

PM interacts with NDRF personnel involved in 'Operation Dost' in Türkiye and Syria

"India's quick response during the earthquake has attracted the attention of the whole world. It is a reflection of the preparedness of our rescue and relief teams"

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: The Prime Minister interacted with the National Disaster Response Force personnel involved in 'Operation Dost' in earthquake-hit Türkiye and Syria.

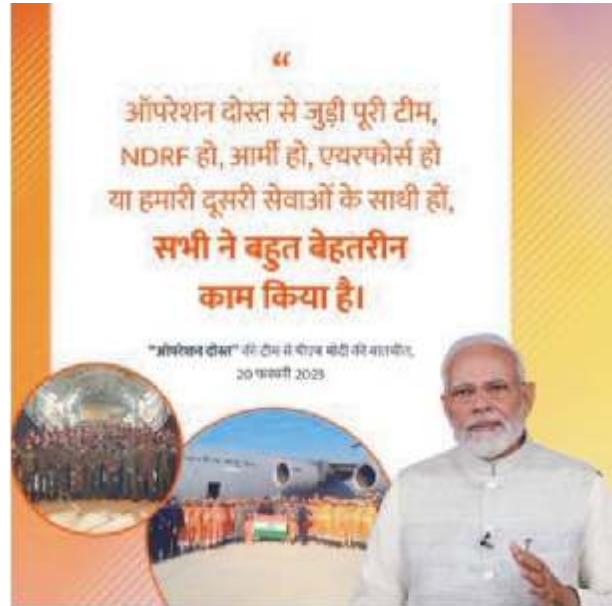
Addressing the personnel, the Prime Minister lauded them for their great work in 'Operation Dost' in earthquake-hit Türkiye and Syria. The Prime Minister elaborated on the concept of the Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. The Prime Minister said in Türkiye and Syria the Indian team reflected the spirit of the entire world being one family for us.

Highlighting the importance of quick response time during a natural calamity, the Prime Minister referred to the 'Golden Hour' and said that the speedy response of the NDRF team in Türkiye drew the

attention of the entire world. He said that the quick response highlights the preparedness and training skills of the team.

Recalling the images of a mother who blessed the members of the team for their efforts, the Prime Minister noted the pride that every Indian felt after witnessing every image of rescue and relief operations that was carried out in the affected areas. The Prime Minister underlined the professionalism and the human touch and said that it plays a crucial role when a person is dealing with trauma and has lost everything. The Prime Minister also praised the acts of compassion shown by the team

Remembering the 2001 earthquake in Gujarat and recalling his time as a volunteer there,



the Prime Minister underlined the difficulty of the task of removing rubble and finding people below that and how the entire medical system was hit as the hospital itself had collapsed in Bhuj. The Prime Minister also recalled the Machhu Dam tragedy in 1979. "On the basis of my experiences in these calamities, I can appreciate your hard work, spirit and



emotions. Today I salute you all.", the Prime Minister said. He underlined that those who are capable of helping themselves are called self-sufficient but those who have the capability to help others in their time of need are called selfless. This, he said, applies not only to individuals but to nations also. That is why in the past few years India has nurtured its selflessness along with



its self-sufficiency. "Wherever we reach with the 'Tiranga', there is an assurance that now that the Indian teams have arrived, the situation will start getting better", the Prime Minister said as he threw light on the role of Tiranga in Ukraine. The Prime Minister also talked about the respect that the Tricolor earned among the local people. The Prime Minister also

remembered how the Tricolor worked as a shield for everyone in Ukraine during Operation Ganga. Similarly, evacuations were conducted in very adverse circumstances from Afghanistan in Operation Devi Shakti. The Same commitment, the Prime Minister said, was evident during the Corona pandemic when India brought back every citizen home and earned global goodwill by

supplying medicines and vaccines.

"India was one of the first responders when the earthquake hit Türkiye and Syria", the Prime Minister said as he underlined India's commitment to humanity through 'Operation Dost'. He gave examples of earthquakes in Nepal, and the crisis in Maldives and Sri Lanka and said that India was the first to come forward to help. He noted that the trust of other countries is also increasing in the Indian forces as well as the NDRF. The Prime Minister expressed delight that the NDRF has built a very good reputation among the people of the country over the years. "The people of the country trust NDRF", he said. He underlined that the faith and hope of the people are reassured when NDRF reaches the field

and said that it is a great achievement in itself. When sensitivity is added to a force with skill, the Prime Minister said, then the strength of that force increases manifold.

Emphasizing the need to strengthen India's capacity for relief and rescue at the time of the disaster, the Prime Minister said, "We have to strengthen our identity as the best relief and rescue team in the world. The better our own preparation, the better we will be able to serve the world." Concluding the address, the Prime Minister lauded the efforts and experiences of the NDRF team and said that even though they were carrying out rescue operations in the field, he had always been connected with them over the past 10 days through the mind and heart.

Union Agriculture Minister chairs the National Conference on Agriculture for Zaid Campaign-2023 Together with the Center, the States should focus on the progress of small farmers - Tomar

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar chaired the National Conference on Agriculture for Zaid (Summer) Campaign-2023 in New Delhi today. On this occasion, Shri Tomar said that India is in a very good position in terms of food grains production and this has been achieved due to the farmer-friendly policies of the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, tireless hard work of farmers and novel research by agricultural scientists. But the stage where

India is today, we cannot be sit on our laurels, production should be scaled and on the basis of minute planning, such meaningful results should come out so that in the Agriculture sector, besides meeting the continuous supply of our domestic needs, we can successfully fulfill the world supply demands.

Union Minister Shri Tomar said that the Advance Estimates of a record breaking agricultural production (323 million tonnes) are encouraging. While agriculture is important, it is also an area of greater caution and responsibility. There was a time when little

progress was taken for granted and the country depended on others for food grains but due to continuous progress under the efficient leadership of Prime Minister Shri Modi today most of the countries are dependent on India unlike before. We have to fulfill our needs in terms of agricultural products, as well as meet the demands of the world if needed. In this regard, we have to increase production and productivity as well as improve quality so that we can meet the global standards. Shri Tomar said that many concrete steps have been taken for the development of Agriculture sector

under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Modi, in which the States are also cooperating. As resolved by the Prime Minister, 22 crore Soil Health Cards have been distributed in two phases, the main objective of which is to preserve the fertility of our earth. Along with distribution of cards, the number of soil testing labs has been augmented at every level. The responsibility of positive result in this regard rests with the State Governments. All farmers should also participate in this.

Shri Tomar said that everyone should consider adopting other available alternatives to chemical fertilizers, - nano urea, biofertilizer. About 2.5 lakh crore rupees is being incurred annually on fertilizer subsidy. Apart from saving this amount, healthy production can be done and individual health can be ensured. Due to awareness campaigns, the cultivation area under organic and natural farming is increasing. States should focus on

the progress of small farmers through measures like Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi launched by Prime Minister Shri Modi. Krishi Vigyan Kendra and ATMA should work together at the district level to bring about rejuvenation, besides the State Governments should draw their annual plans for the Agriculture sector and consider how they can make good use of the Central Government schemes for the interest of the farmers. Agriculture and allied Departments/Ministries and States together

make up the Team India, which should further strengthen the Agriculture sector. He said that Summer Crops are important, which also helps in increasing the income of small farmers. Shri Tomar said that the benefits of the schemes should reach the small farmers by making proper use of the Government funds. The government is also working on the Digital Agriculture Mission, in which cooperation of the States is necessary.

Agriculture Secretary Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary-DARE and Director

General-ICAR, Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary-Fertilizer Shri Arun Baroka also addressed the conference and presentations were made by Additional Secretaries and Joint Secretaries. Senior officers of Agriculture and other Central Ministries, Agriculture Production Commissioner/Principal Secretary and other senior officers of State Agriculture Departments, representatives of Central and State organizations participated in the conference. It was

informed during the conference that there is no shortage of fertilizers anywhere in the country. The number of Kisan Samridhi Kendras has now increased to 12,000. The PM-PRANAM scheme is running smoothly, which aims to reduce the usage of chemical urea. It was also informed that Seed Traceability system is being introduced by the Centre, which will ensure availability of quality seeds. Pesticide Management System will also be implemented.



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Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh proposes "PPP+PPP" model in collaborations for sustainable StarUps; Underscores the importance of taking up programs that engage the industry upward

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh has proposed "PPP+PPP" model in international collaborations for sustainable Start-Ups and sustainable science ventures.

Speaking at the meeting of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) in NITI Aayog, Dr Jitendra Singh underscored the importance of taking up programs that engage the Industry Upfront in activities like acceleration is vital, where the Industry can map the sector, tell us what are the gaps, and we work together to engage Start-Ups, a program to brand Indian innovations internationally.

The collaborating governments on both sides, elaborated the Minister, can engage their respective private sectors to achieve sustainable goals. Commercialization of the output is essential to sustain it, he said. Any successful and replicable models we arrive at can help us move forward, he added.



Another vital aspect, said Dr Jitendra Singh, is the Vernacular Innovation Program because many creative and innovative people in this country do not get a chance because of the language barrier and therefore, rising above English and Hindi, we could offer programmes in regional languages as well.

Dr Jitendra Singh also emphasized the documentation the journey of Start-Ups and innovators. Today, many scientists who set out to become entrepreneurs may succeed or fail, but we don't have a way to learn from their journey, he said.

The Minister also called for Mentorship and Partnerships with Public, Private sector, NGOs, Academia and Institutions to promote a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country.

Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated that AIM has taken a holistic approach to ensure creation of a problem-solving innovative mindset in schools and

creating an ecosystem of entrepreneurship in universities, research institutions, private and MSME sector.

Dr Jitendra Singh underlined that to promote the benefits of technology-led innovation to the unserved/underserved regions of India including Tier 2, Tier 3 cities, aspirational districts, tribal, hilly and coastal areas, AIM is setting up Atal Community Innovation Centers (ACIC) with a unique partnership driven model wherein AIM would grant up to Rs 2.5 crores to an ACIC subject to a partner proving equal or greater matching funding. He said that till date, 14 ACICs have been established by StartUps across the country which are incubating 10. The target of establishing 50+ ACICs will be achieved by March 2023.

Dr Jitendra Singh appreciated that Atal Tinkering Labs are being established in schools nationwide with 10,000 operational in

700 districts and over 7.5 million students having access to ATLS. AIM shall also be establishment of 10,000 new ATLS in Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, North-Eastern states, Aspirational Districts, Himalayan and Island territories.

Referring to the Atal New India Challenge program, Dr Jitendra Singh said, it aims to suck, select, support and nurture technology-based innovations that solve sectoral challenges of national importance and societal relevance. The vision of the Atal New India Challenge (ANIC) is two-fold to help create products from existing technologies that solve problems of national importance and societal relevance (productization) and to help new solutions find markets and early customers (commercialization) in the context of India.

Dr Jitendra Singh pointed out that to enable all the initiatives to succeed, AIM has launched one of the largest mentor engagement and management program "Mentor India - The mentors of Change". To date AIM has over 10000+ registrations nationwide on the AIM iNNONET portal with 4000+ of them allocated to ATLS and AICS.

Ganga Vilas reaches Guwahati Tourists visit Sualkuchi to witness the world famous Muga & Pat handloom industry at work

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: World's longest river cruise 'Ganga Vilas' ship reached Guwahati at 03:30 PM today, on 42nd day of the voyage. All the 28 tourists travelling on board were given a rousing reception at the IWAI Pandu port after it anchored with Saraighat bridge on the backdrop.

After disembarking, the tourists were offered tea while they relished the colourful folk dance performance by troupes of Karbi and Tiwa communities by the bank of the Brahmaputra in the milieu of a sublime evening Sun against the mystical Saraighat bridge here today. The tourists were received by Additional Chief Secretary,



Maninder Singh; Deputy Commissioner (Kamrup Metro), Pallav Gopal Jha; Regional Director, Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), A Selvakumar among others. The visiting tourists will be visiting the Kamakhya Temple along with the Assam State Museum tomorrow morning before they leave for their onward journey to

Mayong & further.

Earlier during the day, the tourists visited Sualkuchi to witness the rich and vibrant textile & handloom industry of Assam. Mesmerised by the craft, the tourists exalted at the sight of magical motifs weaved onto the Muga and Pat Silk. The weavers showcased the brilliance of Assam's handloom industry to the visiting

tourists who enjoyed the sheer genius of the artisans.

Flagged off by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the historic cruise set sail from Varanasi on January 13, 2023, and, after traversing through Indian states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal as well as Bangladesh, arriving at Dhubri in Assam on its 39 day of the voyage. Dubbed as the longest river cruise in the world, the Varanasi to Bogibeel voyage by the Ganga Vilas is scheduled to complete the journey when it anchors at Bogibeel in Dibrugarh drawing a close to this exotic experience of river cruise.

Dharmendra Pradhan launches Learning - Teaching Material for Foundational Stage as envisaged under National Education Policy 2020

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: As envisaged under National Education Policy 2020, Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched Learning - Teaching Material for Foundational Stage in presence of Minister of Education, Smt Annapurna Devi and Dr. K Kasturirangan, Chairman, National Steering Committee on National Curriculum Framework in New Delhi today.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Pradhan said that today is a historic day in making the learning landscape more vibrant. In line with the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, 'Jadui Pitara' - a play-based learning-teaching material tailored for children between the age group of 3-8 years has been launched today.

Shri Pradhan highlighted that 'Jadui Pitara' comprising of playbooks, toys, puzzles, posters, flash cards, story books, worksheets as well as reflecting the local culture, social context and languages is designed to pique curiosity and accommodate the diverse needs of learners in the foundational stage. He also informed that 'Jadui Pitara' developed under the National Curriculum Framework is available in 13 Indian languages. It is a giant leap towards enriching the learning-teaching environment and making it more



child-centric, lively and joyful for the Amrit Generation as envisioned in the NEP 2020.

The Minister urged NCERT as a national think-tank must leverage technology to translate the materials in the 'Jadui Pitara' in all Indian languages and endeavour to expand its reach as well as make it available to all SCERTs for transforming early childhood care & education scenario of our country. These resources should be made digitally available on DIKSHA platform - portal and mobile app. All Foundational Learning material should be in mother tongue, the Minister added. NCERT has developed trainers handbook mapping to panch koshiya vikash and curricular goals of NCF-FS for future training of teachers at Foundational Stage.

The National Education Policy 2020 envisages 5+3+3+4 curriculum pedagogical structure. The Department of School Education & Literacy under Ministry of Education has constituted a National Steering Committee headed by Prof. K.

Development in 5 domains: Physical Development, Socio-emotional and Ethical Development, Cognitive Development, Language and Literacy Development, Aesthetic and Cultural Development, Positive Learning Habits has been included as another domain of development at this stage.

To enable play:

A wide range of resources to be used for learning and teaching NOT only books

Toys, Puzzles, Puppets

Posters, Flash cards
Worksheets and attractive books

Local environment, context, and community
Rooted in life, local context and India

Jaadui Pitara brings all this to life:

Range of resources

Flexibility to accommodate variety and local resources

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Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education extended a hearty welcome address. Prof. Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, NCERT made a detailed presentation on the broad features of the Jaadui Pitara and its usefulness for students and teachers at Foundational Stage. Prof. Sridhar Srivastava, Joint Director, NCERT extended a vote of thanks.

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INS Sumedha Visits Abu Dhabi To Participate In IDEX And NAVDEX 23

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: Indian Naval Ship Sumedha arrived at Abu Dhabi, UAE on 20 Feb 2023 to participate in NAVDEX 23 (Naval Defence Exhibition) and IDEX 23 (International Defence Exhibition), scheduled from 20 to 24 Feb 2023. The ship's participation in two leading regional naval and defence exhibitions will showcase the strengths of India's indigenous ship building and underscore the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat'.



INS Sumedha is the third ship of the indigenously built Saryu class Naval Offshore Patrol Vessels (NOPV) and was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 07 Mar 2014. Built indigenously at Goa Shipyard Limited, she is fitted with an impressive array of weapons and sensors, can carry an integral helicopter and boasts of long

endurance. A highly potent platform that can be deployed for a variety of operational missions, she bears testimony to the capabilities of the Indian ship building industry. Her participation in a marquee event conducted by UAE also highlights the close strategic and cultural relations between India and UAE.

Defence relations between the two nations were elevated to a

'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership' during the visit of then Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and present President of UAE, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, in January 2017 as Chief Guest at the Republic Day celebrations. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, visited UAE for the fourth time in June 2022 to advance the elevate the relationship to a higher pedestal.

To enhance interoperability between the two navies, the inaugural edition of Indian Navy-UAE Navy bilateral exercise, Zayed Talwar, was conducted in March 2018, with the last edition being in August 2021. Indian Naval ships have made regular port calls at UAE to promote maritime cooperation. The Deployment of the Sumedha to Abu Dhabi is a step in the same direction.

Bhupender Yadav announces a financial assistance model through CPCB for capital subsidy for setting up of pelleting or briquetting plants for different ex-situ projects

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: Moving with an aim for a substantial reduction in the incidences of paddy stubble burning incidences during 2023 and to maximize management/ utilization of paddy stubble, the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & Adjoining Areas (CAQM) under the guidance of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and in association with Governments of Punjab and Haryana organized its workshop at Chandigarh today.

The Special Session of the workshop was chaired by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav in the presence of Chief Ministers of Punjab and Haryana, and Agriculture Minister of Haryana and Environment Ministers of Punjab. The interactive workshop focused on bringing together all strata of stakeholders viz. Governments, Institutions, NGOs, Social and Religious Groups, FPOs, Entrepreneurs, Industry representatives, etc. on a common platform to discuss upon strategies/ techniques for sustainable and efficient management and utilization of paddy stubble.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav commended the concerted and collaborative efforts of



the Commission and State Governments of Haryana and Punjab and all other stakeholders to substantially bring down the paddy farm fire counts during 2022 and urged all to work in the direction of total elimination of the unsustainable agricultural practice. Further, Shri Yadav also declared a financial assistance model through Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for capital subsidy for setting up of pelleting/ briquetting plants for different ex-situ projects.

While inviting suggestions and inputs from the audience in an open interactive session, Shri Yadav said, "The Government is committed to work for the welfare of the farmers and will continue to do so in future."

Further, Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Manohar Lal said, "Burning paddy stubble won't create employment/ income, but its effective management can. Agricultural Waste of today will be an asset of tomorrow."

In furtherance, Chief Minister of Punjab said, "Farmers should be aware of the fact that the stubble that is generated in their fields is a source

of wealth for them and not a liability."

Constructive discussions along with resourceful insights were a highlight of the interactive workshop. The 1st Technical Session of the workshop involved discussions on different thoughtful topics: Way forward for reduction of paddy straw, diversification to other crops/ varieties, promotion of DSR method, etc.; Improving efficacy of PUSA Biodecomposer; Effective In-situ management through optimal utilization of CRM machinery and IEC activities/ campaigns towards prevention of stubble burning.

2nd Technical Session mainly focused on Ex-situ utilization of paddy straw and deriving economic value for farmers and other players in the value chain. The session saw presentations on: Perspective on Ex-situ management of agricultural residue in Punjab and Haryana; Production of Bio-ethanol from paddy straw and Biomass; Manufacture of CBG from Paddy Straw; Biomass based Power Projects using Paddy Straw; Paddy Straw as fuel in Industrial Boilers; 100% Fueling of brick kilns by Biomass/ Paddy Pellets;

Manufacture of pellets/ torrefied pellets for fuel in Thermal Power Plants and brick kilns and other industrial applications; Potential of paddy straw in applications like particle board industry, packaging, etc.

Towards abatement of air pollution in the National Capital Region and adjoining areas on account of sporadic and unsustainable large scale paddy stubble burning incidents, continual efforts in this direction though have started to yield results, a lot is yet to be desired to comprehensively address this issue. Towards environmentally sustainable disposal of paddy straw and abatement of air pollution in the region.

The Commission has so far issued various directions and advisories, besides executive orders to various agencies concerned in the NCR including State Governments, GNCTD, State Government of Punjab and various bodies of the Central and State Governments in the region, laying down responsibilities and concrete steps to abate pollution and ameliorate air quality in the region.

Whether it is about vehicular pollution, industrial emissions, stubble burning, roadside dust generation, solid waste management, use of DG sets, etc. the Commission is taking up every issue with utmost concern and it has pulled out all the stops to issue necessary Directions and Advisories to tackle it effectively.

The Pioneers of Ayurveda Multi-Generational Ayurvedic Practitioners continuing the legacy of their founder Vaidyaratna Pandit Divi Gopalacharulu

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: Ayurveda is often considered to be one of the oldest healing science in the world, with age-old wisdom and knowledge, passed through countless generations. Ayurveda enables, one to understand the balance of body, mind and consciousness according to the individual constitution.

The Government of India has established the AYUSH Ministry which is reviving the ancient health systems and propagating AYUSH. During the pandemic, Kabasura Kudineer and Sasi Vilas which are immunity boosters with anti-inflammatory, antipyretic, and antibacterial properties were widely used to contain the spread of the Coronavirus.

One of the front runners of the Ayurvedic movement in Modern India was Vaidyaratna Pandit Divi Gopalacharulu, the founder of the renowned Ayurvedasramam Pvt Ltd. He was instrumental in writing and publishing innumerable Ayurvedic books in Telugu like Madhava Nidanam, Arkaprakasha, PathyaPathya and many more. He played a pivotal role in keeping Ayurveda alive during the difficult periods of the Indian Independence struggle.

During the 1930's plague breakout, he saved thousands by incorporating two key medicines- Sasi Vilas and Hemadri Panakam. For his great service rendered to society, he was bestowed the title of Vaidyaratna by British Viceroy, Lord Hardinge of Penshurst. He has been awarded other prestigious honours by the Mysore Maharaja in 1915 and in the inaugural National Ayurveda Congress in



1922. He was also conferred with the rare title of 'Bhishagamani' and 'Ayurveda Martanda' in 1907

Desikacharlu took over the reins after Vaidyaratna Pandit D Gopalacharulu. He was instrumental in taking Ayurvedasramam to International waters. He spread his medical expertise and Ayurvedic literature across the Indian Subcontinent which includes Sri Lanka, Burma, Pakistan and Afghanistan. He was followed by his son Dr Gopalacharlu, who was the longest-standing head of the organization and served the country through Ayurveda for 42 years. He was succeeded by Dr D Desikacharlu and later by Dr D Jayashree who began heading operations at SAMH in 1988.

Dr Jayashree Desikacharulu is the fifth-generation practitioner from the illustrious family of Vaidyaratna Pandit D. Gopalacharulu. She has successfully treated 50000+ patients and 200+ COVID patients in Shree Ayurvedic Multispecialty Hospital. She was honoured with the "Legendary Medical Practitioners of India Award Ayurveda" of 2015 by World Wide Media Corporation, USA. She is also instrumental in Ayurvedic Immunization (SvarnaPrashna) in Chennai for the 0-16 age group and has formulated and patented more than 45 Herbal and Ayurvedic Health Products for General

Nutrition and diseases ranging from Diabetes, Joint pain, Skin problems, Weight loss, Immunity and Cholesterol. She also introduced and established the Ayurvedic Surgery Division in Shree Hospitals along with Dr D. Srikrishna in 2016.

Dr D. Srikrishna Desikacharulu is the sixth generation scion of the SAMH family. He has treated over 5000 patients since completing his Bachelor of Ayurveda, Medicine and Surgery in 2012. He has championed a holistic approach at Shree Hospitals by including Yoga, Medical Astrology, NLP and Pranic healing. He has conducted 130 Free Medical Camps and Ayurvedic Health Awareness Programs in various corporate companies like TVS, Hindustan Motors and Infosys. His initiative, "Be your own Doctor", to create public awareness and educate the general public on health tips and self-analysis of the body constitution was a huge success in reaching Ayurveda to the general public. Under his supervision Ayurvedic ENT, Ophthalmology and Ayurvedic Cardiology departments were introduced.

Both Dr Jayashree Desikacharulu and Dr D. Srikrishna Desikacharulu have been invited as speakers by different online forums during the period of covid to share their knowledge in prevention and curative techniques, which have

helped many people in combating corona virus.

D Sriranga Desikacharulu joined the organization in 2020 and under his leadership, the manufacturing unit has been setting new benchmarks. His knowledge of digitalization has resulted in adapting new technological standards and has streamlined the modus operandi. His emphasis on following the SOPs has derived efficient results for the organization.

Over the past 200 years, the eminent ayurvedic family has produced stellar doctors and healers who have changed the face of Ayurveda and its practice. The multi-generational family has served the people and worked towards the better health of society through their continuous and sincere efforts. On the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Pandit, they have initiated the VamshaVaidhya Awards to recognize excellence in Ayurveda and Siddha and to promote highly devoted and dedicated families of Ayurveda and Siddha health care and pharmacy. The awards will highlight the legacy of these vedic medicine practitioners who for centuries, have strived to provide world-class health care and expand the Vedic healthcare ecosystem. The first of its kind and the first ever VamshaVaidhya Awards will be held on February 24, 2023, at Green Park, Vadapalani, Chennai.

INS NIREEKSHAK AWARDED ON-THE-SPOT CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF UNIT CITATION

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: The Chief of the Naval Staff Adm R Harikumar visited INS Nireekshak at Kochi on 20 Feb 23. He interacted with the diving team of the ship involved in the salvage operations at a depth of 219 meters in the Arabian Sea and commended the ship on the safe and successful conduct of the operations under most challenging circumstances. This is the deepest salvage carried out in the country's waters.



During his address to the ship's crew, the CNS complimented the dedicated effort of the ship in conducting the deep diving operations. He exhorted the undaunted spirit of the 'Men Behind the Machine'.

The CNS awarded 'on the spot' Unit

Citation to the ship, a first in Indian Navy. He also awarded commendations to the crew involved in the salvage ops.

Nireekshak had also recently completed a solemn dive off Gujarat coast to pay homage by laying wreath at 80 m depth, the resting site of

erstwhile Khukri which sank during 1971 war.

INS Nireekshak is a Dive Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel of Indian Navy. Built by Mazgaon Shipbuilders in 1985, the ship has been in service with the Navy since 1989 and was commissioned in the year 1995. INS Nireekshak has been part of various diving operations and holds the record for the deepest dive carried out in the country to a depth of 257 m.

PM condoles the passing away of former Governor, OP Kohli

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed deep grief over the passing away of former Governor, Shri OP Kohli.

In a tweet, the Prime Minister said;

"Saddened by the passing away of Shri OP Kohli Ji. He played a key role in strengthening our Party in Delhi. As MP and Governor, he focused on issues of public welfare. He was also passionate about the education sector. My thoughts are with his family. Om Shanti."



Croma partners with Intel to offer high performance laptops at best deals Grab the best deals on laptops during the Croma Intel Days

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: Croma, India's first and trusted Omni-channel electronics retailer from the Tata Group, today announced the latest offers available on high-performance Intel powered laptops on ASUS, Lenovo, HP, Acer, Dell and more in association with Intel. These laptops are designed for users who demand uncompromising performance, portability, and versatility in their computing devices. The Intel Days are live at Croma stores and Croma.com from February 15 to February 28, 2023.

Croma Intel Days is an endeavour to give customers a chance to get great discounts on some of the best laptops. There is something for everyone, from entry-level laptops to latest technology packed



laptops for students, professionals and all to get their hands on for their daily work and entertainment requirements to high-end models for gamers, creators and enthusiasts. Customers can purchase laptops from prominent brands including ASUS, Dell, and Lenovo through the Croma website with up to 45% savings.

With faster processing capability, the Intel CPUs will enable seamless streaming, gaming, and computing. These processor offers unmatched power efficiency and thermal performance thanks to its use of the most recent 14nm work

entertainment.

The following are just some of the exciting limited offers available only at Croma stores:

Asus 14 E410KA Celeron 4GB 256SSD starting at RS 22990

Lenovo 15 IPG3 GRIN 11Gi5 8GB4X 512GBSD+ starting at RS 56990

Up to 45% off on Lenovo 15 IP3 KYIN 11Gi5 8GBN 512GBSD+OF laptops

Additional savings up to RS.4000 on select Intel laptops

The association between Intel and Croma will enable customers to access the latest laptops at affordable prices. The laptops will be available at Croma stores across India and online on croma.com. Customers can choose from a range of models and specifications to suit their needs.

Ramco Systems strengthens its Leadership Team in the Oceania region

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: Global enterprise software company focusing on Next Generation Cloud Enterprise Applications, Ramco Systems announced the appointment of senior leaders to drive growth for its business in the Oceania region. To strengthen its presence in the region, Ramco recently appointed Vikas Goel as Business Head for Oceania region and Abhinav Sinha as Head of Sales & Pre-Sales, ANZ for Ramco HR & Payroll (HRP). This will be their second stint at Ramco Systems. In addition, Ramco has also appointed Daniel Adamek as Vice President of Business Development & Customer Relationship Management for its Logistics business on board the Oceania Team.

Australia is a strategic market for Ramco Systems. These key appointments of leadership team members and the decades of experience

they bring with them, will help strengthen the company's presence, drive further growth and focus on delivering excellence in the region. Australia is home to some of the world's brightest tech talent and the new team's fresh ideas will further strengthen the company's position as an international tech leader.

In his first stint at Ramco, Vikas Goel played a significant role in Ramco's growth story in Oceania region. He then moved to Persistent Systems where he was heading their ANZ Business. Vikas comes with 2 decades of strong market facing experience across IT Products & Services, and has worked with organizations like Oracle, Tech Mahindra, HCL, Capgemini and Persistent in his illustrious career. Vikas' rich experience and expertise in new business development and customer advocacy will play a pivotal role in

further cementing Ramco as a technology solutions leader creating value for its customers.

Daniel Adamek brings in 20+ years of varied experience. In his last role as the National Continuous Improvement and Business Solutions Manager at Toll Global Logistics, Daniel was responsible for managing customer requirements in a multi-facet environment across Australia. With significant experience in business development, delivery, and transformation, in his new role, Daniel will focus on driving Logistics business growth for the Oceania region. His agile technical capabilities bundled with his executive level supply chain experience will maximize new market opportunities whilst providing innovative solutions.

With over 17+ years of experience in working across global

organizations, Abhinav Sinha was instrumental in growing Ramco's HR & Payroll business and added marquee clients across the ANZ region in his first stint. In his new role, Abhinav will head the overall Sales & Pre-Sales function for Ramco HR & Payroll business unit in the Oceania region.

"At Ramco, we constantly look forward to bringing in new capabilities and perspectives to the team. We are elated to welcome back Vikas Goel and Abhinav Sinha to the Oceania Team and invite Daniel Adamek on board the Ramco family. All of them come with years of regional and domain experience and Oceania being a key growth market for us will get to witness a growth charter with each of their transformational roles," says Subbaraman Ramaswamy, Chief Customer and Revenue Officer - Global Enterprise Business, Ramco Systems.

101 couples including economically backward and differently abled will be getting married for free at the cost of around Rs.1 crore rupees to be held in April at Wedding Summit announced by Thilak, Dakshinaa and Nandiniy Vijay

Chennai, Feb 20 2023: The flag-off ceremony was held at the Radisson Blu Star Hotel, Mamallapuram, with the presence of professional wedding planners from various parts of India

GRT Hotels CEO Vikram Kota, Thilak Venkatasamy, Nandiniy Vijay and N. Dakshinaa Murthi inaugurated it by hoisting the flag.

Marriage is related to human psychology. Realizing the importance of that bond, even a small mistake in planning can lead to huge embarrassment, so professional wedding agents and planners use various innovations to



provide complete mental happiness to those who step into the new bond. WV Connect has made this arrangement to show that hard work and dedication is required in this field. The 3-day event from 3rd to 5th of April will celebrate the achievements of wedding planners. They will also be recognized

WV Connect Experiences of achievers will also be shared through the Connect during the Masterclass. This will explain the need to make all the arrangements from decorations to meet out the expectations of the wedding guests. Similarly, fashion shows of India's best

companies are also held. It is planned to feast the eyes of the audience as well as sweeten their ears with the concert.

Addressing the event, Nandiniy Vijay, director of WV Connect, said that more than 500 wedding planners across the world are expected to participate in the event to be held in April. Further, she informed that 101 couples, including the economically backward and differently abled, are going to be married at a cost of about 1 crore rupees, she said that this marriage arrangement will be so good that it will be talk of the wedding industry all over India.

A US Congressional delegation of nine Senators led by Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer calls on Prime Minister Narendra Modi



Chennai, Feb 20 2023: A US Congressional delegation of nine Senators led by Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today. The delegation included Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Jack Reed, Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Senator Mark Warner, Senator Gary Peters, Senator Catherine Cortez Masto

and Senator Peter Welch. Prime Minister welcomed the Congressional delegation to India and appreciated the consistent and bipartisan support of the US Congress for deepening India-US bilateral ties. Prime Minister referred to his recent phone call with President Joseph Biden and the shared vision of the

two leaders for further elevating India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership to address contemporary global challenges.

Prime Minister and the US delegation recognized the shared democratic values, robust bilateral cooperation, strong people-to-people ties and the vibrant Indian community in the US as

strong pillars anchoring the bilateral strategic partnership.

Prime Minister discussed with the US delegation new opportunities for consolidating the India-US ties in critical technologies, clean energy transition, joint development and production, and trusted and resilient supplies chains.

Introducing Nokia X30 5G, our most eco-friendly smart phone with low-light Imaging like none other

New Delhi, Feb 20 2023: HMD Global, the home of Nokia phones, today launches Nokia X30 5G, their most eco-friendly smartphone yet. The new planet-friendly design has a 100% recycled aluminium frame and a 65% recycled plastic back. With zero compromises on the phone's performance, Nokia X30 5G comes with premium features including our best-ever PureView photography and a 6.43" AMOLED PureDisplay designed to better fit in your hand, pocket or purse. Plus, it's protected by the ultra-tough Corning® Gorilla® Glass display.

Sanmeet Singh

Kochhar, Vice President- India & MENA, HMD Global:

"We are delighted to introduce a flagship smartphone that is eco-friendly to its core. Moreover, Nokia X30 5G is our smallest eco-footprint device to date! We continue to strive for greater sustainability with each device. After the successful launch of Nokia G60 5G in our sustainable class of devices, we are excited to introduce another Nokia smartphone with a key focus on minimising carbon footprint, along with great performance and specs. Not only does Nokia X30 5G deliver the best PureView photography with our

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