns that explain such awareness programs how to differentiate a in educational spurious product from a institutions to involve the genuine product, to smuggling on social genuine one, needs to be Advisory and Outreach and then distribute in the industries from all CASCADE has recently government due to illicit other stakeholders in this media channels, explicitly conveyed. Vertical, Citizen domestic market. newspaper and other Increasing the rule of law Consumer and Civic promotional sources in and enhancing order to make the general effectiveness of penalties public aware of this and sanctions is alarming issue.

Mr PC Jha, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Chairman, Central Board of Indirect

Chennai, Nov 08 100 times and the size of

Mr Deep Chand,

Police, New Delhi, Addressing a seminar emphasized on the need important to curb the mounting hazards of Counterfeiting and Smuggling, he added.

Taxes & Customs said, included Dr. G S K Velu, widespread smuggling in The seminar also "Illicit trade is a grave Chairman, FICCI Tamil various product deliberated on FICCI concern, it undermines Nadu State Council & categories such as gold, CASCADE's recent the nation's economy, CMD, Trivitron / cigarettes, cosmetics, report titled Illicit damages brand integrity, Neuberg Group of medicines, jewellery, Markets: A Threat to Our and most importantly Companies, Mr. Bhupesh readymade garments, National Interests, which affects health and safety Nagarajan, Co-alcohol, capital goods examines the impact of of the citizens which Chairman, FICCI Tamil and consumer illicit trade in five key needs to be addressed on Nadu State Council & electronics, which is industries in India an urgent basis." "During CMD, Indira Projects, severely hurting the Mobile Phones, FMCGthe last twenty years, the Mr. Mahesh Kumar country's economy. The Household and Personal volume of the Agarwal, Additional problem gets more acute Goods, FMCG-Packaged counterfeiting activity Director General of in states like Tamil Nadu Foods, Tobacco Products,



Action Group (CAG).

contraband and smuggled on the hazards of goods is thriving in India counterfeiting and and is today one of the smuggling, and the need biggest challenges faced for effective enforcement by Indian industry. The to enhance India's Other key speakers country is witnessing economic development. globally has increased Police, Chennai, Mr. G. owing its vast coastline and Alcoholic Beverages.

The seminar discussed the importance The market for of increased awareness

Industry body, raise awareness against mentioned industries was attended by more illicit trade. He further bill from the seller, along Commissioner, Chennai the major significant FICCI, has set up a this issue and work with results in a total estimated than 150 industry urged FICCI CASCADE with the harmful Customs and Ms. S. seaports. Smugglers use committee named Government and other legitimate employment captains, representative to propagate the problem consequences of buying Saroja, Executive these destinations to get CASCADE, with the agencies to fight the loss of 15.96 lakh. The from consumer forums,

foods, tobacco products, tax loss. and alcoholic beverages. According to the report, the size of illicit market in CASCADE along with the above-mentioned industries was ₹2,60,094 crore for the year 2019-20, with the FMCG industry — household and personal goods, and packaged foods together accounting for 3/4th of the total illicit value of goods in five key industries.

The report further estimates that unlawful trade in the five abovesectors of the economy to released a report goods in these industries segment.

examining illicit market is Rs 58,521 crore, with in 5 Key Indian two highly regulated and industries, including taxed industries, tobacco mobile phones, FMCG- products, and alcoholic household and personal beverages, accounting for goods, FMCG-packaged nearly 49% of the overall

> Several steps are being taken by FICCI the government and other agencies to create largescale awareness among the most impacted segment of this menace: the consumer. Similar seminars are being organised as part of a nation-wide awareness campaign across the country to highlight the issue and focus on the growing menace of illegal trade. The event



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always given special importance to the celebrations of Gurupurab and with the same spirit, Union Home Ministry (MHA) made all arrangements for a smooth and comfortable journey for pilgrims

Chennai, Nov 08 2022: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has always given special importance to the celebrations of Gurupurab and with the same spirit, the Union Home Ministry made all arrangements for a smooth and comfortable journey for the pilgrims.

Under the directions of Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah, the Ministry of Home Affairs has facilitated the visit of Indian Sikh pilgrims to Nankana Sahib on the occasion of Gurupurab.

A total of 2,420 Indian Sikh pilgrims,

under the banner of SGPC, DSGMC etc. departed for Pakistan to participate in the Guru Nanak Jayanti celebrations 2022, through the Attari Road on 06th November, 2022.

The pilgrims were issued 10-day Pakistani Pilgrim Visa (from 06-15 November 2022) for Nankana Sahib, Sacha Sauda etc and travelled mainly under the banner of different Sikh Religious Organizations in cluding SGPC, DSGMC, Haryana Yatri Sikh Jatha, Sukhmani Sahab Sewa Society, Haryana etc. The



pilgrims are scheduled to return by 15 November 2022.

Following prominent leaders of various Sikh organisations formed part of the Gurupurab Jatha—

1. SGPC - Master Preet Singh Basair, EX SGPC Member Ajnala

2. DSGMC- Daljeet Singh, DSGMC Member

3. Haryana Yatri Sikh Jatha - Sharanjeet Singh Grover

4. Sikh Yatri Jammu -Shamsher Singh

5. Sukhmani Sahab Sewa Society, Haryana - Gurdeep Singh

6. Bhai Mardana Group (Ferozpur)-Sardar Sucha Singh.

Similarly, a total of 433 pilgrims from India visited Sri Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara in Pakistan, through ICP Dera Baba Nanak, Amritsar today to offer prayers on the ocassion of Gurupurab.

Pilgrims included 429 Indian nationals and 4 OCI cardholders.

All the pilgrims have returned after offering their prayers.

Union Minister for Environment Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav speaks at the Launch of the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) at COP 27, Egypt

Chennai, Nov 08 2022: Highlights: MAC initiative brings the world together to advance the global cause of Mangroves.

India's extensive experience in mangrove restoration to contribute to global knowledge base

Integration of mangroves into the national REDD+ programs need of the

Union Minister for Environment Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav spoke at the Launch of the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC). This event was held on the side-lines of the ongoing COP 27 at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

Speaking at this event, Shri Bhupender Yadav said:

"I would like to thank

Her Excellency, Mariam Bint Mohammed Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, Kingdom of United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Her Excellency Siti Nurbaya Bakar, Minister of Forestry and Environment, Indonesia for hosting this event, which brings nations from around the world together under one roof, to advance the global cause of Mangroves, one of the marvels of Mother

Mangroves are one of the most productive ecosystems of the world. This tidal forest serves as a nursery ground for several organisms, protects the coastal erosion, sequestering the carbon and providing livelihood for millions of people besides harboring array of faunal elements in its habitat.

Mangroves are distributed in the tropical and sub-tropical region of the world and are found in 123 countries.

Mangroves are among the most carbon-rich forests in the tropics. They account for 3% of carbon sequestered by the world's tropical forests.

Mangroves are the economic foundations of many tropical coastal regions. To sustain the blue economy, it is imperative to ensure the sustainability of coastal habitats, particularly mangroves for tropical nations, at the local, r e g i o n a l, a n d international levels.

With notable adaptive features, mangroves are natural armed forces of tropical and subtropical nations. They are the best option to fight against climate



change consequences like sea levels rise and increasing frequency of natural calamities like cyclones and storm

Distinguished Delegates,

India has committed in its NDC – to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent through additional forest and tree cover by 2030.

We see the tremendous potential

mangroves have for mitigation of growing GHG concentration in the atmosphere. Studies have shown that mangrove forests can absorb four to five times more carbon emissions than landed tropical

It has also been revealed that mangroves can act as buffer for Ocean acidification and act as sink for microplastics.

forests.

Creating new carbon

afforestation and reducing emissions from mangrove deforestation are two feasible ways for countries to meet their NDC targets and achieve carbon neutrality.

Excellencies,

India is committed to conservation and restoration of natural ecosystems; and has strong commitments towards conservation and management of mangroves.

One of the largest remaining areas of mangroves in the world, the Sundarbans supports an exceptional level of biodiversity in both the terrestrial and marine environments, including significant populations of a range of flora and plant species; species of wildlife wide range of fauna, including the Bengal Tiger and other threatened species such

There is significant increase observed in mangroves cover in India in its Andamans region; Sundarbans region; and in the Gujarat region.

as the estuarine crocodile

and the Indian python.

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates and participants at this

India has demonstrated expertise in mangrove restoration activities for nearly five decades and restored different types of mangrove ecosystems both on its east and west coasts.

Excellencies, I congratulate you on the launch of Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) for the conservation of mangroves with cross boundary cooperation to meet the intentional climate goals. We also

feel that Integration of mangroves into the national REDD+, Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation programs are the need of the hour.

India can contribute to the global knowledge base due to its extensive experience in mangrove restoration, studies on ecosystem valuation and carbon sequestration and also benefit from associating with other nations regarding cutting-edge solutions and generating appropriate financial instruments for mangrove conservation and restoration.

Let us join hands together to protect one of the most precious assets of the tropical coasts, towards sustainability and adaptation to the consequences of Climate Change."

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chairs the first ever Joint Society Meeting of Autonomous Institutes (IITM, INCOIS, NCESS, NCPOR, and NIOT) of Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) in New Delhi

Chennai, Nov 08 2022: "Marine Surveillance" to get a facelift with support f r o m S p a c e applications for sharing valuable inputs with the Security Agencies

Completion of all testing to proceed for shallow water testing of manned submersible MATSYA 6000 during the first quarter of 2024 Oceansat will be launched on 26th of November, 2022

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh today convened the first ever Joint Society Meeting of Autonomous Institutes (IITM, INCOIS, NCESS, NCPOR, NIOT) of Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and called for breaking the "silos" to work with integration and "whole of government" approach.

All the five autonomous bodies Societies, that is, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS), National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) and National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) have been merged into a single Society of MoES.

Dr Jitendra Singh

said that the move is in tune with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's directive to avoid duplication and working in silos and to aim for greater integration to achieve the maximum output. He said, PM Modi not only has a natural predilection for science but is also forthcoming in supporting and promoting science and technology based initiatives and projects in the last 7-8 years.

Apart from Dr Jitendra Singh, who is the President of the Society, Members, Dr.M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Shri S. Somanath, Secretary, Department of Space, Dr. N Kalaiselvi, DG,



Radhakrishnan, Former Chairman, ISRO, Bengaluru, Dr. P. S. Goel, Former Secretary, MoES, Dr. Harsh K Gupta, Former Secretary, DOD/MoES, Dr. Shailesh Nayak, Former Secretary, MoES & Director, NIAS, Bengaluru, Dr. $G\ A\quad R\ a\ m\ a\ d\ a\ s\ s\ ,$ Director, NIOT, Dr. T Srinivasa Kumar, Director, INCOIS, Dr. R. Krishnan, Director, IITM, Prof. Jyotiranjan S Ray, Director, NCESS, Dr. Thamban Meloth, Director, NCPOR took part in today's deliberations.

Dr Jitendra Singh

notion of "Marine Surveillance" to a new level, where Space applications are also being deployed to share the valuable inputs with the Security Agencies. The Minister informed that Oceansat will be launched on 26th of November, 2022 and installation of a NASA-ISRO Radar System is at an advanced stage. He also informed greater use of Global Navigation Satellite System, GNSS, as one of the key sources of position information, alongside radio navigation systems, which exchange information with

nearby ships and landbased vessel traffic services (VTS) on a vessel's position, course and speed.

Taking a review of the Design and Development of Manned Submersible – MATSYA 6000, Dr Jitendra Singh said, completion of all testing to proceed for shallow water testing of manned submersible during the first quarter of 2024 using the NIOT-MoES research vessel ORV Sagar Nidhi. He informed that based on the ongoing progress, it is expected that all the long lead components shall get realised by the third

quarter of 2023 to proceed for the s u b c o m p o n e n t integration and testing by following due DNV approved interface procedures.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, for the benefit of ocean scientific community, under the Deep Ocean Mission's SAMUDRAYAAN program of Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), the deepwater human s u b m e r s i b l e MATSYA6000 is designed and developed indigenously by National Institute of Ocean Technology, an autonomous institute under MoES. The battery-powered

6000 shall have the capability to carry three persons upto 6000 m water depth and perform scientific exploration with a normal endurance period of 12h and emergency support for 96 hours. Manned submersible have the advantages of carrying scientists to deep sea areas for research on life in extreme environments by biological sampling, habitat analysis and in situ experiments for ocean mineral exploration.

submersible MATSYA

Secretary, MoES, Dr M Ravichandra said that considering the complexity in the depth

rated component custom design, realisation and testing of other subsystems; contract were signed for the long lead items with national and international agencies for the subcomponents realization. Titanium Alloy personnel sphere for 6000 m operation capability is under progress with VSSC-ISRO. A design document is submitted to DNV for approval and ingot material processing is being carried out at MIDHANI and forging is planned at L&T. Electron Beam Welding facility augmentation is being completed at LPSC-ISRO.

Johnson & Johnson Vision and Lions Clubs International Foundation celebrate 20 years of 'Sight For Kids', conduct vision screening for over 500 children from low-income schools in Kolkata, West Bengal

Chennai, Nov 08 2022: Johnson & Johnson Vision*, a global leader in the eye health category and a part of Johnson & Johnson MedTech**, and Lions Clubs International Foundation today celebrated 20 years of 'Sight For Kids', their school-based eye health program. Co-founded by Johnson & Johnson Vision and Lions Clubs International Foundation in 2002, the Sight For Kids program aims to bridge the gap in access to eye care by providing comprehensive eye health services for children from lowincome and underserved communities. To mark the occasion, a vision screening for over 500 children was organised in Kolkata, West Bengal.

The two-day program took place at Lions Safari Park and Calcutta Greater Vidya Mandir School. Witnessing leading eye care professionals, local ophthalmological associations, NGO/community partners, Johnson & Johnson Vision representatives, and local Lions were present to honour the cause. The Sight For Kids program has operated across West Bengal since 2004.

In the last 20 years, the program has reached

Chennai, Nov 08



more than 42 million development - from a students in underserved child's academic communities in Asia, performance to co-Africa, and the U.S., curricular activities selfproviding eye health esteem and overall welltreatment to 600,000 children across the world. more than 312 million In India, through a children suffer from community and a school- myopia, and half of them based model. Sight For continue to live Kids has facilitated vision assessment for 37 million children. The program has equipped communities with critical tools to ensure children have access to eye care for clear and healthy

Emphasizing the organization's aim to elevate eye health awareness in India, Tiny Sengupta, Business Unit Director, Vision Care India, Johnson & Johnson Vision said, "It is an absolute honour to partner with Lions Clubs International Foundation and celebrate the 20-year milestone of Sight For Kids. Healthy eyesight plays a critical role in early childhood

being. However, globally, undetected and untreated. Every child deserves a chance to see the world clearly. Through Sight for Kids, we are not only bringing free eye care to children who need it the most, but also training school teachers to identify children suffering from vision impairment or eye

To date, Sight For Kids has provided 500,000 thousand pairs of eyeglasses to children across the world, to empower them to realise their dreams."

ailments."

Commenting on the importance of increasing access to eye care, Mr. A. P. Singh, Third Vice President, Lions Clubs

Lions Clubs International vision impairment. This Tamil. critical insight has led us to bolster our approach by training 200,000 teachers across the world to date."

'Sight For Kids' is one of the longest running public-private visionscreening programs in the world, that provides teachers with training to deliver eye health education and perform visual acuity tests for common eye conditions with the support of optometrists. Johnson & Johnson Vision in partnership with Lions Clubs International less than Rs. 2 crore. The Foundation envisions revised interest rate will reaching children across be effective from borders to provide them November 1st to with healthy eyesight and strive towards greater equity in eye care.

ZEE5 releases the trailer of an inspiring tale of young dancers through the web series - 5678!

Chennai, Nov 08 2022: ZEE5, India's largest International Foundation, home-grown video streaming platform and Foundation said, multilingual storyteller "Together with Johnson released the trailer of their & Johnson Vision, we are latest Tamil original series proud to see our Lions -5678. With a phenomenal and eye care response to the professionals work announcement of the towards achieving our series, Sai Pallavi, a mission of providing dancing icon released the comprehensive eye inspiring, and health services to unconventional trailer of underprivileged children 5678. Headlined by the to equip them with clear immensely talented and healthy vision. directors AL Vijay, Through our extensive Prasanna JK and Mrudhula engagements, we found Sridharan, the energetic that teachers are in a young dancers are set to unique position to make everyone proud identify behavioural through their dance. The changes and notice when series will stream on ZEE5 children suffer from on 18th November 2022 in



Produced by AL artists decide to chase their Alagappan Hitesh dreams and fight against Thakkur, this series the odds. Their dreams are highlights the journey of young and talented Keshav, a new member teenagers. Coming from a from the gated community lower yet humble joinsthem. background, these individuals love dancing but are not backed with any professional training. Watching the kids from the gated community hone

given wings when,

Trailer Link https://youtu.be/cfLW49q

Director, Vijay said, This project is very close

working with Prasanna JK and Mrudhula Sridharan and 5678 is a combined product of creativity. There are not many films/shows based on dance as a theme in South and that's where the germ of the idea came from. I think 5678 will connect with youngsters and the adults too and will etch a space in their heart." Sai Pallavi's post -

me as I have worked with

some amazing people on

this. It was a great

exchange of thoughts

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ESAF Ups FD interest rates up to 8.5 percent

Indian Trade Service (ITS) officers

conference - "Manthan 1.0" held Kevadia

Chennai, Nov 08 ESAF Small Finance Bank has raised interest rate available on its senior citizen FD up to 8.5 %. The bank has also increased the interest rates on Term Deposits for Resident, NRO and NRE accounts of varied tenors. The new interest rates will be applicable for Resident, NRE and NRO accounts with a balance of

November 30th.

For Resident and NRO deposits with a maturity of seven to fourteen days, the and deposits maturing years and less than four

year will attract an interest be 5.75%.

effective interest rate will and NRE deposits be 4%. For Resident and maturing between two NRO deposits with a years and 998 days the maturity of 15 days to 59 interest will be 7.25% days, the revised interest whereas for deposits with years, the revised interest rate will be 4.50% and for a tenure of 999 days the rate will be 5.25%. deposits having a maturity interest will be 8%. For of 60 days to 90 days, the deposits maturing new interest rate will be between a thousand days 5%. For deposits and less than three years, maturing between 91 days the new interest rate will and 182 days, the revised be 7.25%. For deposits interest rate will be 5.25% maturing between three

between 183 days and one years, the revised rate will

For deposits maturing For Resident, NRO between four years and five years, the revised interest rate will be 5.75% and for deposits with a tenure of five years to ten

> Senior citizens are eligible for an additional 0.5% interest over and above the new interest rates for resident term deposits of all tenors.

Shooting commences for GV Prakash Kumar-starrer new film directed by Udhay Mahesh and produced by Disney Hot Star - Kavithalaya

2022: Kavithalaya, a production house floated by legendary filmmaker K Balachander is home to many powerhouse talents and blockbuster, trendsetter movies. It has joined forces with leading OTT platform Hotstar to produce a new movie directed by Udhay Mahesh starring GV Prakash Kumar and Anaswara Rajan in the lead roles. Udhay Mahesh, who has helmed films such as Naalai, Chakra Vyugam and acted in several hit films and webseries including Family Man-2 and Office serial, has written the story, screenplay and dialogues for this film produced by Pushpa Kandasamy and Kandaswamy BharathanIt is worth mentioning that Udhay Mahesh wrote the story and screenplay for the famous serial 'Shanthi Nilayam' directed by K Balachander. Youth sensation GV Prakash Kumar is paired with Anaswara Rajan in the lead role for this film. Anaswara Rajan made her acting debut in the Malayalam short film



6-year-old niece.

The film is being made in a beautiful family setting that will be enjoyed by all section of the audiences.The shooting of the yet-tobe-titled film

art design, Parvathy Murukan.

film was Udaharanam Chennai. Subbu Panchu, songs and GN Murugan initiative and expressed importance of export promotion promotion initiatives in Sujatha (2017). She Devadarshini, is doing the stunt that such brainstorming formulating sector wise councils. In addition, ITS the country. The proposed gained popularity Aadukalam Naren, choreography. Dance sessions should be held strategies aimed at officers have also been body would be manned by through the Madhusudhanan, choreography - regularly. He emphasised specific markets. DGFT assigned different states to ITS officers at key commercially successful K u m a r a v e 1, KalyankumarCostumes Malayalam films Muthukumar, Daniel, - DhanapalCostume Thaneer Mathan Namonarayanan, Design - Vinod Makeup Dinangal (2019) and Mayilasamy, - KuppusamyCo-Super Sharanya (2022). Muthukkalai, Soundar, Director-Manibhaskar- The ongoing Ex Garuda She has also participated Baby Meghna Suresh Manimaran Production in many shows as a and others are also part Supervision - R Air and Space Force singer and is popular of the cast. Hesham Ramaprabu Product (FASF) witnessed among kids. The movie Abdul Wahab, who has Coordination - Pradeep combined flying by Chief is about the emotional worked as the music Rayan Executive IAF, Air Chief Marshal VR bonding between G V director for several Producer - Hot Star- Chaudhari, and Chief of Prakash Kumar and his Malayalam hits SenthilExecutive the Air Staff of FASF, including Hridayam, has Producer - Kavithalaya - General Stephane Iville today. While CAS flew a scored the music and U M MadhanScreenplay - sortie in an IAF Rafale K Senthilkumar is Udhay Mahesh, fighter, the FASF Chief h a n d l i n g t h e Sabapathi Shanmugam, flew in an IAF Su-30MKI cinematography for the NarenkumarDialogues - in the exercise as part of a film. Editing is by Udhay Mahesh, combined training mission Lawrence Kishore. S a b a p a t h i which was flown from Air Shiva Yadav is doing the ShanmugamPRO - Nikil

export strategy to boost exports from India. The officers also discussed industry deliberations and ways to revamp the FTP Schemes to make it more efficient and address any implementation issues. Over 75 officers of the

Commerce Secretary, Shri Sunil Barthwal,

Indian Trade Service

attended the conference.

policy making.

General of Foreign Trade sector specific groups that (DGFT), while speaking focus on specific sectors to the officers, of the industry, including learning and application working to develop sector i m p r o v e while addressing the officer. He also collaboration with is expected to play a key delegates, appreciated the deliberated on the experts, industrialists and role in future export

Foreign Trade Policy for the Department of years to achieve 1 Trillion team in the conference. (FTP), and to formulate Commerce. He also laid USD of exports in sector wise and state wise out the plans for deeper merchandise, and 1 engagement of the cadre Trillion USD exports in into FTA negotiations, services exports by 2030.

officers have recently Earlier, Director been divided among 10 upon the importance of emphasised the focus on creation of positions.

Chennai, Nov 08 specializing in the specific importance of using latest specific export promotion The first ever area of international trade, trade analytics tools to strategies for those states, conference of Indian He underlined the understand the emerging and to understand Trade Service Officers importance of international trade bottlenecks and "Manthan 1.0" was held at institutional memory for scenario. He explained challenges about them. A Kevadia, Gujarat. The any department and urged that Sector-wise and sector wise export conference was the trade service officers State-wise export presentation on Pharma c o n d u c t e d f o r to specialise, and become promotion strategies need and Chemicals sectors brainstorming on future more effective resource sharper focus in coming was made by one such

A presentation on Global Trade Promotion Organization (GTPO) was also made. GTPO is a key Indian Trade Service recommendation of BCG consultancy in their report for revamping the Department of Commerce. ITS officers deliberated on the GTPO emphasized upon the goods, projects, and proposal and came up importance of continuous services. The teams are with ideas to further on development of an specific strategy in recommendation. GTPO

IAF and FASF Chiefs fly as part of Ex Garuda VII

Chennai, Nov 08 2022: VII between Indian Air Force (IAF) and French of the Air Staff (CAS) of fighter. Both participated Force Station Jodhpur.

Speaking to the media

Chief, CAS brought out that Ex Garuda provides the unique opportunity for both Air Forces to learn and imbibe best practices of each other during operations. He also

later, along with the FASF

highlighted the growing interoperability between both air forces, which has been developing with each successive edition of the exercise, a regular bilateral exercise since 2003.

Ex Garuda VII is also

the first occasion for the LCA Tejas and the recently inducted LCH Prachand to participate in any international exercise. The exercise, which is due to culminate on 12 November 22, includes four FASF Rafale fighters and one A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft. Apart from the LCA and LCH, the IAF contingent consists of Su-30 MKI, Rafale and Jaguar fighter aircraft, as well as Mi-17 helicopters. The IAF contingent also includes Combat Enabling Assets like Flight Refuelling Aircraft, AWACS, AEW&C and Garud Special Forces.

Aditya Birla Capital reports strong results for the quarter ended 30th September, 2022

2022: Capital Limited ("The 6.58% Company") announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September 2022.

The Consolidated Revenuel of the Company grew 21%, year on year, to Rs. 7,210 Crore. The consolidated profit after tax (after minority interest) grew 30% year on year, to Rs. 488 Crore, the highest ever Quarterly profit thus far recorded by the Company.

The Company added ~ 2 million customers leading to a 47% year on year growth in the total customer base to ~ 41 million.

The strong momentum across businesses led to a 31% year on year growth in the overall lending book (NBFC and HFC) to Rs. 77,430 Crore and a 24% year on year growth in the gross premium (Life and Health Insurance) to Rs. 4,394 Crore.

The performance highlights of the key subsidiaries of Aditya Birla Capital Limited are:

NBFC business:

- o Overall loan book grew 36% year on year, to Rs. 64,975 Crore backed by strong growth of 50% year on year in granular Retail, SME and HNI loan book
- Retail, SME and HNI book now contribute 65% of the total book
- o Strong momentum in disbursements at Rs. at Rs. 76 Crore, 15% 12,488 Crore in Q2 growth over the previous FY23, up 2.3X over the year previous year. Retail, contributed 70% of total 1.8% in the previous year disbursement in Q2 FY23.

Net interest on year to 13.87%,

taking over as General

Manager, Southern

Railway, R.N. Singh

held the post of Principal

Executive Director/

Mumbai, Nov 08 margin (NIM) expanded Aditya Birla by 35 bps year on year to

- Continue to maintain quality of assets with Gross stage 3 at 2,82,580 Crore 3.1%; reduced by 55 bps year on year. The provision coverage ratio on stage 3 improved to 49.1%, vis-à-vis 44.1% in the previous year.
- Profit before tax grew 26% year on year to Rs. 488 Crore
- 1 Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Ltd. and Aditya Birla Wellness Pvt. Ltd. consolidated based on equity accounting under Ind AS, Consolidated Revenue shown above financial table includes revenues from these two businesses on a 100% basis to show holistic financial performance
- Continue to deliver superior return on assets at 2.4%
- o Return on equity expanded by 145 bps year to year, to 14.7%, compared to 13.2% in the previous year

Housing Finance

- o Strong momentum in disbursement with a growth of 24% year on year to Rs. 1,237 Crore across customer segments
- o Loan book at Rs.12,455 Crore, grew 10% year on year
- o Net interest margin (NIM) expanded by 89 bps, year on year to
- Profit before tax
- Return on assets S M E a n d H N I at 1.9%, compared to
 - Return on equity expanded by 12 bps year

Asset Management:

- Mutual fund quarterly average assets under management
- ☐ Mutual fund equity QAAUM grew by 1,19,086 Crore
- ☐ In line with business: ABSLAMC's focus, equity mix to overall mutual fund QAAUM expanded to 42.1% compared to 38.7% in the previous year.
- Continued focus on building retail customer franchise with a total of 8.1 million folios
- \square Monthly systematic inflows at Rs. 931 Crore in Sept '22 with 3.26 million accounts; registered ~ 2.58 lacs new SIP (Incl. STP) in Q2
- With our focus on building passive business, passive AUM crossed Rs. 16,500 Crore
- ☐ Profit before tax at Rs. 249 Crore, reflecting 8% growth over the previous year

Life Insurance

- Individual First Year Premium (FYP) grew 16% year on year, to Rs. 642 Crore, significantly ahead of industry growth of 5% in Q2FY22
- Group business grew 23% year on year, to Rs. 1,281 Crore
- o Renewal premium grew 14% year on year, to Rs. 2,952 Crore, out of which 77% was collected digitally in H1 FY23
- Consistent 86%, compared to 83% a Rs. 19 Crore.

General Manager, Southern Railway

year ago

- Net VNB 2022: 0 (QAAUM) at Rs. on year, to 12.3% in H1 accelerated by Greenko FY23
- 3% year on year, to Rs. Rs. 56 Crore in Q2 FY22

Health Insurance

- Gross written premium at Rs. 640 Crore; grew 62% year on year, with retail and rural contributing 66% of total business
- Market share expanded by 260 bps year on year to 10.9% amongst SAHI players in
- out of which over 19 million lives are through micro and byte size
- o Business continues to build scale with a focus on expenses, leading to improvement in the combined ratio of H1 FY23 at 112% vs. 144% in the previous year
- The Net loss has reduced to Rs. 76 Crore, vis-à-vis Rs. 100 Crore in the previous year

Other businesses:

- previous year
- o General Insurance broking profit before tax at Rs. 22 Crore Formula E World vis-à-vis Rs. 24 Crore in Championship has the previous year
- Total gross Securities broking seasons (years) now, change in sustainable partnership with Govt of premium up 30% year on business profit before tax completing 100 races in practices and adopting Telangana and support year, to 6,373 Crore in H1 grew 50% year on year, to 21 cities. The EVs in the state." Rs. 14 Crore

improvement in 13th platform profit before tax development, awareness Championship Officer, month persistency to grew 62% year on year, to Shri R.N. Singh Takes over as

100 DAYS TO Ace HYDERABAD E-PRIX: The countdown begins to India's first Formula E Race

Chennai, Nov 08 The ABB FIA margin expanded by a Formula E World significant 473 bps year Championship, - the world's leading Profit before tax energy transition and grew 10% year on year, to decarbonization solutions provider - is all set to debut in India, with Hyderabad being the host city.

To further build anticipation amongst fans, the 2023 Ace Hyderabad E-Prix todav started a 100-day countdown untill 11th of February 2023, by previewing a Formula E show car in New-Delhi. The year 2023 marks the first year of India being Business now one of the host countries covering 24 million lives, for the world championship and will continue to do so until

The initial countdown was kicked off in the august presence of Shri Hardeep Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas of India, Shri Amitabh Kant, Former CEO of Niti Aayog, Mr. Alberto Longo, Co-founder, and Chief Championship Officer at Formula E, Shri Anil Kumar Drofit before tax Chalamalasetty, for the other financial Founder of Ace Nxt services businesses under Gen, CEO & MD of ABC grew 29% year on Greenko Group and Shri year, to Rs. 60 Crore, Arvind Kumar I.A.S. from Rs. 46 Crore in the Special Chief Secretary, MA&UD representing Govt. of Telangana.

The ABB FIA successfully enthralled aimed at raising sport and India's first Stock and global fans for eight awareness and inspire ever Formula E Race in championship focuses Stressed assets on accelerating the Co-Founder and Chief

and uptake of electric Formula E said, "We are vehicles around the thrilled to bring the ABB globe. For the coming FIA Formula E World season, Formula E fans Championship to India will see 11 teams and 22 for the very first time drivers racing the new and showcase our new Gen3 around the most Gen3 car to a thriving iconicic world cities. new audience. It has including the Mahindra been a must have Racing Formula E team, destination for us for part of the Indian-based some time, and so we cannot wait to be racing Mahindra Group. in Hyderabad on the Hyderabad being one

of the host cities will

Shri. K.T Ramarao,

Municipal

Government of

enthusiasts across the

world for the Formula E

championship in the

Mr. Alberto Longo,

witness round 4 of the "India has a large and total 17 races for Season passionate Formula E 9 of the championship fan base that continues to grow, and with the taking place between January and July 2023. involvement of Mahindra Racing local Fans will witness the fans have a home team electric Gen3 Formula E cars race past on the city to get behind and circuit around the support. Racing in famous Hussain Sagar Hyderabad, one of India's foremost technological hubs, is also the perfect location Hon'ble Minister of IT, to not only display highperformance racing and Administration and cutting edge innovation, Urban Development, but educate people on the adverse effects of Telangana conveyed climate change and how from Hyderabad that, "It the development and is an honour for us to adoption of electric welcome racing vehicles is part of that

11th February.

solution." Anil Kumar city. It is also a proud Chalamalasetty, moment for us, as Founder of Ace Nxt Gen Hyderabad is one of the and CEO & MD of 13 world-cities where Greenko said, "We are the races are scheduled. excited about hosting Moreover, it is also the planet's favourite We share Hon'ble PM Shri Modi Ji's bold and courageous vision to

combat climate change and building the country as a reliable, sustainable source of technologies to propel global decarbonisation. Being a Hyderabadi, I'm delighted that my city which is one of the world's greenest cities will host the greenest race, under the dynamic leadership of Minister K T Rama Rao. With just 100 Days to go for the first Net Zero carbon race, we will accelerate our race to ensure that India Drives the future of sustainability and decarbonisation."

Hyderabad city, recipient of the "World Green City Award 2022", brings innovation to the forefront in its pursuit to be the biggest tech hub in India. Formula E is the world's only certified net zero carbon sport from inception, with the Hyderabad E-Prix becoming India's first net zero motorsport event. Using the vision of sport, Formula E is sending a powerful and meaningful message to help alter perceptions and speed up the switch to electric mobility operating as a testbed to push the development of new technologies needed for an electric, low-carbon future. As a part of its core vision Ace Nxt Gen is accelerating its efforts to win the race against climate change and achieve Net Zero goals through innovative solutions. Formula E the Planet's favourite sport - is coming to India, accelerated by from the Govt of India. Greenko in partnership with the Government of Telangana.

Kavingar Vairamuthu's Kallikaatu Idhikasam is being released in The Global Summit in Dubai

Chennai, Nov 08 2022: Kallikaatu various aspects of Idhikasam, the most acclaimed novel of languages by the is being published called "The Saga of the Cactus Land" is being released at the



Dubai, on Wednesday, November 9, at The Atlantis Hotel. The conference will be attended by world's leading entrepreneurs, where the book will be released by Kavingar Vairamuthu and will be received by representatives of 32 countries. The summit is being organized by Industrialist Mr. Sivakumar-Head of the Global summit, Rev.Fr. Jegath Gaspar-President of Rise Foundation and its vice presidents Alfred Berchmans, Jose Michael Robin, Shagul Hameedh and Basheer Khan.

Rise conference in



R.N. Singh has rich experience in planning Infrastructure, Ministry and execution of mega-

of Railways and infrastructure projects Secretary/Railway such as Dedicated Freight Corridors, Major Bridges, High Speed Railway etc. and has wide exposure in

Railway management during his career spanning more than 34 Kavingar Vairamuthu years. His areas of has won the specialisation include prestigious Sahitya Project Management, Akademi Award. This Railway Operations, novel is being PPP and Strategic translated into 23 Management. He is an alumnus of IIT Roorkee and has undergone Sahitya Akademi. In multiple trainings such addition to its Hindias Disaster Management Urdu-Malayalam and from Holland, Kannada translations, Advanced Management the English translation Singapore/Malaysia, Strategic Management now. The book was from Paris and ISB, translated by Ms. Gita Mechanised Subramaniam. The Maintenance from English translation of Austria and Executive Kallikaatu Idhikasam, Management from University of Bocconi, Italy.