

Chellammal Women's college, graduation day was innagrated by Dr.S.Thirumagan principle, Hindustan College and formar CoE, University of Madras Professor E.Murugan syndicate member and Reserach Dean, University of Madras



Chennai, April 07 2023: Chellammal Women's College was established in 1971 under Pachaiyappa's Trust Board. Mrs. Chellammal's fund has been used as source for more than 4500 students studying in Shift-I and Shift- II with annual multi-courses and research activities. This college situated in the core of Chennai, has been functioning for educational for the past 50 years.

Chellammal Women's College, Guindy, Chennai-32,

under Pachaiyappa's Trust board, held its graduation ceremony on 01.04.2023 and 03.04.2023 on two days. The first day of the inauguration ceremony was attended by Dr. Thirumagan, former Controller of examination and Senate Member of University of Madras and present principal of Hindustan college of Arts and Science.

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(Zoology and Bioethics) Rubika, got first, Priyadarshini, second and Sivayogam third. In UG Tamil, Nandini got fourth place, Apitha got fifth place in University of Madras ranking list. Under PG Tamil Velankanni Amrita got third place and Mumtaj Bhanu got fifth place in university ranking list. Along with them, 848 students graduated.

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Science (Zoology and Biotechnology), Keerthika, got first, Maari Selvi got second and Manimegalai got third. Thamizh, a student of Tamil (UG) got the first rank in University of Madras also Suji Lavanya secured the tenth place in the university ranking. Under PG Tamil, Anitha got the eighth place in university ranking. Along with them, more than 1000 female students received their degrees.

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emission reduction and net zero.

These reforms are a continuation of the various initiatives taken by Government of India to protect the interests of consumers by reducing the impact of increase in international gas prices on gas prices in India by significantly increasing the domestic gas allocation to City Gas Distribution sector.

The reforms will lead to significant decrease in prices of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) for households and Compressed Natural Gas

A mega two-day Pashu Pardarshani & Krishi Mela begins in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh

Chennai, April 07 2023: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India and ICAR – Central Institute for Research on Cattle, Meerut have observed the Pashu Pardarshani & Krishi Mela (Animal Exhibition and Agriculture Fair) which was inaugurated by lighting the lamp today on 06th April 2023 by chief guest Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, Government of India in the presence of special guest Hon'ble Shri. Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Hon'ble Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India,

The main objective of Pashu Pardarshani & Krishi Mela is to promote and exhibit the agricultural, animal husbandry, fisheries practices. The exhibition serves as a platform for participation by many exhibitors from 15 organizations for supporting fisheries including others and highlighted the latest technologies i.e RAS Biofloc, fish food, fish seed, other information on fisheries schemes etc., tools, and techniques used in fishing, farming, livestock rearing, and animal health management. The exhibition was organized to create awareness among fishermen, farmers, breeders, and other stakeholders about new and innovative approaches to farming, fisheries and animal husbandry, to educate the general public about the importance of fisheries, agriculture and animal husbandry in the country's economy and its overall development.

Program of Pashu Pardarshani & Krishi Mela was organized on 06th April 2023 at Numaish Ground, Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh and shall end on 07th April 2023. Not only the farmers from Muzaffarnagar but farmers from nearby districts and from other states have registered successfully and participated in the program. Pashu Pardarshani & Krishi Mela is a program reflecting the far-reaching policy and



strategy of the government leading to the direct interaction with fishermen, farmers, breeders, and other stakeholders to educate among themselves about the importance of these critical sectors, supporting and informing the latest trends, technologies, and innovations in the field.

A welcome speech was given by Hon'ble Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, at the beginning of an events towards the guest and farmers for making an effort to attend the event.

Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, Hon'ble Shri. Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, and other dignitaries were welcomed by the department of fisheries, animal husbandry & dairying officials along with farmers and other stakeholders at Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh.

Animals like cow, buffalo, horse, goat, sheep have participated exhibit their catwalk during the fair and took part in many other competitions during the program. Apart from Uttar Pradesh, animals from other states including Haryana, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Rajasthan, Delhi have also participated in this competition, more than 150 stall were setup consisting of the exhibition of agricultural, fisheries and dairy machineries. Agriculture and dairy entrepreneurship development, ICAR, Agriculture/Veterinary Universities, Agriculture science centers have also participated in the program. Demonstration of technologies developed by start-ups and agro-industry agencies, demonstration of animals belonging to important livestock species like cattle, buffalo, sheep, goat etc.

have been shown during the exhibition. Farmer scientific dialogue, technical sessions and seminars were also organized.

The following Dignitaries were present on the occasion i) Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping, ii) Hon'ble Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, iii) Hon'ble Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, iv) Hon'ble Shri Dharampal Singh, Minister of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of Uttar Pradesh, v) Hon'ble Shri Kapil Dev Agarwal, Minister of Vocational Education & Skill Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh, vi) Hon'ble Shri Jai Parkash Dalal, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Fisheries and Law & Legislative, Government of Haryana, vii) MLA's, Ex MLA's, viii) Leaders of Kshetra Panchayat, district leaders and other officials.

Further, Hon'ble Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying praised that the exhibition was truly remarkable and exhibited the best of the innovative ideas and techniques to support our fish farmers, fishermen and their communities. He also mentioned that this exhibition was a remarkable opportunity to learn more about the challenges being faced by farmers and the solutions being developed to address them. Further he also mentioned about Kisan Credit Card (KCC) to be utilized effectively by fishers and fish farmers including other stakeholders

Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and Shipping addressed regarding socio economic development highlighting the process of improving the economic, social well-being of farmers and their communities etc. as their livelihood are closely linked to the sector. He mentioned about the major indicators such as infrastructure development, access to finance, technology adoption, capacity building of farmers, easy and flexible market access to farmers and their communities lead to effective socioeconomic development. It requires the participation and collaboration of various stakeholders, including government, private sector organizations, civil society groups, and international development agencies for the improvement in the livelihood of farmers and economic development of the communities, he said.

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Hon'ble Shri Kapil Dev Agarwal, Minister of Vocational Education & Skill Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh thanked all dignitaries and other participants for their presence and contribution to an event.

NIFPHATT (Shri. Kamraj.K.) from Kerala: NIFPHATT envisages the best post-harvest fish utilization and consumption with the least post-harvest losses and delivery of the best quality fish and fish products.

ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow (Mr. Amit Bisht Singh) from Uttar Pradesh plays vital role in assessment and conservation of fish genetic resources for intellectual property protection, sustainable utilization and posterity. Also, in collection, cataloguing and documentation of fish genetic resources using operational strategies of partnership and cutting-edge technologies.

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Chennai, April 07 2023: Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry carries out the assessment of forest cover biennially, since 1987 and the findings are published in India State of Forest Report (ISFR). As per latest ISFR 2021, the total forest cover of the country is 7,13,789 square kilometer which is 21.71% of the geographical area of the country. The forest cover has increased by 1,540 square kilometer between ISFR 2019 and ISFR 2021 assessment. The State/UTs wise details of forest cover as per ISFR 2021 are given in Annexure I.



Union Territories. GIM activities were started in the Financial Year 2015-16. During the last five years, the amount of Rs. 570.70 Crores has been released to sixteen States and one union territory for taking up the afforestation activities.

The Ministry is implementing Nagar Van Yojana (NVY) since the year 2020 which envisages creation of 600 Nagar Vans and 400 Nagar Vatika in the country during the period 2020-21 to 2024-25 under the funds available under Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAMPA). The Nagar Van Yojana aims to enhance the green cover in the urban and peri-urban areas including biological diversity, provide ecological

benefits and improve the quality of life of city dwellers. So far, the Ministry has approved 270 projects under Nagar Van Yojana with the total cost of Rs.238.64 Crore.

The Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAMPA fund) is being utilized by States/UTs for taking up compensatory afforestation as per approved Annual Plan of Operations for compensating the loss of forest & tree cover due to diversion of forest land for developmental projects as per provisions of Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016 (CAF Act) and CAF Rules, 2018. During the last five years, an amount of Rs. 55,394.16 Crore has been released to

State/UT Forest Department under CAMPA funds.

Afforestation activities are also taken up under various programmes and schemes of line Ministry such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, National Bamboo Mission, Sub-Mission on Agroforestry etc. and under schemes of State Government/UT Administration through different departments, Non-Government Organizations, Civil Society, Corporate bodies etc. The multi departmental efforts have yielded good results in conserving and enhancing forest cover in the country.

Conservation and Protection of forests is primarily undertaken under the provisions of Indian Forest Act, 1927, Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and rules made there under, and also under State Specific Acts and Rules.

Nitin Gadkari inspects 212 km 6-lane Delhi-Dehradun Greenfield Access Controlled Expressway worth Rs 12000 crore

Chennai, April 07 2023: Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inspected the 212 km 6-lane Delhi-Dehradun Greenfield Access Controlled Expressway being built at a cost of Rs 12,000 crore today in presence of Union Minister of State Shri General V.K. Singh and other dignitaries.

Divided into four sections, this expressway is being constructed starting from Delhi-Mumbai Expressway (DME) near Akshardham in Delhi, Shastri Park, Khajuri Khas, EPE interchange at Khekra in Mandola,



Baghpat, Shamli, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh to Dehradun, Uttarakhand. A 340 meter long 3-lane tunnel is also being constructed at Datkali, Dehradun at a cost of Rs 1995 crore.

Many special provisions have been made in the construction of the entire corridor. In these, the route from

Vehicular Under Passes), 5 ROBs, 4 major bridges and 62 bus shelters are being constructed in the entire expressway. Along with this, apart from 76 km service road, 29 km elevated road, 16 entry-exit points are also being constructed.

For the convenience of passengers, there is a provision of 12 way-side amenities on the Delhi-Dehradun Access Controlled Greenfield Expressway. For connectivity with this highway, 51 km 6-lane Greenfield road is being constructed at a cost of Rs 2095 crore.

In order to restore ecosystems and increase the forest cover in the country, afforestation and tree plantation activities are undertaken by States/UTs. The Ministry provides financial assistance to States/UTs under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Green India Mission (GIM) to support and supplement the efforts of States and

NCAP targets to achieve reductions up to 40% of PM 10 concentrations by 2025-26

Chennai, April 07 2023: MoEFCC provides financial assistance to States/UTs under National Ambient Air Quality Programme (NAMP) for monitoring of ambient air quality in towns and cities. Presently 1340 Monitoring Stations have been set up for monitoring ambient air quality in 489 cities and towns of the country. Details of Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations in 489 cities/towns, are provided at Annexure I.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) launched National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in January, 2019 with an aim

to improve air quality in 131 cities (non-attainment cities and Million Plus Cities in 24 States by engaging all stakeholders. The Programme envisages to achieve reductions up to 40% or achievement of National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter₁₀ (PM₁₀) concentrations by 2025-26. Under the Programme, Cities are required to take measures to improve air quality inter-alia include solid waste management, control of pollution from biomass burning and air pollution from construction & demolition activities.

MoEFCC has notified Solid Waste Management

Rules, 2016 which provide statutory framework for the management of solid waste in the country. Rules mandate the local authorities and village panchayats of census towns and urban agglomerations, to allow only the non-usable, non-recyclable, non-biodegradable, non-combustible and non-reactive inert waste and pre-processing rejects and residues from waste processing facilities to go to sanitary landfill sites.

To address the issue of plastic pollution with effective measures, MoEFCC notified the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016. MoEFCC

issued notification in August, 2021 for phasing out of 12 Single-Use Plastics (SUP) items w.e.f. 1st July, 2022. Plastic packaging waste, which is not covered under the phase out of identified single use plastic items, is to be collected and managed in an environmentally sustainable way through Guidelines for Extended Producer Responsibility notified by MoEFCC on 16th February 2022.

This information was given by Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

Government carrying out regular scientific studies to monitor the changes in Himalayan glaciers

Chennai, April 07 2023: Climate change and its impact on glaciers remains a global challenge which requires global efforts and actions. Government of India is committed to protect the glaciers and has made efforts to reduce the impact through several adaptation and mitigation measures. This includes a number of programmes under National Action Plan on Climate Change. Various R&D projects are being supported for studying Himalayan Glaciers under the National Mission for Sustaining Himalayan Ecosystem and National Mission on Strategic

Knowledge for Climate Change.

Several areas in the Himalayan States have also been declared as National Parks or Protected Areas, such as, Gangotri National Park, Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve, and Great Himalayan National Park.

In addition, the Government of India through its various organizations such as Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Geological Survey of India and Indian Space Research Organization has been carrying out regular

scientific studies to monitor the changes in Himalayan glaciers.

The final outcomes at the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) are in the form of various decisions agreed to by consensus of all the Parties following extensive negotiations, while taking into consideration the principles of Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities in the light of different national circumstances, as applicable to developing countries. Accordingly, the

measures being undertaken by India are also based on aforementioned principles. These include India's updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and declaration of net-zero by 2070 and efforts in domestic climate action with a wide range of initiatives, programmes and schemes for mitigation and adaptation purposes.

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Chennai, April 07 2023: The Central Government has enacted the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 to regulate the employment of contract labour in certain establishments and to provide for its abolition in certain circumstances. The Government is implementing various Acts and Schemes to provide social security and welfare benefits to workers including contract workers/labourers/employees, both in the organised and unorganised sector. The social security to the workers in the organized sector is provided mainly

through five Central Acts, namely, the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, the Employees' Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, the Employee's Compensation Act, 1923, the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 and the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 etc. as per their eligibility.

In order to provide social security benefits to the workers in the unorganised sector, the Central Government is implementing Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008, to provide welfare schemes in matters relating

to life and disability cover, health and maternity benefits, old age protection to the unorganised workers. Various Ministries/Departments of the Central Government are also implementing such social security schemes like, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Pension Scheme (PM-SYM) to provide old age social security in the form of monthly pension (Ministry of Labour and Employment), health and maternity schemes (Ministry of Health and Family Welfare). The Central Government is also implementing Pradhan Mantri Jeevan

Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) to provide life and disability coverage to the unorganised workers depending upon their eligibility.

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The reforms will lead to significant decrease in prices of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) for households and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for transport. The reduced prices shall also lower the fertilizer subsidy burden and help the domestic power sector. With the provision of a floor in gas prices as well as provision for 20% premium for new wells, this reform will incentivize ONGC and OIL to make additional long term investments in the upstream sector leading to greater production of natural gas and consequent reduction in import dependence of fossil fuels. The revised pricing guidelines will also promote lower carbon footprint through the growth of gas-based economy.

Currently, the domestic gas prices are determined as per the new Domestic Gas Pricing Guidelines, 2014 which were

approved by Government in 2014. The 2014 pricing guidelines provided for domestic gas prices for a 6 month period based on the volume weighted prices prevailing at four gas trading hubs - Henry Hub, Albena, National Balancing Point (UK), and Russia for a period of 12 months and a time lag of a quarter.

As the earlier guidelines based on 4 gas hubs had a significant time lag and very high volatility, the need for this rationalization and reform was felt. The revised guidelines make prices linked to crude, which is a practice now followed in most industry contracts, is more relevant to our consumption basket and has deeper liquidity in global trading markets, on a real time basis. With the changes now approved, data of Indian Crude basket price from the previous month would form the basis for APM gas price determination.

Amazon India felicitates beneficiaries of its Pratidhi Scholarship, designed to support education of the children of Delivery Associates

Chennai, April 07 2023: Amazon India felicitated the beneficiaries of its Pratidhi Scholarship program, which is designed to support the educational needs of the children of its delivery associates. Launched in 2022, the scholarship is open to all delivery associates in India under the Delivery Service Partner and Amazon Flex programs. Today, some of the beneficiaries were felicitated in the presence of Mrs. K.S. Lathakumari, IAS, Director, Directorate for the Empowerment of Differently Aabled and Senior Citizens, Government of Karnataka, and Liju Thomas, HR Director, Operations, Amazon India at an event held today in Bangalore.

Hundreds of children of delivery associates studying in class 2 – 12, use the scholarship to support their school fees, additional coaching classes, purchase of books and other educational material, library membership, bus or train passes, among other education related expenses. Under this program, each child receives a scholarship for the academic year, and based on their performance, the scholarship is renewed on a yearly basis. To avail of the scholarship, delivery associates sent



in their nominations, which were shortlisted by FFE (Foundation for Excellence) independently basis of a pre-established criteria including but not limited to the academic performance of the child, and the economic status of the parents.

The Pratidhi Scholarship is a part of Amazon India's commitment to creating access to quality education for the children of its delivery associates.

The children of delivery associates under the Delivery Service Partner and Amazon Flex programs, who were provided with the Pratidhi Scholarship by Amazon, were felicitated in the presence of Mrs. K.S. Lathakumari, IAS, Director, Directorate for the Empowerment of Differently Aabled and Senior Citizens, Government of Karnataka, and Liju Thomas, HR Director, Operations, Amazon India on April 06, 2023.

Commenting on the initiative, Mr. Liju Thomas, HR Director, Operations, Amazon India said, "We constantly look at ways to support our delivery associates who play a key role in ensuring a great shopping experience for our customers. Through the Pratidhi Scholarship program, we aim to support the children of our delivery associates to achieve their academic goals and follow their ambition with a clear vision. We are committed to creating a stronger and brighter future for the families of our delivery associates."

Anitha Munivelu, a delivery associate with Amazon's delivery service partner, said, "I am happy that Amazon is providing this scholarship to help my child continue his education. This scholarship will not only help my child's education but will also serve as a motivation to

do well in studies and build a future".

In line with its leadership principle of "Success and Scale Bring Broad Responsibility", Amazon recognizes its responsibility to positively impact the well-being of associates across the community. In 2014, Amazon began a community engagement program in areas around its Fulfilment Centers in Mumbai and Delhi NCR. From then onwards, the program has gradually scaled to more than 300 locations around Amazon's Fulfilment and Sortation Centers, Delivery stations and UFF. As a part of its good neighbor program, Amazon has continued to organize programs around seven major areas namely education, health & hygiene, women empowerment, skilling & entrepreneurship, environment, road safety and disaster response.

The Second meeting of the Development Working Group began in Kumarakom, Kerala

Chennai, April 07 2023: Under India's G20 Presidency, the second meeting of the Development Working Group (DWG) scheduled for 06th April 09th April, began in Kumarakom, Kerala's Kottayam district today. The meeting saw deliberation on the theme 'Data for Development' by several experts, speakers from international organizations, academia, intellectuals, and civil society. More than 80 delegates from G20 member states, nine invited countries, and several international and regional organizations participated in this event. The first meeting of the Development Working Group was held in Mumbai in December last year.

On the first day of the meeting, a panel discussion in four different sessions was organized. The first and second panels



deliberated on 'Data for Development', the third panel discussed 'Green Edition - a comprehensive and integrated approach' and the fourth panel had discussions on 'Lifestyle for Environment and simply Green change'. During the inaugural session on 'Data for Development', Nagaraj Naidu, Joint Secretary and Co-Chair of the Data Working Group at the G-20 Secretariat, emphasized the

importance of looking at data from a development perspective and using it for the public good. He also outlined that only reliable and accessible data obtained on time is useful, and special care has to be taken on how to use it effectively. Further, a side event was also organized for the delegates on Data for Development, Capacity Building Network on Data Environment, and simply Green Change.

Over the next 3 days,

detailed discussions will take place on various development priorities proposed by India which are likely to be outlined in the Development Ministerial meeting that is to take place in June. Considering the G20 Action Plan to Accelerate Progress on Sustainable Development Goals, Capacity Building Network on Data Discussion will also be included in this meeting.

The Global Wedding Industry converges at WV Connect 2023 Three Day B2B wedding summit at Mahabalipuram

Chennai, April 07 2023: WV Connect 2023- Asia's Largest B2B Wedding Summit promoted destinations in India for weddings, with Mahabalipuram in the spotlight this season.

Around 50+ hotels and resorts along its coast including the luxurious Radisson Blu Resort Temple Bay, Mamallapuram serves as a dream destination for traditional charm with a contemporary flair.

The summit featured a wide range of activities, including keynote speeches from industry experts, panel discussions, workshops, and networking sessions.

Attendees had the opportunity to connect with suppliers, vendors, and other industry professionals, and gain valuable insights into the latest industry developments.

It was a splendid opportunity to explore destination wedding properties in



Mahabalipuram, engage with over 600+ wedding industry veterans, and numerous brands on display, where participants can attend over 18 hours of masterclasses, with Popular names like Madhampatty Rangaraj, Indian chef & Actor - Hospitality, Rakhi Kankaria- Founder, Rachnoutsav Events, Meltem Tepeler- Founder, KM Events, Jaydeep Mehta- Founder, True Events Live, Vikram Cotah- CEO, GRT Group of Hotels & Resorts, Dhruva Kumar-

CEO, Weddings by Dhruva, Edgardo Zamora- CEO, Revelry Events, Rituraj Khanna- CEO, Q Events & President WV Connect, Namrata Soni- masterclasses, with Popular names like Madhampatty Rangaraj, Indian Matchmaking Artist, Sima Taparia- Indian Matchmaking Artist, Netflix Fame & CEO, S u i t a b l e R i s h t a, Mrinalini Chandra of Kaliras by Mrinalini Chandra, Isha Multani the Wedding Influencer, Tarini Manchanda of The Initial Studio, Vijay Arora- Director, Touchwood Group, Rajeev Jain- MD, Rashi

Entertainment, Ambika Agarwal- Founder, The ACube Project.

The conversations revolved around South India being the most preferred destination for weddings & the growth of wedding tourism, as expressed by our Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji.

It was resounding success, and is aimed to help drive growth and innovation in the wedding industry across the globe with all the focus on India.

One Way Special Train from Mangaluru Jn to Lokmanya Tilak Terminus

Chennai, April 07 2023: In order to clear extra rush of passengers, One Way Special train will be operated in Mangaluru - Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Sector as detailed below:

Train No. 06007 Mangaluru Jn -

Lokmanya Tilak Terminus One Way Superfast Fast Special: Train No.06007 Mangaluru Junction - Lokmanya Tilak Terminus One Way Superfast Special will leave Mangaluru Junction at 18.10 hrs on 08th April

2023 (Saturday) and reach Lokmanya Tilak Terminus at 13.15 hrs, the next day

Composition: 1-AC Two Tier Coach, 1-AC Three Tier Coaches, 6-Sleeper Class Coaches, 9 - General Second

Class Coaches and 2-Luggage cum Brake Van coaches (Total: 19 Coaches).

Advance Reservation for the above one Way Special Train will open at 14.15 hrs on 06th April, 2023.

Unreserved One Way Special Train from Naharlagun to Madurai

Chennai, April 07 2023: North Frontier Railway has notified Unreserved One Way Special Train in Naharlagun - Madurai Sector as detailed below: (Naharlagun is

in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh)

Train No. 05852 Naharlagun - Madurai Unreserved One Way Special:

Train No. 05852 Naharlagun - Madurai

Unreserved One Way Special will leave Naharlagun at 23.50 hrs on 07th April, 2023 (Friday) and reach Madurai at 15.45 hrs, the third day

Composition: 18-

General Second Class Coaches, 1- Second Class (Divyangjan Friendly) & 1- Luggage Cum Brake Vans (Total: 20 Coaches).

DELEGATION OF BHU STUDENTS ON A TEN-DAY TOUR TO FOR "TAMIL NADU DARSHAN"

Chennai, April 07 2023: A delegation of Banaras Hindu University students pursuing diploma in Tamil language have embarked on a ten-day tour to Tamil Nadu at the invitation of Hon'ble Governor of the state. Governor R. N. Ravi during his visit to BHU for the valedictory function of Kashi Tamil Sangam in December, 2022, had interacted with the Tamil students, faculty and staff of the university. The month-long Sangam organized to celebrate



the ancient connect between Kashi and Tamil Nadu saw people from both the sides interact with each other and rediscover the deep cultural and spiritual bonds. During the interaction program the Governor had offered to invite non-Tamil students from various

faculties who are pursuing Tamil language, for Tamil Darshan. As part of the visit, a delegation comprising 18 students has left for the state. Two faculty members Dr. Jagadeesan T. and Dr. Vignesh Ananth. S from the Department of Indian Languages,

Faculty of Arts, are accompanying the students. The tour from 4th to 12th April, 2023, entails visits to key cities and places of historical, cultural and spiritual significance and important institutions like university departments, museums, libraries etc. The visit will provide a glimpse to non-Tamil students about the rich and diverse heritage of Tamil Nadu, as well as an opportunity to have a closer look at life, culture and other aspects of the state.