

ESIC settles 3724 maternity benefit claims amounting to Rs. 9.3 Crore during the weeklong activities dedicated to celebrate International Women's Day

Chennai, March 10 2023: In tune with this year's theme for International Women's Day, 'DigitAll: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality', Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) offices/hospitals organised a week-long series of activities which included - seminar on gender sensitization, settlements of pending bills related to insured women/maternity benefit claims, special health screening for women/health check-up camps. 3724 maternity benefit claims amounting to Rs. 9.3 Crore has been processed and settled during the weeklong series of activities dedicated to celebrate International Women's Day.

ESIC has taken initiatives for Insured Women covered under ESI Scheme recently by introducing a facility of claiming maternity benefits online for Insured Women, easing the efforts for availing the benefits by the women beneficiaries by empowering them with the help of technology. The technology enabled facilities such as Telemedicine helped women beneficiaries to avail the healthcare services from their homes.

A weeklong series of activities, aimed at encouraging women participation in all walks of life to celebrate



International Women's Day culminated with holding a seminar today at Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Headquarters, New Delhi. The seminar was chaired by Director General, ESIC, Dr. Rajendra Kumar. The event was graced by Financial Commissioner, ESIC, Ms. T. L. Yaden; CVO, ESIC, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh; Deputy Director General, Ministry of Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Smt. Anuja Bapat; and Senior Specialist and Director at NITI Aayog, Dr. Sakshi Khurana.

Taking account of this year's theme "DigitAll: Innovation & Technology for Gender Equality", Dr. Rajendra Kumar emphasized on empowering women through leveraging IT enabled technologies which would enable them to grasp the opportunities in the competitive world. He said that access to healthcare services for women could be availed from their homes through Information Technology based solutions. He said

that it is the right time to realize and provide pedestal of high importance to women of our society. He mentioned that despite ranking low in terms of women participation in the work sphere, through inclusivity and integrating technology, the vision of gender equality can be achieved quickly.

Financial Commissioner, ESIC, Ms. T. L. Yaden, lauded the efforts of ESIC for bringing the facility of claiming maternity benefits online for Insured Women, easing the efforts for availing the benefits by the women beneficiaries by empowering them with the help of technology. She reiterated the importance of technology which could enable develop an environment for empowering women in many ways by reducing the discrimination and providing a level playing field for all members of the society. CVO, ESIC, Shri Manoj Kumar Singh, acknowledged the participation and contribution of women in

all spheres of life.

Deputy Director General, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Smt. Anuja Bapat, emphasized on giving equal opportunities to women in all the spheres of life. She also urged on bringing women in the mainstream of social welfare schemes.

Senior Specialist and Director at NITI Aayog, Dr. Sakshi Khurana shared her experience of working with the women who belong to the marginalised sections of our society and how social security schemes of ESIC and EPFO are helping in mitigating the hardship of their lives.

Medical Commissioner, ESIC, Dr. Deepika Govil, spoke about the participation of women in health education and stressed on promoting equity for achieving equality in the society. Insurance Commissioner (P&A), Shri Deepak Joshi spoke about the achievements of women across the world and ways on empowering them.

During the event, the participants of the essay competition which was held during the weeklong series of activities were felicitated in the form of cash prizes and certificates by the dignitaries. The function was attended by all the principal officers and staff of ESIC Headquarters.

BITS PILANI LAUNCHES A NEW-AGE 'BITS LAW SCHOOL' IN MUMBAI

Chennai, March 10 2023: BITS Pilani, one of the first universities to be awarded the status of 'Institution of Eminence' by the Government of India today announced a foray into legal education with BITS Law School in Greater Mumbai. The New Age BITS Law School has reimagined all aspects of legal education, including a flexible and interdisciplinary curriculum, emphasis on empathy and creativity in learning, focus on legal writing and scholarly research, with strong digital underpinning across the programmes, and enabling access through generous scholarships.

BITS Law School will offer two hugely popular five-year integrated degree programmes, B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.). The first academic year will commence from 1st August 2023 with admissions starting in March 2023.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chancellor of BITS Pilani said, "India's emergence as an equitable, diverse, and inclusive knowledge economy will be championed by our

universities and specialised centres of learning. BITS Pilani, as an institution of eminence, is uniquely positioned to take the lead in building a new generation of creative, multidisciplinary, and future-ready leaders. With a bold new vision and mission, BITS Law School seeks to reimagine legal education to address contemporary and emerging problems of local and global significance. Taking inspiration from the National Education Policy (NEP) and the soaring aspirations of young Indians, BITS Law School will be a melting pot of ideas. Our globally benchmarked pedagogy, innovative curriculum, and stellar faculty will create an unparalleled experience for aspiring legal professionals."

BITS Law School will seek intellectual guidance from luminaries of the legal fraternity, higher education, business, and policymaking. Some of the esteemed members of the Advisory Council include Hon. Mr. Justice U.U. Lalit (eminent jurist and former Chief Justice of India), Hon. Mr. Justice B.N. Srikrishna (eminent jurist and a retired judge of the Supreme Court of

India), Ms. Pallavi Shroff (Managing Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.), and Mr. Haigreave Khaitan (Managing Partner, Khaitan & Co.). Professor (Dr.) Ashish Bharadwaj joins as the founding Dean of the BITS Law School.

Founding Dean, Professor (Dr.) Ashish Bharadwaj said, "BITS Law School will embrace learners and faculty who have a penchant for learning the law, who want to push the boundaries of academic research, and who share our belief in bending the arc of the moral universe towards timely justice. Our progressive, interdisciplinary, and technology-led approach will help students know the law, practice law, live with law, and empower through law. We aspire to become an inspirational benchmark by firmly basing ourselves on the core values of those who built India and the core beliefs of those who will lead India."

The law students will also gain access to and benefit from the 1,70,000+ BITS Pilani Alumni Network spanning across 55 Countries, which is one

of the strongest and most illustrious networks of industry leaders, founders, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders. A dedicated office will facilitate students' preparedness, exposure, and access to leading law firms, business corporations, banks, NGOs, and research organizations.

A state-of-the-art, fully residential campus of BITS Law School is being developed by Architect Hafeez Contractor over 63 acres in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. While the permanent and zero-carbon footprint campus will be operational in 2024, BITS Law School has commenced operations and will begin its first academic year from August 2023 out of a state-of-the-art interim campus in the Hiranandani Gardens in Powai, Mumbai.

Generous scholarships will be offered for meritorious students to enable access and preserve diversity. Among the specialisations offered are Technology & Media Law; Entertainment & Sports Law; Corporate & Financial Law; and Alternate Dispute Resolution & Mediation.

Stage-I of GRAP revoked as overall AQI of Delhi improves significantly

Chennai, March 10 2023: Delhi's average Air Quality Index (AQI) clocked 119 at 4pm today, as per the AQI Bulletin provided by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). In view of the significant improvement in the overall AQI of Delhi and also considering the meteorological/ weather forecasts by IITM/IMD, the Sub-Committee for invoking actions under Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & Adjoining Areas (CAQM) met today to review the current air quality scenario. While comprehensively reviewing the overall air quality parameters of Delhi-NCR and other aspects, the Sub-Committee noted that forecasts by IMD/ IITM do not indicate any unusual deterioration of air quality in the region with the overall AQI of Delhi to likely remain in 'Moderate' category in the coming days. Therefore, it was considered by the Sub-Committee to revoke the

orders under Stage-I of GRAP with immediate effect in the entire NCR.

The overall AQI of Delhi has significantly improved from the level of 213 (lower-end of 'Poor' category) observed on 08.03.2023 to 119 ('Moderate' category) recorded today and has generally remained in the 'Moderate' category so far during March, 2023 except on 02.03.2023 and 08.03.2023.

Based on earlier decisions of the Sub-Committee for invoking actions under GRAP, different stages of GRAP have been invoked and further revoked from time to time based on the air quality scenario along with weather/ meteorological forecasts provided by IITM/IMD. Preventive/ restrictive actions under Stage-I of GRAP have been in force since October 5, 2022.

Now, as the weather/ meteorological forecasts by IMD/ IITM indicating continuous improvement in overall

air quality of Delhi in the coming days with highly favourable conditions for dispersion of pollutants because of good wind velocity and high ventilation index, the Sub-Committee, accordingly has decided to revoke the order, issued vide dated 05th October, 2022 for implementation of actions under Stage-I of GRAP in the entire NCR.

All the agencies concerned of the State Governments/ GNCTD in the NCR, in an effort to sustain the better AQI levels as being experienced currently and that the air quality does not slip to the "Poor" category, however need to ensure that all statutory directions, advisories, orders etc. issued by the Commission are followed strictly and implemented in letter and spirit, including the rules / regulations / guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) and CPCB

and related instructions/ guidelines issued by the respective State Governments/ GNCTD and Pollution Control Boards/ DPCC, for the following major contributing sectors:

Dust mitigation measures from construction and demolition activities

Control of dust / air pollution from roads, pathways / right of way and open areas

Emissions from industrial operations

Emissions from vehicular segment

Open biomass burning

Miscellaneous dispersed sources and household pollution

In this context, all the agencies concerned are also required to take note of various actions and targeted timelines as envisaged in the comprehensive policy issued by the Commission to curb air pollution in the NCR and take appropriate actions accordingly in the field.

India under PM Narendra Modi has transformed from being IT/ITES Hub to one designing & manufacturing next Gen products and devices: MoS Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Chennai, March 10 2023: Union Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Electronics & IT Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar today said that post-Covid as electronics global value chains are being re-shaped, India is becoming more and more relevant not just in terms of designing but also for manufacturing cutting edge technology and next generation products and devices. He was addressing the Deep Tech Summit - Transformation Through Indigenous Innovation, organized by MeitY-NASSCOM Centre of Excellence (CoE) - IoT & AI in Bengaluru today.

He said, "Upto 2014, the IT/ITes sector mostly represented India's digital economy. After Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi government took over, the opportunities in the digital economy space have rapidly expanded and cover areas such as internet consumer tech, AI, data plus economy,

electronics, space, automobiles, space. Segments of the economy that were slightly digitised are now racing forward with each building a future on intersection of digitisation and Deep Tech." Under PM Narendra Modi ji's government, Deep Tech, Electronics and Semiconductor sectors and designing and manufacturing of next gen products and devices are going to be significant focus areas for our digital economy, startups and young Indians," he added.

Highlighting the skilling efforts of the Government and the allocation of Rs 8,000 crore for it in the Union Budget, the Minister said, "The talent inputs that are required to be an enabler for the expansion of the digital economy have been put in place. In Karnataka alone, 18-20 lakh youth will be skilled for both blue-collar as well high tech, industry relevant and future ready jobs over the next three

years."

The Minister also added that the Indian digital economy is no longer limited to certain centres of innovation. He said, "Innovation and talent are longer restricted to developed centres like Gurugram or Bengaluru but come from new and smaller cities." Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar also spoke about the new arenas that Karnataka can become a technology hub and referred to the 300-acre plant being put up by one of the Apple Inc suppliers, Foxconn, just outside Bengaluru in that context. He mentioned that it shall open new opportunities for the youth and catalyse the electronics manufacturing and Deep Tech ecosystem.

Prior to the Minister's address, several startups showcased innovations especially in healthcare and spoke highly of the cooperation they were getting from the governments both at the Centre and in Karnataka.

Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar appreciated the efforts of MeitY NASSCOM Centre of Excellence in IoT/AI in Bengaluru for playing a critical role in Catalysing Deep Tech ecosystem in Bengaluru and Karnataka.

The other attendees included Ms Kalavati, SVP, Head of Software-as-a-Service solutions & Software Center of Excellence and Shri Jitendra Chaddah, VP, India Country Head for Global Foundries who termed India's semiconductor policy as "the best policy rolled out by respective nations," and asked Deep Tech Startups to "Stay there - there are going to be lot of opportunities."

Recently, the Ministry of Electronics and IT had signed a pact with Siemens Healthineers to develop new, improved and innovative technologies for advancing healthcare and diagnostic access in India.

ITC's Sunfeast Supermilk felicitates young achievers with SUPERKIDS Award 2023

Chennai, March 10 2023: Tamil Nadu has always been a melting pot of diverse talent. Several eminent personalities from the state gained global recognition with their extraordinary talent and willpower. Celebrating this strength in talent, ITC Sunfeast Supermilk 'SUPERKIDS Award 2023', is an endeavor to celebrate, encourage and support exceptional young achievers from across the state.

The first edition of ITC Sunfeast Supermilk 'SUPERKIDS Award 2023' was held at a glittering event at ITC Grand Chola. Mrs. Sneha Prasanna, the Brand Endorser, and Mr. Ali Harris Shere, Chief Operating Officer, Biscuits & Cakes Cluster, Foods Division, ITC Ltd., presented the trophies to the prodigies for their exceptional achievements in the respective fields.

The 'SUPERKIDS 2023' recognized prodigies from various fields who have made both the state & the country proud with their accomplishments. Gukesh D, best known as one of the youngest grandmasters in history, earned the Grand master title at the age of 12. In March last year, Gukesh became only the sixth Indian to break the 2700 Elo-rating mark, and the youngest Grandmaster from the country to do so. He recently defeated World Champion Magnus Carlsen. Lydian



Nadhaswaram, a stellar musician who can play more than 20 instruments, represented India amongst 185 countries around the globe & won the CBS' The World's Best talent competition.

Vinisha Umashankar, an artist, a TEDx speaker, an innovator, and an environmentalist, is well-known for her innovation, the Solar Ironing Cart. She spoke at the UN Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow. Prasiddhi Singh, a social entrepreneur and environmental activist, is the founder of the Prasiddhi Forest Foundation. At a tender age of 10, she is a Prime Minister National Child Awardee. Dr. Prisha K, youngest yoga teacher known for her inspirational work in teaching yoga to visually impaired individuals, holds many 'world's first' titles including youngest yoga teacher for blind certified by NCPDR central government, youngest most world record holder with 70 world records, youngest most honorary doctorate

holder from USA and India, youngest author on yoga therapy, etc.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Ali Harris Shere, Chief Operating Officer, Biscuits & Cakes Cluster, Foods Division, ITC Ltd. said, "It is important for children to be exposed to various fields while growing up and then basis their affinity, be encouraged to follow their pursuits. We believe that a strong foundation helps children learn, grow and excel. With this first edition of ITC Sunfeast Supermilk 'SUPERKIDS Award', we embark on a journey to partner with children in their pursuit of excellence. The endeavor is to encourage children to dream big and pursue it with passion. Sunfeast Supermilk firmly believes in nurturing their potential. We hope our initiative also inspires other children to hone their skills and pursue their dreams."

Speaking on the occasion, versatile actor and Brand Endorser, Sneha said, "It gives me immense pleasure to be associated with ITC and

Sunfeast. I strongly believe that it is very important to nurture and believe in one's strengths. Accomplishments big or small need to be recognised and celebrated. ITC Sunfeast Supermilk's 'SUPERKIDS Award' is a brilliant platform to recognise achievers for their talent and effort. It also serves as a platform to inspire and encourage many young talents to explore and hone their skills."

During the event, the prodigies were given a platform to share their journey of achievement. They spoke about the challenges they faced and what it took to pursue their dreams with dedication and passion. The awardees highlighted the importance of hard work, perseverance and a growth mindset in achieving success. The Superkids also emphasized on the constant support they received from their parents, highlighting the strength of upbringing that built their confidence and gave them a strong foundation.

The SUPERKIDS trophy awarded to the child prodigies is a symbol of recognition of their exceptional talent and dedication. Sunfeast Supermilk hopes to inspire more young achievers to pursue their dreams and achieve greatness.

Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) signed between India and Australia

Chennai, March 10 2023: Honourable PM of Australia, Mr. Anthony Albanese said that Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) signed between India and Australia is a transformative agreement which will unlock the next level of potential in trade and investment. He was addressing the India-Australia CEO forum held in Mumbai today.

The Honourable Prime Minister expressed sincere appreciation for the large turnout of Australian investors that came to India as well for the key Indian business houses that participated. He remarked that this is one of the most serious and high-profile delegations to visit India from Australian shores. He was very optimistic about the complementarities between both the nations

and concluded by saying that this juncture is a turning point in accelerating economic co-operation and mutual benefits in the relationship between Australia and India.

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Shri Piyush Goyal also participated in the CEO Forum along with Senator the Hon. Don Farrell, Hon'ble Minister for Trade and Tourism, Government of Australia. Shri Goyal noted that the current goal of doubling the bilateral trade must be reset by the industries and CEOs present there as there was great potential to increase trade manifold between the two nations. He reiterated the growth potential of the bilateral trade and investments between India and Australia today.

Senator the Hon Don Farrell, Hon'ble Minister for Trade and Tourism pointed out that USD 2.5 Billion worth trade benefitted from the lower tariffs arising from ECTA agreement in Jan 2023 alone and reassured that this growth will continue to further rise. He urged the industry to think much bigger to satiate the demands of the growing relationship.

Both ministers welcomed the convening of the India-Australia CEO Forum and encouraged businesses on both sides to explore emerging economic and investment opportunities.

Both Ministers expressed satisfaction at the progress of bilateral engagements and affirmed their commitment to further deepen and strengthen the Comprehensive

Strategic Partnership for mutual benefit.

India and Australia have a long-standing relationship, characterized by shared values of democracy, multiculturalism, economic opportunities and most importantly vibrant diaspora with strong people to people links. Both countries value free and open societies, respect for human rights, and the rule of law.

In the fiscal year (2022), India is Australia's 9th largest trading partner. Major exports to Australia include petroleum products, textiles and apparels, engineering goods, leather, pearls, mechanical appliances, iron and steel and gems and jewellery. Major imports include edibles, dyeing extracts, chemicals, wool, minerals & precious stones.

Silversky Builders celebrated Holi with fun filled entertainment along with Pratik Jain, Nishank Sakariya, Philip Zachariah at Puzhal

Chennai, March 10 2023: Rang Rasiyaa are the organisers of Holi such a wonderful event and making it a huge success on a bright and sunny day.

Holi is a festival which brings people together it adds color to life and that is what we want at Silversky we want to bring families together we want to bring people together you know already about 500 families that are living harmoniously and it is going to become a family of 1000 which more than 4000 people.



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CONDUCT ONE DAY TRADITIONAL GARBA AND DANDIYA EVENT EVERY YEAR. THIS YEAR HOLI WAS CELEBRATED IN ASSOCIATION WITH RANGEELA EVENTS @ LAKESIDE 3

(P U Z H A L - AMBATTUR ROAD, CHENNAI).

The entire event was solely sponsored by silversky builders Pratik Jain, (Director) Nishank Sakariya, (Director) Philip Zachariah, (CEO) with complimentary passes for all, fun filled entertainment including thandai, paan, organic colours, rain dance & unlimited snacks. Dr. Alfred jose (life coach), actor vj prathosh, actress archana singh, were all guests of honour at the event.

University of Melbourne launches Bachelor of Science Dual Degree with major Indian universities, facilitating a fast-tracked masters degree

Chennai, March 10 2023: The University of Melbourne will offer Indian students the opportunity to complete a new Bachelor of Science Dual Degree, thanks to enhanced partnerships with the University of Madras, Savitribai Phule Pune University, and Gandhi Institute of Technology (Hyderabad).

Indian students who enrol in the new dual degree will be able to complete their degree at home and abroad, spending the first two years studying in India, followed by two years on campus in Melbourne.

Once they successfully complete their studies, Indian students will be awarded a Bachelor of Science from the University of Melbourne, and they have the option for their local institution to award the degree.

In addition, Indian students can study up to six masters subjects in their final year so they can fast-track a masters degree from a suite of disciplines including science, engineering, public health and data science.

University of Melbourne Vice Chancellor Duncan Maskell announced the dual degree in Mumbai while travelling with the Prime Minister of Australia's Trade Delegation to India.

Professor Maskell said the new dual degree is the logical next step of the Bachelor of Science (Blended), which was co-designed and quality assured by the University of Melbourne, and is now offered by seven institutions across the country.

"The University of

Melbourne is delighted to continue expanding our programs to give more Indian students direct pathways to complete their studies," Professor Maskell said.

"With demand for our existing programs continuing to grow, we're pleased to be working together with prestigious local universities to be part of the internationalisation of education in India and at home in Australia."

The University of Madras, SPPU and GITAM, are the first partners in the Bachelor of Science Dual Degree, with discussions underway with more institutions looking to offer the dual degree from 2024.

Professor Maskell was joined by Professor Dayananda Siddavattam, Vice-Chancellor of Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management (GITAM), Professor Dr S. Gowri, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras, and Professor Dr Karbhari Vishwanath Kale, Vice-Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU).

Quote from Professor Dr S. Gowri, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras:

"We are proud of our long-standing partnership with the University of Melbourne, and we're excited to facilitate another international learning opportunity for our students. The level of interest in our existing Bachelor of Science (Blended) program demonstrates that our students are enjoying the options and opportunities that internationalised education creates."

Quote from

Professor Dr Karbhari Vishwanath Kale, Vice-Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University:

"The Bachelor of Science Dual Degree is aligned to India's National Educational Policy, which encourages exchange and interaction with esteemed international institutions such as the University of Melbourne. Our students develop the foundation needed to pursue international opportunities and graduate with a qualification that will enable them to design their own destiny. They can pursue further graduate studies to earn a fast-tracked masters, as well as graduate employment in Australia under expanded visa schemes, or return to India or elsewhere with an advanced degree aligned to those offered by leading institutions in North America and Europe. It's also helpful for Faculties and researchers exchange for technology transfer."

Quote from Professor Dayananda Siddavattam, Vice-Chancellor of Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management:

"In partnership with the University of Melbourne, the Bachelor of Science Joint Degree will educate and empower our next generation of scientists and leaders in STEM. These students will have access to the best opportunities available at home in India at Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management, and then expand their horizons and graduate study options by studying internationally at the University of Melbourne."

The Bachelor of

Science (Blended)

The Bachelor of Science (Blended) is a three-year degree in which higher education institutions in India deliver an innovative science curriculum that is co-designed and quality assured by the University of Melbourne.

The Bachelor of Science (Blended) was launched in 2016, and is now offered by seven institutions across India:

- o SPPU Savitribai Phule Pune University – since 2018

- o Modern College Ganeshkhind (affiliated to SPPU) – since 2019

- o Modern College Shivajinagar (affiliated to SPPU) – since 2016

- o PVKN Govt College Chittoor (affiliated to SV University) – since 2021

- o GITAM University in Hyderabad – since 2019

- o Bharathiar University – to commence

- o University of Madras in Chennai – since 2022

As of February 2023, the Bachelor of Science (Blended) has recorded 382 enrolments, with numbers growing steadily since 2016.

97 students have graduated, with five continuing further to graduate studies at the University of Melbourne:

- o Three in the Master of Science (BioSciences), with two now completing a PhD

- o One in the Master of Biotechnology

- o One in the Master of Management (Finance).

#SheLeadsthechange: An all-women's team making extraordinary efforts to give entire India sustainability lessons

New Delhi, March 10 2023: International Women's Day is a time when women from various spheres are celebrated for their contributions. However, it's important to recognize the unsung heroes who often go unnoticed. Among them are the women conservancy and waste management workers who work tirelessly every day to keep our cities clean. This International Women's Day, Re Sustainability Limited (ReSL) is raising the bar by celebrating and highlighting the story of an all-women conservancy team in the Manali zone of Chennai through a special campaign: #SheLeadsthechange.

This all-women conservancy and waste management team in Manali, Chennai is comprised of 400 women who serve as sanitation workers, waste collectors, supervisors, waste collection vehicle drivers, composting team members, and managers at various levels. This team serves 27,000 households in their Zone every day. While it's common to see women waste collectors, at times even in uniforms, it's rare to see an entire Municipal Zone, where women are in charge, across all levels and functions. What's even more impressive is that the Manali all-women team utilizes the most advanced technology to manage municipal solid waste. Thus, on any given day in Manali, one



can witness women operating technically advanced vehicles and scientifically collecting segregated waste.

By recognizing and celebrating the efforts of this all-women team, Re Sustainability Limited (ReSL) hopes to raise awareness about the crucial role that women play in keeping our cities clean and also inspire others to follow their lead.

Re Sustainability, through #SheLeadsthechange campaign, celebrates two key achievements of the Manali all-women team:

Within a year of their formation,

a) This team has made Manali zone, one of the best-performing Municipal Zones in the country and the fastest to achieve a consistent 90% - 96% waste segregation at source.

b) Furthermore, the team has also achieved substantial compliance to an ambitious "Zero Waste" goal, with only 1.5MT of inert waste being diverted to landfills from this Municipal Zone on any given day.

#SheLeadsthechange campaign also brings to light the extraordinary everyday efforts put forth by this team to create public awareness about waste segregation and responsible waste

disposal through its IEC programs. The Manali all-women team has developed a bespoke Information Education Communication (IEC) public education model, that they are delivering door to door to educate families on the importance of source segregation of waste. From awareness meetings in parks to street plays, various modes of community involvement and engagement have been employed in order to make their Zone a near "zero waste" region.

A local resident of Manali shares her views, "Waste segregation is now a part of our lifestyle. We cannot go back to the old days of non-segregation."

The efforts of the all-women team in Manali demonstrate that women can initiate positive behavioral change in waste disposal habits. These changes often begin with small, incremental steps that gradually build momentum and create a culture of change. This self-sustaining effort by the Manali women's team is an inspiring example of how women can make a tremendous difference at the grassroot level towards the Swachh Bharat Mission and towards the "zero waste" city model of India.

The achievement of the Manali all-women's team is a valuable lesson in sustainability for the entire country. It is a remarkable example of how women can bring about meaningful change towards the mission of a cleaner and greener India. The success of the Manali model raises the question - is your city ready to adopt the all-women conservancy model and become a trailblazer for sustainability and gender equity?

Mr. Masood Mallick, CEO, Re Sustainability, summarizes, "As we celebrate International Women's Day, it is essential to acknowledge the vital role that women play in creating sustainable communities. The all-women team in Manali is setting an example by empowering their communities to take ownership of the waste generated and making a significant contribution to the sustainable development of Chennai. Their efforts are proof that women can be powerful agents of change in building sustainable communities. At Re Sustainability Limited, we remain committed to seeking support from women and strengthening our capacity to play an active role in shaping the zero-waste cities of India. We believe that women's leadership and participation are crucial for achieving our sustainability goals and building a greener, cleaner future for generations to come."

Digital Payment Systems Discussed at Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion Meeting in Hyderabad

Chennai, March 10 2023: The 2nd meeting of the Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI) under the G20 India Presidency began in Hyderabad on March 6. The meeting deliberated on the role of stakeholders in harnessing innovations in digital payment systems and designing payment DPIS for inclusive growth. There was also discussion on leveraging digital public infrastructure for financial inclusion and productivity gains. This meeting of GPFI will continue till March 7.

During the panel discussion, Dr. Ruth Goodwin Groen, MD, Better Than Cash



Alliance, made a presentation on the development of innovative payment systems. This was followed by a panel discussion on "Symposium on Digital Payments and Remittances". Key deliverables for the year, including digital financial inclusion, SME finance and development of the Financial Inclusion

Action Plan 2023, will be discussed during the two-day GPFI meeting. This action plan will guide the financial inclusion action for 2024. Representatives from various countries including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Jordan, Malawi, Maldives, Nepal, Oman, Philippines, Poland, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Thailand,

Vietnam are participating in the meeting. The GPFI Working Group of the G20 Finance Track is designed to be a comprehensive platform for all G20 countries, non-G20 countries and relevant stakeholders to improve financial inclusion around the world.

The meeting was preceded by the inaugural session of the event titled 'India and the Global South: A Vision for a Shared Future' in Hyderabad. The first GPFI meeting was held in Kolkata from January 9-11, where the members discussed and agreed on the work program and priorities for the year.

Fullerton India reports Rs 551 crore profit in third quarter of FY23 Total loan disbursement up by 41%

Mumbai, March 10 2023: Fullerton India Credit Company Limited (Fullerton India), one of the leading NBFCs in the country, reported a profit of Rs 551 crores for the third quarter of FY23. Total Disbursements stood at Rs 19,500 crores, a jump of 41% companies to the corresponding quarter last year.

The growth story has been inked under the leadership of Mr Shantanu Mitra, who returned from his retirement to take over the reins of the firm at the start of FY22. Post his rejoining, much of the erstwhile senior leadership team was brought back that has played a pivotal role in making the company profitable.

Speaking on the overall performance, Mr. Shantanu Mitra, CEO & MD, Fullerton India and Chairman & Non-

Executive Director, Fullerton India Home Finance Company (Grihashakti) said, 'Our performance of FY22 and in three quarters of FY23 echoes our deep commitment to our customers and our ability to focus on one Fullerton P&L. From a loss of over Rs. 1,600 Crs in FY21, we have turned the company around, achieving a profit of Rs. 107 Crs in FY22. Our disbursements of Rs. 5,207 Crs in FY21 grew 2.7 times to Rs. 14,025 Crs in FY22. Our Asset Under Management (AUM) grew from Rs. 25,049 Cr in FY21 to Rs. 25,398 Crs in FY22. Our business growth and profitability has accelerated significantly in three quarters of FY23. Our profit for this period is Rs.551 Crs, a significant 5.2 times of our profits in FY22. We have already touched Rs. 19,757 Crs of disbursements, 41% higher

than our disbursements in entire FY22 and are well poised to cross Rs. 29,000 Crs for FY23. Our AUM at the end of 3 quarters in FY23 is Rs. 34,140 Crs, 34% higher than FY22 AUM. Our performance in FY22 and in three quarters of FY23 has been a true reflection of the very spirit with which we have served our customers. We have focused on catering to the underserved customers in the rural heartlands and in the semi-urban markets through our wide distribution network, a diversified product offering, leveraging our enhanced digital ecosystem.'

Mr. Deepak Patkar, CEO & MD, Fullerton India Home Finance Company (Grihashakti) said, 'Our home finance business too augmented in FY22, with disbursements of Rs. 1,287 crores, a 130% growth over

Rs.558 crores of disbursements in FY21. Our AUM grew from Rs. 4,191 Crs in FY21 to Rs. 4,456 Crs in FY22. Strategic moves like shifting to own sourcing, enhancing our footprint across key markets like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Punjab, focusing on affordable home loans; have transformed Grihashakti and has set this business on a paced growth trajectory. We have achieved tremendous growth in the three quarters of FY23. We have already crossed Rs. 2,274 Crs of disbursement, 77% higher than the total disbursements in FY22. Grihashakti AUM at the end of three quarters of FY23 is Rs. 6,164 Crs, 38% higher than the FY22 AUM. The growth in our disbursements is a testimony to our focus on affordable housing finance for our customers.'

Zuper Delivers Strong Growth In 2022 As Service Businesses Accelerate Adoption Of Automated Digital Solutions

Chennai, March 10 2023: Zuper, a leading solutions provider to scale and modernize fast-growing businesses with field teams, announced key 2022 growth milestones. The company grew its global customer base by more than 50% and recorded a 3x growth in revenue. As businesses with field service teams accelerate their efforts to modernize operations and provide superior customer experiences, Zuper's value proposition has grown exponentially.

Zuper offers the most powerful field service management solution available

today with flexible and customizable workflows, robust reporting and analytics, and a commitment to white-glove service and support. Companies spanning industries, including manufacturing, facility maintenance, solar and renewable energy, and residential services industries have modernized and scaled their businesses with Zuper.

The 2022 Zuper Growth Highlights Include:

Company Growth and Milestones
? 3x overall company revenue growth?
? 3x YoY growth in global

customers? 3x YoY active users growth?
? 4x YoY growth in the number of integrations?
? 3x YoY growth in team size - Scaled to 110 employees

Customer Traction
? \$40 million in payments processed
? 12 million jobs created
? 100,000+ assets tracked, maintained, and managed

Key customers include: TRIM, ProVigil, IKEA, Origem, JanPro, Karcher, Airmatics, Sail Internet, Vodafone, and City of Saint Paul

Revenue and Funding

? \$24+ million in funding from FUSE, Sequoia, Prime Venture Partners, Kin Ventures, and HubSpot Ventures

New Product Innovations

? Enhanced Route Optimization
? Customizable Email Templates and Automations
? Intelligent SMS capabilities
? Enhanced Dispatch Board
? Unified Payments View

New Product Integrations

? HubSpot
? Zendesk
? Zoho
? Wisetack Field Nation.

RINL celebrates International Women's Day Women employees are the pride of RINL: Shri Atul Bhatt, CMD, RINL

Chennai, March 10 2023: International Women's Day was celebrated in a grand and befitting manner on 9th March at RINL under the theme DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality.

Smt. KGV Saritha, Superintendent of Police, (women protection cell) CID, Govt. of AP, graced the occasion. She shared her experiences and motivated all women employees. Smt. KGV Saritha said that crisis management, multitasking and collaborative effort are the inherent properties of a woman. She appreciated the efforts of RINL women employees and though they are small in number but are posted in



critical zones and play a major role in the progress of the company.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Atul Bhatt, CMD, RINL expressed hope that International Women's Day (IWD) 2023 will explore the impact of the digital gender gap on widening economic and social inequalities. "Let us all reaffirm our commitment on this International

Women's Day to gender equality and move forward with courage and determination.", added Shri Bhatt.

Shri Bhatt congratulated all the women achievers and prize winners. 19 women achievers who brought laurels to company at national and international level were felicitated on the occasion of international women's

day. Shri Atul Bhatt, along with Directors, CVO, Smt. KGV Saritha, (S.P.) and executive committee members of WIPS-RINL released the Annual magazine DISHA depicting the achievements of RINL women employees on the occasion.

Various competitions including essay, poster painting, rangoli, quiz, sports etc. were organised by WIPS for women employees.

Senior officers of RINL, Smt. Nupur Bhatt, President, Visteel Mahila Samithi, representatives of trade unions, VMS, OBC, Steel executive' association, SC/ST associations also attended the event.