

## Kerala on high alert after threat letter received against PM Modi's visit

other details of the visit to Kochi details. sender.

Chennai, April 23 Narendra Modi. The frame him. Security 2023: The letter that letter, which contained measures have, threatened a suicide the name and other however, been attack during PM details of the sender, tightened and central Modi's visit to Kochi threatened a suicide probe agencies have contained the name and attack during Modi's sought additional scheduled for April 24.

Meanwhile, a letter Kerala has been put Police have from the Additional on high alert after the identified the man Director General of Bharatiya Janata Party mentioned in the letter, Police outlining (BJP) state office but he has denied any security drills was received a threat letter involvement claiming leaked to the media. against the upcoming that his name was used The ADGP's letter also visit of Prime Minister by his opponents to highlighted several



other serious threat for external affairs M perceptions, including Muraleedharan, who one from the banned hails from Kerala, Popular Front of India raised concern over the (PFI). Minister of State leak, calling it a serious

lapse on the part of the Express. state police.

Surendran has during his visit, maintained that all Surendran had earlier scheduled functions said that the top BJP will take place.

arrive on April 24 in public meeting.

Kochi and the following day in visit to Kerala will give Thiruvananthapuram to impetus to the state's inaugurate the state's development. There is a first Vande Bharat great expectation

Detailing the Prime BJP state chief K. Minister's programme leader will conduct a Modi is expected to roadshow and address a

"Prime Minister's

among the people of Kerala for this visit. PM Modi will hold a road show. People will come voluntarily to receive him. 'Yuvam' will be the conference that would mark the beginning of Kerala's political change. The youth who want the development of Kerala beyond party politics will participate in this," he said at a press conference.

# Dr Jitendra Singh addresses World Earth Day celebrations, reiterates 'LiFE' movement launched by PM Modi Union Minister says, India is committed to furthering sustainable development in line with our culture of living in harmony with nature

MoS PMO, Personnel, Singh. Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh reiterated the "LiFE" (Lifestyle for Environment) movement launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and said, India is committed to furthering sustainable development in line with our culture of living in harmony with nature.

Chennai, April 23 Ambassador and 2023: Addressing an Grammy Award event organised by the Winning Indian music Ministry of Earth composer and Sciences to celebrate environmentalist, World Earth Day here Rickey Kej was the today, Union Minister of special guest of the day State (Independent whose new music Charge) Science & composition on 'Earth Technology; Minister of and Environment' was State (Independent launched by Union Charge) Earth Sciences; Minister Dr Jitendra

Dr Jitendra Singh recalled that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Lifestyle for the Environment United Nations development.



(LiFE) Movement in annual event observed future for our planet by conscious lifestyle that June 2022 and stressed on April 22 to tackling environmental focuses on 'mindful and that the need of the hour demonstrate support for issues such as climate deliberate utilisation' is to solve the challenge environmental change, biodiversity, instead of 'mindless and faced by our planet using protection. It was first and waste reduction. human-centric, held in 1970. The theme collective efforts and for World Earth Day robust action that further 2023 is 'Invest In Our sustainable Planet. This ongoing theme encourages us all

Earth Day is an to invest in a better an environmentally wasteful consumption'.

> The Minister Dr Jitendra Singh mentioned that the idea said that the Ministry of of LiFE was introduced Earth Sciences (MoES) by the Prime Minister holistically addresses all during COP26 promotes the aspects relating the

for various natural due to natural disasters. disasters like tropical cyclones, storm surge, floods, heat waves, thunderstorm and lightning; alerts for Tsunamis and monitoring of earthquakes etc. In addition, the ministry also has the mandate of making ocean survey and exploration for living and non-living resources and exploration of all the three poles (Arctic, Antarctic and Himalayas).

> The Minister added Differently abled that the services students and aspirational

#### Earth System Science provided by the ministry districts.

for providing weather, are being effectively The Minister said the climate, ocean, coastal used by different state, hydrological and agencies and state seismological services. governments for saving The services include human lives and forecasts and warnings minimizing damages

said that the Ministry of plants / plantation / Earth Sciences has been slogan / rallys / supporting celebration paintings, etc. as part of of Earth Day / Ozone Earth Day 2023. Day for the purpose, of Moreover popular spreading awareness and lectures are being sensitizing the general organized at different public on the issues Institutes including at concerning to Earth and MoES HQ. Earth Sciences in the country. MoES is also supporting celebration of Earth Day at more than 75 places / schools / colleges / Institutions

across the country with a

focus on Girls students /

across India, more than 7500 students / volunteers are participating in the activities comprising sowing the seed and Dr Jitendra Singh seeing then grow as

> Dr M Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, also spoke on the occasion and reiterated the Ministry's commitment to furthering "LiFE" movement and sustainable development in India.

## Introduction of Vande Bharat Express between Thiruvananthapuram Central and Kasaragod PM to flag off the inaugural service of Thiruvananthapuram Central – KasaragodVande Bharat Express

Chennai, April 23 to provide an 2023: Prime Minister opportunity to children, will flag off the rail enthusiasts and inaugural Service of general public to get a Vande Bharat Express glimpse of the b e t w e e n prestigious train Thiruvananthapuram service, the inaugural Central and Kasaragod s p e c i a l on 25th April, 2023 Thiruvananthapuram (Tuesday) from Central – Kasaragod Thiruvananthapuram Vande Bharat Express Central Railway will have stoppages at Station. Shri Arif 14 railway stations Mohammed Khan, enroute. Further, Hon'ble Governor of Souvenir passes for Kerala, Shri Pinarayi travel in the inaugural Vijayan, Hon'ble Chief special Vande Bharat Minister of Kerala, Shri Express have been AshwiniVaishnaw, issued to press & Hon'ble Union media, rail fans and welcome to join the service of Vande Bharat Minister of Railways, school children, among festivities at the above Express will be Communications, others. Electronics &

the occasion.

Vande Bharat on 25.04.2023. Express is a trendsetter in our country. In order 16 coaches

The schedule of the inaugural run. Information inaugural service of Technology and other Thiruvananthapuram Train No. 20633/20634 dignitaries will grace Central - Kasaragod Kasaragod -Vande Bharat Express Thiruvananthapuram Central Composition KasaragodVande detailed below: in redefining rail travel :Vande Bharat rake of Bharat Express:

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General public are Railway Board, the stations during the introduced as Train No. 20633/20634 Regular Services of Kasaragod -Thiruvananthapuram Central

KasaragodVande Bharat Express as

Train No. 20633 As notified by Kasaragod

Thiruvananthapuram will leave Central - Kasaragod Thiruvananthapuram Vande Bharat Express Central at 05.20 hrs on (Except Thursdays) and from 28th April, will leave Kasaragod at 2023 and reach 14.30 hrs on and from Kasaragod at 13.25 hrs, 26th April, 2023 and the same day

e a c h C o a c h Thiruvananthapuram Composition: Vande Central at 22.35 hrs, the Bharat Rake of 16 same day Coaches.

In return direction, A d v a n c e Train No. 20634 Reservation for the Thiruvananthapuram above Vande Bharat Central - Kasaragod Express Services will Vande Bharat Express be notified later. (Except Thursdays)



### Sunday, April 23, 2023



## Dedication of 254 4G Towers to Nation; Uninterrupted Telecom Connectivity to 336 villages

development.

1,156 4G

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2023: response to people's reaction to development of Arunachal Pradesh, exceptional. They are unwavering in their spirit of patriotism. It's an honour to work for this great state and help it realise it's true potential."

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In joint effort of Government of India & Government of Arunachal Pradesh, 254 4G mobile towers have been dedicated to the Nation on April 22, 2023 in the presence of Union Minister for Communications, Railways and Electronics & IT Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw; Union Minister for Law and Justice Shri Kiren Rijiju; Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu Union Minister of State for Communications Shri Devusinh Chauhan and Arunachal Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein along with senior officials from the Central and State Government.

The towers will cover 336 villages and benefit thousands of residents in Arunachal Pradesh. The beneficiaries shall be able to access to highspeed network connectivity to residents which ensure various digital services in sectors like education, health, e-commerce, and agriculture leading to socio-economic development.

Chennai, April 23 fibre under Bharat Net assembly has making India a Prime Minister scheme and over 1,156 implemented e-vidhan developed country by Shri Narendra Modi, in more Towers have been project. He added, planned to bring digital focused coordination inclusion. The 5G and all out efforts are required to complete by services have been covering remaining sites said, "The people of recently launched in Arunachal Pradesh are Itanagar and shall be before timeline. He extended to other areas. focussed on model of

> One of the beneficiaries was also connected virtually from village in Lower Dibang Valley expressed happiness on Telecom Connectivity

Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein, Arunachal Pradesh praised that in past 8 years, Government of India's efforts has brought great connectivity for railways, road and telecommunications bringing overall connectivity in the State.

Shri Devusinh Chauhan, Union Minister of State for Communications appreciated efforts to bring connectivity overcoming all challenges and also mentioned about creation of national postal hub in Itanagar and various initiatives for bringing postal connectivity in the state.

Sh. Pema Khandu, Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh mentioned today to be historic day. He shall bring a mentioned since 2014, there has been infrastructural change in lives of the citizen. He Aruncahal Pradesh and appreciated State has resulted in Government efforts and transformation. The urged that work is to be digital inclusion has done in mission mode so helped in removing that no village is left corruption and e- unconnected by March. governance. He also 2024. He also mentioned

2047.

Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Communications, Railways and Electronics & IT, in his convergence of one plus address informed that one as eleven, not two. installation of these Arunachal Pradesh is not towers in difficult only referred to be as terrain, practical land of rising sun but difficulties is clear also land of rising example of Sabka Prayas. He added, Shri Kiren Rijiju, importance of Union Minister for Law communications open and Justice, has doors and opportunities emphasized on Whole of for all. He also mentioned on how Government Approach which requires joint difficult was to impart benefits to beneficiaries efforts of Central and State government in other countries during covid times, however, in officers for India with the effective implementation of all projects. For remaining utilization of India Stack towers i.e. UPI, Aadhar, planned under USOF, Telecom Network locations have already Infrastructure been identified. As part disbursement and all of another scheme, i.e other services were 4G saturation scheme, managed digitally and 2,424 4G site sites are to on a click of a button. He be installed , which emphasized on includes 270 sites overcoming challenges through OFC, 1,237 of difficult terrain by sites through microwave quoting an example of and 917 through VSAT installation of a tower in bring more Tawang which is at connectivity. Further, height of 12600 ft. He concluded by thanking s a t e l l i t e communications shall defence forces, district also be used for proper administration, service connectivity. He added, providers, different agencies of central and Vibrant village program and frontier highway state government officials for achieving comprehensive this feat. development and change

Government of India is working relentlessly in accordance with "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" to provide world class connectivity to every remotest village and to

## Environmental, social and governance Task Force in the Textiles sector soon dedicated to Sustainability: Goyal

Chennai, April 23 2023: An ESG (environmental, social and governance) Task Force in the Textiles sector will be created keeping in mind India's commitment towards sustainability, said Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Textiles, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Commerce and Industry during soft launch of e-commerce website of Ministry of Textiles dedicated to handloom and handicrafts in Rajkot, Gujarat today. The event was a part of 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam' in which Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel also participated.

During two days event in Somnath and Rajkot, the Union Minister attended the Chintan Shivir in which along with officers from the Ministry of Textiles, deliberations on various aspects of the sector was done.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Goyal said there has been fruitful discussions for making textile sector more vibrant. He added that the some of the manufacturers & exporters are ensuring twice the value upon receiving Environmental, social and governance (ESG) compliance certification. Efforts are being made to ensure

this certification for more manufacturers &



stakeholders' including:

(ADD) on Viscose

QCO for Polyester value

chain viz. Purified

Terephthalic Acid

(PTA), Monoethylene

to curb cheap and non-

Fibre

Pricing of Manmade

Notably, the total

export of MMF based

textiles and apparels of

India in FY 2022-23 was

USD 8,465 Million and

exhibited a de-growth of

(-) 11% over the

preceding financial year.

industry of Gujarat

2020-21).

Overview of textiles

Gujarat state has

"Textile State of India".

Staple Fibre (VSF)

Anti-dumping duty

Enforcement of

Tamil Sangamam' is an effort to unify India.

Shri Goyal said that the two days Chintan Shivir various subjects related to Textiles sector like Technical Textile, Cotton Textile, Sustainability, how to increase and better production of farmers, how to better branding of cotton were discussed.

During the 'Textiles essential imports Conclave' held under the aegis of Kashi Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi during 14th-15th December, chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, it was decided to constitute a Textile Advisory Group- an informal body- to deliberate and recommend on the issues pertaining to the development and expansion of MMF value chain.

Accordingly, the TAG on MMF was constituted vide Ministry of Textiles' OM dated 17th January 2023.

TAG comprises stakeholders of MMF value chain including:

presence of the entire Industry Associations including Association of Synthetic (T&A) value chain, Fibre Industry (ASFI), Association of Man-Made fibre industry of d i а n (AMFII), Chemicals & Petro Chemicals manufacturing units. Manufactures Association(CPMA) India's mill sector User Industry production of fabric representatives comes from Gujarat. including Southern Gujarat also has India Mills' Association significant number of (SIMA), Indian medium and large textile Spinners Association processing houses. (SIMA) Textiles Export industry of Tamil Nadu Promotion Councils includingSynthetic and Rayon Textiles Export share of 20% of total Promotion T&A export including Council(SRTEPC) Handicraft from India & Apparel Export for FY 2021-22. Promotion Council (AEPC)

by 34% in FY 21-22 compared by FY 20-21

RMG export makes up around 61% of the total Export of T&A including handicraft from Tamil Nadu as per Export Data of FY 2021-22

#### Status of QCOs

QCO on Viscose Staple Fibre (VSF) came deliberated upon the into force w.e.f. 29th concerns of the industry March 2023

> QCO on Polyester Staple Fibres (PSF)came into force w.e.f 3rd April 2023

Enforcement date of QCOs on Polyester Continuous Filament Fully Drawn Yarn (IS: 17261: 2022),Glycol (MEG), Polyester Partially Polyester fibre and yarn Oriented Yarns (IS:17262:2022),Polyester Industrial Yarn (17264:2022) and 100 Percent Polyester Spun Grey and White Yarn (IS:17265:2022) extended by 3 months i.e. Upto 3rd July 2023

> Enforcement date of QCOs on PTA-Terephthalic Acid and MEG-Ethylene Glycol extended by 3 months i.e. upto 22nd June 2023 & 28th June 2023 respectively

established itself as the QCOs for 31 items of technical textiles Gujarat's exports of consisting of 19 Geo textiles and apparel in Textiles and 12 FY 2021-22 was Protective Textiles have US\$7.36 Bn and showed been notified in gazette substantial growth of of India on 10th April 45% over the preceding 2023. The OCOs shall year (US\$5.08 Bn in the come into force on the 180 days its publication Gujarat has the in the Official Gazette.

During a meeting on

Over 1,310 Gram Panchayats have been connected with optical

office is being used and have major contribution Arunachal Pradesh to achieve the vision of

mentioned, 100% e- that border areas shall

every person in Arunanchal Pradesh.

## Piyush Goyal holds sixth interactive meeting with the Textile Advisory Group in Rajkot to review initiatives for cotton value chain

Chennai, April 23 & Industry and Consumer Affairs and Food & Public Steering Committee and Distribution, Shri Piyush Goyal presided over the sixth interactive meeting with the Textile Advisory Group (TAG), on 22nd April, 2023, to review the progress of Branding of Kasturi initiatives for cotton value chain, as part of the Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam which is being conducted under the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' Initiative in Gujarat in Rajkot.

Shri Piyush Goyal noted the progress in the project on Traceability, Certification and Branding of Kasturi Cotton India and lauded that branding of Indian Cotton will add great value to the entire cotton value chain from farmers to end users.

2023: Union Minister the quality of Indian villages/farmers has Minister of State for of Textiles, Commerce cotton is beneficial for been finalized in Textiles and Railways farmers and industry Rajasthan and the same both. Meetings of is in progress in all the remaining cotton growing states where Apex Committee have taken place and the sowing will be taken up for the ensuing cotton funds for project have been released and the season 2023-24. work on Traceability, Shri Goyal Certification and emphasized the need for

strengthening India Cotton has begun. certification systems for He appealed to organic cotton and TEXPROCIL to make requested industry for aggressive efforts to active participation in brand Kasturi cotton as promotion of organic premium cotton in cotton production

domestic and international markets. Final approval for Holistic plan to enhance

working group of experts, representative cotton productivity by from industry, targeting the technology respective Ministries & of HDPS, Closer other stakeholders to Spacing and ELS with have detailed plan of an amount of Rs. action to boost organic 4186.85 lakhs was cotton production on obtained from cluster based approach. MoA&FW under NFSM. Cluster-wise

He pointed out that identification of Jardosh, Hon'ble and TAG Chairman Shri Suresh Kotak also guided the TAG meeting. Smt Rachna Shah,

> Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, appealed to all cotton value chain stakeholders to work together in a cohesive manner to achieve the Hon'ble PM's dream of five F's from Farm to Foreign in the Cotton Textile Value Chain and regain Supremacy in amongst cotton farmers. Cotton to enhance value Hon'ble Minister returns to producers. advised to form a

Representatives from Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, CCI, APEDA, BIS, other senior officials from related Ministries and stakeholders from entire cotton value chain were also present during the meeting.

Smt. Darshana V.

exporters. He also talked about

the export target of USD 100 Billion for textile sector by 2030 and overall target of USD 250 Billion for textile sector by 2030.

He said that five commitments of Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi also includes that we have to go back to our roots to progress with confidence. He said that both Tamil Nadu and Gujarat are

connected with history and culture but are also connected due to having strong traditional and modern Textile sector.

He said that due to strong belief of PM in 'Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat', 'Saurashtra Tamil Sangamam' is being organized in Gujarat. A large number of women from Tamil Nadu reached the state. He said that he

interacted with them and found that they were excited and joyous. The Union Minister said that it reflects that the cultural heritage of our country is in Unity. He

said that 'Saurashtra

Tamil Nadu makes up Leading domestic around 33% of the total manufacturers'/ T&A export including exporters & users and handicraft from India for representatives of FY 2021-22 Government ministries/

from Tamil Nadu makes The first meeting of up around 17% of the TAG on MMF was held total T&A export on 14th February 2023 including handicraft under the chairmanship from India for FY 2021of Hon'ble Minister of 22 Textiles.

The TAG on MMF Tamil Nadu has grown

textiles and apparel Technical Textiles the way forward as starting from discussed were availability of raw Research and material, yam production, fabric production, up to apparel and made-ups

Almost 30 per cent of

Overview of textiles

Tamil Nadu has

RMG export from

Cotton Textile export

RMG Export from

Innovation - Quality research proposals in Technical Textiles/ development sustainable products/ practices needed- Funds available in NTTM

Skill Development -Industry to take advantage of SAMARTH and NTTM. Identification of Skilling needs in new areas

Indigenous development of Textile Machinery - Large imports, need indegenisation

Quality- Quality Control Orders are need of hour, industry to adopt.

Demand generation-Mandation of products by Line Ministries e.g. Fire Resistant (FR) in Public Buildings

Training program on textile clusters for transition of conventional textile industry to technical textiles.

departments.

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## 44 SQN, THE HARBINGERS OF "STRATEGIC AIRLIFT" IN THE IAF CELEBRATE THEIR DIAMOND JUBILEE

Chennai, April 23 2023: 44 Squadron of the Indian Air Force is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year at Chandigarh. The rich and glorious history of the Sqn is a kaleidoscope of military history and military diplomacy of modern-day India and fortitude, courage, daring, devotion and professionalism which encapsulates all that IAF stands for.

The Squadron was raised on 06 Apr 1961 and equipped with the AN-12 aircraft. It operated the March 1985, it brought the Squadron has been a the IL-76 aircraft into

filled with tales of India, which was and HADR initiatives in aircraft continues to in service today.

had to be postponed due to COVID 19 pandemic. The harbinger of AN-12 till 1985. In strategic airlift in the IAF.

part of all major military



formally inducted into the recent history of the IAF on 16 Jun 1985. The nation, which not only saw the IAF and the The nation evolve from a Diamond Jubilee tactical to a strategic celebrations due in 2021 force, but also enhanced the military might of the sister Services. The Squadron provided succor in times of need to the citizens of the country as well as people all

around the world, in keeping with the nation's belief of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam".

The Squadron has stayed true to its motto of means 'ACHIEVE 1985 the Squadron was 'MIGHTYJETS'.

Since its raising, No. 44 Sqn has been at the forefront of the airlift activities undertaken by The Squadron IAF. continues to remain ever ready to undertake any task that is entrusted to it.

## Celebration of National Panchayati Raj Day on 24th April

Chennai, April 23 Digital India Program. 2023: The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India in collaboration with the Government of Madhya Pradesh i s commemorating National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD) on 24th April, 2023 at Rewa in Madhya Pradesh as a major event as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) -Samaaveshi Vikaas (Inclusive Development) adopting Whole-of-the-Government approach. The Prime Minister will be the Chief Guest at the national function to be organised at Special Armed Forces Ground, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. He will address the elected representatives and functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions as well as Special Gram Sabhas across the country on this momentous occasion. will inaugurate an under SVAMITVA integrated e- Scheme by August GramSwaraj and GeM 2023. The national portal for public launch of the 9 procurement at Campaigns under Panchayat level. The "Inclusive o b j e c t i v e o f Development" theme of eGramSwaraj-GeM Azadi ka Amrit Integration is to enable Mahotsav named the Panchayats to procure their goods and ? eGramSwaraj platform. viz. MoRD, MoPR, The launch of eGramSwaraj – GeM Integration at the hands of the Prime Minister will encourage saturation of people-Panchayats to usher in centric schemes. the digital revolution where they would have the access to an easy-touse procurement and payment platform. Launch by PM Modi will encourage both the Panchayats and local sellers to adopt this initiative which in turn will help the entire buyer-seller ecosystem to flourish thereby giving a major boost to rural economy and entrepreneurship along with strengthening the

Mission. Bhoomi The Prime Minister Poojan of various works will hand over under Jal Jeevan SVAMITVA Property Mission in Rewa Card to select District will be beneficiaries, performed on this symbolizing attainment occasion. Prime of milestone of 1.25 Minister will flag-off crore property cards Rewa – Itwari Train and distribution under dedicate other Railway SVAMITVA Scheme in Projects to the Nation. the country. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shivraj Singh (AKAM) Campaign for Chouhan, Chief theme "Inclusive Minister of Madhya Development" -Pradesh, Shri Giriraj "Samaaveshi Vikas" Singh, Union Minister will also be launched by of Rural Development the Prime Minister Shri and Panchayati Raj, Shri Narendra Modi. A Faggan Singh Kulaste, dedicated website and Union Minister of State Mobile App on "Azadi for Rural Development. Ka Amrit Mahotsav -Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti, SAMAAVESHI VIKAS" will be for Rural Development. launched by Prime Shri Kapil Moreshwar Minister. SVAMITVA -Patil, Union Minister of Meri Sampatti, Mera State for Panchayati Raj, Haq campaign under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – Samaaveshi Vikas - Inclusive Minister of Madhya Development theme Pradesh, Shri Ram aims to generate 1.50 Khelawan Patel, crore "Records of Minister of State for The Prime Minister Rights"/ Property Cards Panchayat and Rural Development, Madhya Pradesh, Shri Iqbal Singh Bains, Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Shri Shailesh Kumar Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Rural ? ? 9 services through GeM ???? "covering 5 Development, Shri leveraging the Ministries/Departments Malay Shrivastava. Additional Chief MoA&FW, MoH&FW Secretary, Panchayat and MoFAH&D is and Rural Development aimed to celebrate the Department, people's participation in Government of Madhya Pradesh and other dignitaries and public Prime Minister will representatives and senior officers of the conduct the 'Griha Government of India Pravesh' (ceremony performed when and Government of entering one's new Madhya Pradesh will be house) of more than 4 present on this occasion. lakh beneficiaries under This year's celebration Pradhan Mantri Awaas of National Panchayati Yojana-Gramin Raj Day is expected to Doordarshan through (PMAY-G). At present witness participation of DD News, DD National 4.11 lakh houses are more than one lakh ready for Griha Pravesh participants, including programme. Prime representatives of Minister will attend Panchayati Raj Ground-breaking Institutions, other ceremony of projects stakeholders and local worth about Rs.7,000

crore under Jal Jeevan residents/rural masses.

An exhibition with different thematic stalls showcasing initiatives and achievements under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin), Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin (SBM-G), Amrit Sarovar, Madhya Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission, Rural Tourism Development (Home Stay), SVAMITVA, Jal Jeevan Mission and other programmes will also be set up at the venue of national function of NPRD-2023 for the benefit of the general public.

National Panchayati Union Minister of State Raj Day will serve as an important occasion as well as a significant step towards creating awareness and building Shri Mahendra Singh momentum for Sisodia, Panchayat and India@2047 and also Rural Development building institutional, individual, institutional, cross-organizational and operational capabilities for achieving the global SDGs agenda in local context by 2030. Ministry of Panchayati Raj has requested all State/ UT Departments of Panchayati Raj to take necessary steps to advise the Gram Panchayats to convene Special Gram Sabha on 24th April, 2023 to mark National Panchayati Raj Day and make elaborate arrangements to enable the participants in the meetings of Gram Sabha on 24th April, 2023 to watch the proceedings of the National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD) function which will be graced by the presence of Prime Minister. The proceedings of NPRD-2023 event at Rewa, Madhya Pradesh will be broadcast live by and DD India from 11:30 AM onwards on 24th April, 2023 and streamed live at webi n k https://webcast.gov.in.

## Bengaluru Hosts Conference to Help **Cities Mainstream Climate Action**

Chennai, April 23 National and 2023: International partners came together in Bengaluru to discuss "Mainstreaming Climate 'ISHTAM YATNEN Action in Cities", in an SADHYET' which effort to shape G20 priorities and develop GOALS THROUGH next steps for PERSEVERANCE'. In accelerating climate action in India and renamed as the beyond. Three of the six current U20 priority areas (accelerating climate finance, ensuring water security, and encouraging

contention.

environmentally responsive behavior), were the matter of

Participants concurred that it is necessary for cities to accelerate climate action and receive added support from national governments and international investors to address vulnerabilities due to increasing heat and rainfall. They deliberated that the city governments should consider climate impacts when making budgeting decisions, while leveraging publicprivate partnerships, municipal green bonds and other innovative financing mechanisms where available. Climate action plans should address water security and resilience; institutional and regulatory reforms India. should be considered where needed to protect

and revitalize vulnerable

mainstream integrated urban water resource management, ensure equitable and safe access to water and reduce risk from water-related hazards like flooding.

"To create sustainable cities, innovative and inclusive city design is crucial. Without it, behavior nudges and policy changes would not work. Let's tweak policies, implement congestion pricing, and sustainable living. We enjoy the city. Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of

Shruti Narayan, C40 Cities Climate Regional Director for Leadership Group,

water resources, South and West Asia, said: "Cities across India and the world are stepping up as climate leaders, but they continue to face daunting capacity constraints as they pursue urgently needed climate action. That's why city voices are so vital on the national and international stage. This gathering serves as a clarion call for

leaders around the world to make our climate a priority.' Rakesh Singh, give incentives for Additional Chief

Secretary, Urban must also broaden the Development agenda and create Department, and neighborhoods where Government of people can step out and Karnataka, said: "Bengaluru is leading the Telangana's cool roof way in sustainable urban policy is a great example. infrastructure, with a Let's demystify climate strong focus on public finance for a better transport, solid waste future." said Kunal management, and citizen Kumar, Joint Secretary engagement. Role of civil and Smart Cities Mission society is crucial for Director of Ministry of collaborative and cohesive solutions."

> The conference was organized by the C40

was not only insightful but also interactive with participants engaging with a number of startups focused on environmental sustainability and climate solutions. The conference concluded with a series of plenary sessions and two masterclasses (on leveraging nature-based solutions and climate

bonds) for city representatives, urban planners, engineers and other professionals.



together with Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in Bengaluru on 21 April 2023. The gathering was part of a series of events organized during India's G20 Presidency under the ambit of the Urban 20 (U20), which is chaired this year by city of Ahmedabad and supported by MoHUA, with various partner organizations. The key takeaways of this conference will contribute to the U20 communiqué of recommendations, which will be presented to G20 negotiators later this year.

Around 135 people

attended in person, in

addition to participants

joining virtually,

including city officials

from across the country

and region as well as

experts, funders and

partners. The conference

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# Saurashtrian Tamils experience the rich culture and warm hospitality of Gujarat at Saurashtra-Tamil Sangam

Chennai, April 23 2023: The Saurashtra-Tamil Sangam, organised by Government of India and Government of Gujarat, kicked off from 17th April, 2023 highlighting the historical relationship between Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. It was inaugurated in the presence of Hon'ble Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Bhupendra Patel and other dignitaries at Somnath. It aims to establish a synergy between the two states on the mantra of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.'

The Government of leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel has left no stone unturned in welcoming Saurashtrian Tamils and other guests for this confluence of art, Tamil family." literature and culture.

The guests from Tamil Minister of Gujarat Shri Nadu got a chance to perform the traditional aarti at Somnath Temple. confluence of two rich They were provided with rudraksha beads, holy water, and other traditional items for performing the aarti. Smt. K.S. Nandini from Tamil Nadu was overwhelmed with the experience of this divine ritual.

There was a special ministers from Government of India and the Gujarat Government had direct interaction Gujarat. Hon'ble Union that everyone has



Minister of Petroleum Indianness in their heart. This furthers the mission Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, while welcoming the of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha guests said, "This event is Bharat' of the Hon'ble a testament to India's PM." Unity in Diversity.' The guests also Events like Kashi-Tamil witnessed an enthralling Sangam, and Saurashtraperformance by Tamil Tamil Sangam, under the musicians and traditional

leadership of Hon'ble dance forms, Prime Minister Shri Bharatnatyam and Narendra Modi will Thapattam. They also further strengthen the caught a glimpse of Gujarat, under the bond between various traditional dance forms of states and its culture." Gujarat such as tippani. Talking about diversity, To add, Tamil artists

he added, "I am a Sikh performed Periya Melam and my wife is a on traditional music Maharashtrian. My instruments such as Dhol, daughter is married in a castanet etc. They also saw the Street Puppet

Hon'ble Finance Show

Various events are Kanubhai Desai said, being held across "This program is a Dwarka, Kevadia, Rajkot and other important cultures. It will places of Saurashtra. At strengthen the bond Dwarka, the land of Lord between Gujarat and Krishna, M.L.A Pabubha Tamil Nadu. Such events, Manek welcomed more under the inspiring than 300 tourists from leadership of Hon'ble Madurai, Tamil Nadu in a PM, become touchstones traditional manner with for unifying India and its the chants of 'Jai cultural revival." Dwarkadheesh' and

Health Minister of event where senior Gujarat Shri Rushikesh Patel said, "India is a diverse land, with people from a diverse cultural background. But what with Tamil guests in makes it special is the fact

Railway Station. Students from Somnath Sanskrit University welcomed them with Vedic chants and mantras. There was a team of medical professionals on the train to ensure that the guests are at ease during the journey.

The Shilp Mahotsav at Somnath, by Gujarat Lalitkala Academy, highlighted some fascinating figurines from sand art on the beach. More than 34 sand artists took part in the event and made sculptures of Lord Ganesh, Lord Natraj, G-20 etc.

Abhijeet Magdum, a Maharashtrian who is deputed at the Jamnagar defence station, said, "I visited the Somnath temple to worship Lord Shiva. I am fascinated to see the sand art and the overall arrangements at Somnath under Saurashtra Tamil Sangam.

A language exchange program was also Madipakkam. organized at the Somnath Auditorium, between the students of Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. During the event, Sairam Dave, a famous Gujarati artist, stressed on the importance of traditional medicines, lifestyle, food habits, etc for a healthy and long life. Shri Prem traditional Gujarati Kumar presented music. The group visited research on the the Dwarka temple as Saurashtrian dialect which is still being spoken in the More than 300 guests Saurashtrian Tamil

from Tamil Nadu were welcomed at the Veraval families, even today. Naturals Salon 733th outlet launched by Actress Neelima Rani, Veena Kumaravel & AR Pavithra at Madipakkam



Chennai, April 23 2023: Naturals Salon, India's No #1 Salon Chain launches its latest Salon in Madipakkam, Chennai

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## Asia-Pacific Leaders' Conclave on Malaria Elimination will commence on April 24th at New Delhi

Chennai, April 23 2023: As a precursor to World Malaria Day, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Government of India will be organizing the Asia Pacific Leaders' Conclave on Malaria Elimination in New Delhi on April 24, 2023, in partnership with the Asia Pacific Leaders Malaria Alliance (APLMA). The Conclave will be held under the guidance of Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health & index of the air warriors Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers. The Conclave aims to reaffirm political commitment to galvanise action for



## DRDO & Indian Navy Conduct Successful Trial of BMD Interceptor from Naval Platform

well.

Chennai, April 23 trial was to engage and ballistic missile threats, Organisation (DRDO) thereby elevating India and Indian Navy into the elite club of successfully conducted a Nations having Naval maiden flight trial of sea- BMD capability. based endo-atmospheric coast of Odisha in the Bay of Bengal on April 21, 2023. The purpose of the

and Development ballistic missile threat adversaries.

demonstrated land-based capability to neutralize

2023: Defence Research neutralize a hostile emerging from and Chairman DRDO Dr

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh congratulated DRDO, Indian Navy and Industry Prior to this, DRDO involved in successful interceptor missile off the has successfully demonstration of ship based Ballistic Missile BMD system with defence capabilities.

Secretary DDR&D Samir V Kamat

complimented the teams involved in the design and development of the missile. He said that nation has achieved selfreliance in developing highly-complex networkcentric anti-ballistic missile systems.

INAUGURATION OF WATER SUPPLY FROM DELHI JAL BOARD AND A NEW ENTRANCE GATE

Chennai, April 23 22 April 2023 2023: turned out to be a historic day for the Base Repair Depot (BRD), Palam with the inauguration of two major projects namely supply of fresh water by Delhi Jal Board and inauguration of a new entrance gate for the Depot by Air Marshal Vibhas Pande AOC-in-C, Maintenance Command. The project for supply of fresh water to the BRD initiated in 2009 reached its culmination on 22 Apr 23. With the inauguration of the new entrance gate for the



Depot, the persistent the BRD without much issue of traffic of hassles.

congestion due to its close proximity to Palam Railway Crossing will now be eased. The personnel and their families can now access

and their families. He urged the BRD personnel to continue to work diligently towards fulfilment of its operational task with greater zeal and enthusiasm

Rehal. Air Officer Commanding thanked the officials of Delhi Jal Board, Delhi International Airport Ltd., Military Engineering Services Air Marshal Vibhas and all the personnel of Pande expressed his the Depot for satisfaction on contributing whole commissioning of both heartedly to make both the projects which would the projects successful. enhance the happiness

Air Commodore SS malaria elimination by 2030.

> The Conclave will provide a platform for leaders from the Asia Pacific region to discuss ongoing efforts towards malaria elimination and revitalise national and regional momentum

towards the goal of an the 11 countries that are Secretary, Ministry of Asia Pacific Free from part of the World Health & Family Malaria by 2030. Health Organization's Welfare, Dr. Poonam Sessions will include 'High Burden to High Khetrapal Singh, tracking regional and Impact' initiative, only Regional Director, national progress, India has reported World Health reaching at-risk decline in malaria cases Organization, SEARO, populations, during the height of the Health Ministers from leveraging research, COVID-19 pandemic. APLMA member innovation, and new Malaria cases and nations including Dr. technologies to deaths also dropped by Culwick Togamana, accelerate progress, 85.1% and 83.6% His Excellency and embracing a respectively, from 2015 Minister of Health, whole-of-government to 2022. approach eliminate the

The Conclave will disease be presided by Dr V. K. India has made Paul, Member

remarkable progress (Health), NITI Aayog. towards malaria The event will be elimination in recent graced by the Minister years and has been of Health and Family appreciated at the Welfare of Mizoram, global level. Among Shri Rajesh Bhushan,

Solomon Islands and Dr. Atonio Lalabalavu, His Excellency Minister of Health, Republic of Fiji. Senior representatives from various government departments,

development partners and corporates will also be in attendance.