

## COP distributed Traffic Equipments and flag off Modern interceptor Vehicles

Chennai, June 01 2023: GCTP is working round the clock for the betterment of traffic regulations through effective enforcement and by creating awareness among the road users and public. GCTP has already enhanced its enforcement and regulation methodologies by introduction and utilization of various technological initiatives. GCTP always ensures the proper functionality of these initiatives in terms of its effective usage by the field officers. In addition to the existing traffic and road safety equipments, GCTP has purchased the following traffic road safety equipments. Also, as an advancement in awareness creation, GCTP has planned to organize the visit of students to Traffic Park in collaboration with the schools.

**1. Breath Analyzers:** In addition to 330 Breath Analyzer machines which are used already for detection of drunk and driving offences, 50 machines are purchased and are ready for distribution. The new breath analyzers are equipped with SIM so that the details will be sent to the server immediately and there will be no chance of any malpractices. It has better camera quality for clear capturing of the blower's face.

**2. Tripod Cameras:** These cameras help in live monitoring of the traffic situation from any

part of the city and the same can be viewed from anywhere as it has SIM card. It will be mainly helpful in monitoring traffic during special occasions and VIP movements and monitoring vehicle checks.

**3. Vehicle Interceptor System:** There are two patrol vehicles attached with this system. It has an ANPR camera which is 360 degrees rotatable and enabled with 2D radar system to capture traffic violations like riding without head gear, triples riding, using cell phones while driving and over speed driving. The violations are captured by camera and challan is generated after validating them at the Control room. The challan is sent to the violator instantly as in case of normal E-challan machine. The main advantage of this system is violations can be captured in static as well as dynamic mode. Thus, traffic violations can be captured for parked as well as for moving vehicle. It's the first time in South India that such system has been put into use to track traffic offences.

**4. Barricade blinker light:** For better visibility of the barricades ahead on roads, 100 barricade blinker lights have been purchased.

**5. Baton lights:** 625 Baton lights are purchased along with charger and are ready for distribution to field

officers for effective traffic regulation through systematic signaling.

**6. VMS Board:** A new VMS board of size 16x8 ft has been installed at Velachery X Vijayanagar Jn to create awareness on road safety.

**7. Megaphone:** 79 megaphones were purchased and are ready for distribution to field officers to regulate proper and obstruction free traffic and for making announcements on road.

**8. Saw Machines:** 30 Saw Machines which are fuel & electrically operated were purchased and are ready to be distributed to stations for utilization during emergency & natural disaster.

**9. Traffic Park:** The Chennai Traffic Park is built between Napier Bridge and Anna Square by Greater Chennai Corporation along with Chennai Smart City Limited at a cost of Rs 2.07 Crores and is now renovated. This project was implemented as a part of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) with Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (P) Ltd. It is mainly aimed at giving a better opportunity for the children to know all about rules of roads and safe driving. Honda Road safety instructor with local traffic police will be giving a demo to the students about cycle/bike riding, pedestrian crossing, use of helmets, seat belts, and other traffic safety rules. Deputy Commissioner,



Education, GCC is requested to put up a schedule to bring Government School students to the park. GCTP along with Traffic Wardens will collaborate with private school and will organize to bring students to the Traffic Park. A total of 239 schools in Chennai city have RSPs (Road Safety Patrol) with strength of approximately 18000 students. The allotted fund will be utilized for Road safety souvenirs, Road Safety booklet & refreshment.



at 1100 hrs at the GCC Saravanan, IPS., Deputy Traffic Park, Napier Commissioner of Police, Bridge, Kamarajar Salai Traffic, South, Tr. Sakhivel, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic, East, Tr. Samay Singh Meena, IPS and Deputy Commissioner of Police, Tr. Radha Krishnan, Traffic, Planning.

## Update on Station Redevelopment Works in Ernakulam Junction

Chennai, June 01 2023: Ernakulam Junction Railway Station (also known as Ernakulam South Station) is one of the busiest Railway Junction Stations in South India with more than 128 scheduled daily train services. Southern Railway has taken up the redevelopment work of Ernakulam Junction and the tender for the work was awarded in July 2022. The redevelopment works are being expedited at a steady pace with a vision to modernise the major railhead with futuristic designs, infrastructure and to provide best facilities to passengers.

Recent works carried out

- Pile Load test at West terminal location
- Barricading works at West terminal



building	Building	Terminal and other railway offices has been completed and initial pile load test completed.
Work in progress	RMC plant foundation and erection works in progress	Topographical survey, Soil Exploration, Drone survey completed for the project site.
column erection in progress for Office building	Works already carried out	Right of Way for the EPC contractor provided for entire work: West terminal, East Terminal, Multi-level Car Parking (MLCP), Office Building & Service Building.
Piling nearing completion for Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP)	Project Management Consultancy office completed and occupied by the agency	
Piling in progress for East Terminal building	Test Pile Concreting for service building, Multi-level Car Parking, West Terminal, Skywalk, East	
Site levelled and utility shifting in progress for Service		

proposed Skywalk from Metro Station, STP and Concourses.

All the mandatory clearances were obtained from civic authorities.

Existing station building demolished for a length of 50 m to start the construction of West Terminal Building

Piling completed for P Way Depot and SSE/PWay & SSE/Tele offices

Piling and pile cap completed for office building

Ernakulam Junction Redevelopment

The work of "Redevelopment of Ernakulam Junction" was awarded as an EPC contract to M/s Bridge and Roof Company India Ltd for RS.299.95 Crore on 13.07.2022 with 24 months set as deadline. With superior infrastructure, futuristic facilities, and a pleasing ambience, the redeveloped Ernakulam Junction will meet the needs of modern travellers. Two terminals and a Multilevel car parking is proposed to be constructed. The terminals will be equipped with ticketing area, Waiting Lounges, commercial area, various Railway offices, skywalk and concourses.

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## Interactive workshops and webinars organized on Mission LiFE for Environment

Chennai, June 01 2023: The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (M o E F & C C), Government of India envisages to celebrate the World Environment Day 2023 with a thrust on the Mission LiFE. The concept of LiFE, introduced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, aims to promote sustainable living by encouraging individuals to make changes in their lifestyles and emphasizes responsible and conscious use of resources to safeguard and conserve the environment.

To generate widespread awareness and advocacy for LiFE across India, a month-long mass mobilization campaign on Mission LiFE is currently underway. Following the "whole of government" and "whole of society" approach, the Ministry has mobilized Central Ministries / Departments, State/ UT Governments / Administrations, Institutions, and private organizations to spread the message of Mission LiFE. The ongoing mass mobilization campaign aims to amplify pan-India advocacy and awareness about LiFE, leading up to celebration on World Environment Day on 5th June 2023.

GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment

Centre for Land and Water Resource Management (CLWRM) of the G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) conducted an awareness and action campaign under mission LiFE on 31st May 2023. 40 participants including faculties, researchers, and support staff of CLWRM participated in the event. All the participants took the LiFE pledge to adopt environmentally friendly habits.

North-East Regional Centre (NERC) the G.B.



Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) organized an Awareness Programme at Guardian Angel Public School, Papum Pare, Itanagar, under the 'Adopt healthy lifestyle' and 'Save water' themes of Mission Life.

A group of people in a classroomDescription automatically generated with medium confidence

Sikkim Regional Centre (SRC) of G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) conducted awareness and action events with the villagers of Railgaon, Pangthang including homestay owners. The participants were made aware on 'Solid Waste Management' and 'Homestay Steering' under the mission LiFE theme 'Reduce Waste' and 'Adopt Healthy Lifestyles'. Additionally, a plantation drive of a threatened species, Rhododendron maddenii was conducted for its conservation. A total of 17 participants took the LiFE pledge to adopt environment-friendly habits.

Centre for Biodiversity Conservation and Management (CBCM) of G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) conducted an awareness campaign at Mahatgawn village of Almora district linking "Reduce Waste" and "Healthy lifestyle" themes of mission LiFE. A total of 15 kg of plastic waste was collected and disposed off in the waste

collection point of the block (Hawalbag). Further, multipurpose trees C. tamala, Q. glauca, Q. leucotrichophora, Z. armatum were planted in the barren land to promote "Biodiversity and Health Lifestyle". A total of 40 participants, participated in the program and took the "LiFE Pledge" to adopt environment-friendly lifestyle.

Himachal Regional Centre (HRC) of G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) organized an awareness cum cleanliness drive to reduce waste in waterbodies & public places under the 'Reduce Waste' theme of mission LiFE.

Centre for Environmental Assessment & Climate Change (CEA&CC) of G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE)-Almora organized an awareness and action drive.

Centre For Socio-Economic Development (CSED) of NIHE organized an awareness and action cum training program at Rural Technology Centre of Institute. The program was attended by 35 Female stakeholders from NIESBD, Centre Almora, and by 15 faculties, research scholars and supporting staff of CSED, NIHE. During the program, the awareness on different themes of the Mission such as Reduce Waste through the production of value-added products of waste newspaper, papers and pine. Further, the hands-on training for mushroom cultivation

under Adopting Sustainable Food Systems theme and the Production of biofuel (Biobriquettes) under the Save Energy theme of Mission LiFE was imparted to the participants. All the participants took the LiFE pledge to adopt environmentally friendly habits towards sustaining the natural resources in the Indian Himalayan region (IHR).

Garhwal Regional Centre (GRC) of the National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) conducted an awareness and action campaign cum cleanliness drive in the Parag dairy, Srinagar District of Uttarakhand under the 'Reduce Waste' theme of mission LiFE. A total of 35 kg of plastic waste has been collected and disposed off in the waste collection point of Nagar Nigam.

Centre for Environmental Assessment & Climate Change (CEA&CC) of G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) has organized a consultative cum brainstorming workshop on 'Water management' under "Mission Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE)" on 31st May 2023 near Raini village, Joshimath, Chamoli, Uttarakhand, to foster the "Adopting Healthy & Sustainable Lifestyles". A total of 25 participants participated in the program. All the participants took the LiFE pledge to sustain the natural resources in the Indian Himalayan region (IHR) and to contribute to environmental conservation and water management in the region.

The Ladakh Regional Centre (LRC) of the G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE) organized two events under mission LiFE on 31 May 2023.

## Dharmendra Pradhan meets his Singapore counterpart, to further strengthen bilateral cooperation and deepening engagements in education and skill development



Chennai, June 01 2023: Union Education & Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan's visit to Singapore concluded today. The Minister was on a three-day visit to Singapore to strengthen existing ties and to explore the possibility for widening the scope of bilateral engagement in education and skill development.

On the 3rd day of his visit, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan met his Singapore Counterpart, Minister for Education, HE Mr Chan Chun Sing. The Ministers had fruitful conversations on further strengthening the bilateral cooperation and deepening engagements in all areas of education and skill development.

Shri Pradhan also explored ways in which Singapore can partner with India for seamlessly integrating skilling & vocational education starting from the school-level itself. Both the Ministers agreed to broaden the contours of the existing partnership through institutional mechanisms, particularly towards building capacities of teachers and trainers, incorporating future skills into education and skilling ecosystem as well as explore engagement with special schools, sport schools.

Shri Pradhan expressed his gratitude to HE Mr Chan Chun Sing and Ministry of Education, Singapore for their enriching participation in the previous three G20 Education Working Group Meetings. Natural allies, like India and Singapore, remain committed to work together for mutual and global prosperity, he added. Singapore delegation



will be participating in the forthcoming G20 Education Ministers' Meeting in Pune

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan also visited Skills Future Singapore, a key initiative of the Government of Singapore to make the country future-ready. Skills Future Singapore (SSG) drives and coordinates the implementation of the national Skills Future movement, promotes a culture and holistic system of lifelong learning through the pursuit of skills mastery, and strengthens the ecosystem of quality education and training in Singapore.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Pradhan said that Skills Future envisions to make Singapore a nation of lifelong learners and a society that values skills mastery. Skills Future initiative has allowed Singaporeans to maximise their potential and is a key driver of Singapore's next phase of development, he added. Shri Pradhan highlighted that continuous education and lifelong learning is also the core of NEP in India. Insights gained today will add value to our efforts of transforming India's skill ecosystem, creating a future-ready workforce and harnessing the full potential of our young demography to drive national progress, he added.

He also visited

Singapore University of Technology and design today.

During his 3-day visit to Singapore, Shri Pradhan met various key Ministers of Singapore including DPM & Minister for Finance, Singapore, H.E Mr Lawrence Wong; Singapore's Minister of Trade and Industry H.E Mr. Gan Kim Yong; Singapore Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E Mr Vivian Balakrishnan; Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies, HE Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam. Building on the outcomes of the G20 Future of Work workshop in Bhubaneswar, they discussed ways in which India can leverage the expertise and knowledge of Singapore for addressing common challenges and transforming the Indian skills ecosystem.

Shri Pradhan said that India and Singapore share strong historical, cultural and civilizational links. Our friendship today is rooted in reciprocity, mutual trust and respect. Scaling up partnerships in knowledge, skills and frontier areas will add new dimensions to our long-standing friendship, he added.

Shri Pradhan also visited various School, higher and skilling institutions including Nanyang

Technological University, Spectra Secondary School, Skills Future, Institute of Technical Education Singapore.

Shri Pradhan had the opportunity to have a greater overview of the best practices and models being followed in Singapore for training of workforce. He interacted with teachers to know more about the teaching-learning environment, pedagogy, among others. The Minister was happy to know that the school prioritises skills-based education and also focuses on encouraging learning at the pace suitable for every learner to prepare them for future workplaces. The Minister interacted with Indian students and received good insights on the roadmap to higher education, research, innovation, entrepreneurship and taking learning beyond the four walls of the classroom.

Shri Pradhan stressed that 21st century is going to be India's century. World class global universities, like NTU and Indian universities must collaborate and deepen their engagements to create new models to inspire the 21st century, he added.

The Minister met members of alumni of IIT and IIMs, Odia Association and Indian Diaspora in Singapore during his visit.

## First Holy Communion Day Aneesha and Jack Anderson



## Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann ki Baat 99th edition also available in Braille script

Chennai, June 01 2023: The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities, located in Dehradun, is under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. It has a state-of-the-art Braille press that provides a Braille version of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann ki Baat program. The institute will continue to convert various materials into Braille script. M I Ahmad, in charge of the Braille press, shared this information. The press also creates Braille versions of voter list cards for the differently abled. Its purpose is to uplift disabled individuals, improve their education, and support their social, economic, and mental



development. Additionally, the press translates religious scriptures, academic books, and works by various authors into Braille script, making them accessible to institutions and visually impaired people across the country.

In addition to publishing books for the visually impaired, this institute focuses on comprehensive education for their overall growth. However, when a

disabled person is assigned a teacher, it also places increased responsibility on the parents. Children between the ages of 4 and 12, accompanied by their parents, attend the cross-disability early intervention center at the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disability. Teachers instruct these students daily in the presence of their parents. Teaching young handicapped and blind students is a challenging task, as

visually impaired children struggle with proper eyesight.

The National Institute for the Empowerment of Divyangjan offers modern courses, including artificial intelligence (AI), to students. Starting this year, preparations have been made to introduce AI courses for young learners. The institute aims to enhance the students' performance in the IT sector by leveraging modern technology. Special arrangements, such as AI machines, computer systems, expert systems, speech recognition, and equipment for the visually impaired, have been made to support their development in specific AI applications.

## Shopsy delivers value to 16 mn transacting customers in Q1 2023 with 3X growth in units and sellers

Chennai, June 01 2023: Shopsy, Bharat's fastest-growing hyper-value e-commerce platform, has provided value to millions of customers across India. The platform has witnessed an uptick of 3X growth in units, customers, and sellers in the last year, with over 175 million app downloads.

In the past quarter alone, Shopsy has expanded its last-mile delivery to 350 new pin codes in the country across tier-2 and tier-3 regions, including Cachar, Ghazipur, Hamirpur, Pratapgarh, and Una, among others. Many new customers commencing their e-commerce journey with Shopsy are female shoppers aged 26-45 years, homemakers from tier-2 and tier-3+ cities across India. In March 2023, Shopsy crossed over 175 million app downloads, with 90% of new transacting customers belonging to the under 35 years cohort.

Currently, Shopsy gets nearly 70% of customers from tier-2 and tier-3 regions in the country and contributes over 40% of first-time customers to the

overall Flipkart group. The traffic from T2+ regions is mainly driven by the youth of India. Shopsy is enabling these customers to explore e-commerce with its budget-friendly offerings. Propelled by its latest marketing campaign, 'Aaj Shopsy Kiya Kya' and the second edition of its flagship shopping carnival, the 'Grand Shopsy Mela', the platform continues to gain momentum across the country steadily.

Kapil Thirani, Head of Shopsy, Flipkart, said, "Shopsy is a story of an aspiring India, a population keen to make the most of its smartphones, high data speeds, and fast-rising incomes. We at Shopsy are delighted to see the strong growth and heightened participation of customers across the country. Shopsy is designed to provide value for budget-seeking customers, combined with an extensive selection and easy accessibility across all serviceable pin codes of India. This has made Shopsy one of the most preferred online shopping destinations for

shoppers as well as sellers in the country."

Ruchika Singhal, Owner of Paryag Hosiery based in Delhi and a Shopsy seller, said, "E-commerce is a boon for budding entrepreneurs as it involves minimal investment and allows flexibility of hours. I started my business in men's fashion after having my first child. Despite being able to maintain a work-life balance effortlessly, it has been an incredible journey for our business on Shopsy. I am highly appreciative of Shopsy's unique seller initiatives and the support and guidance of the team to reach audiences from across the country. My business has skyrocketed with 10X growth in orders and revenue since expanding to Shopsy and continues to steadily gain momentum. In the coming years, I want to scale my business to new heights and become a role model for others."

Over 60% of Shopsy's product portfolio is below the price point of INR 200. The platform's hyper-

value positioning helps customers seamlessly transition from an offline shopping experience to a virtual one where they can access an expansive product catalogue to fulfil their nuanced needs. Men's wristwatches have emerged as the fastest-growing product, their demand growing by over 75X this quarter. Additionally, jumpsuits, trimmers, and mobile covers clocked over 3X growth individually. Apart from this, 4,000+ product categories, including men's vests, kid's t-shirts, women's kurtis, camera tripod stands, fitness grips and hair accessories, have shown positive growth as Shopsy continues to cater to the demand from consumers.

Since its launch in July 2021, Shopsy has aimed to make digital commerce accessible across India by enabling a wide range of hypervalue product selections and a zero-commission marketplace. Today, the platform provides 150 million products spanning 800+ categories for customers across India.

## CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF PRESENTS GALLANTRY AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALS DURING NAVAL INVESTITURE CEREMONY AT VISAKHAPATNAM



Chennai, June 01 2023: Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), presented the Gallantry and Distinguished Service awards on behalf of the President of India at an impressive Naval Investiture Ceremony which was held at the Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam on 31 May 2023. The ceremony was organized to honour and recognize the bravery, leadership, professional achievements and distinguished service of Naval personnel.

33 awards were conferred during the ceremony which included Nao Sena

Medal (Gallantry) to Vineet Kumar LA(AH) and Cdr Nishant Singh (Posthumous), 13 Nao Sena Medal (Devotion to Duty), 16 Vishisht Seva Medal, and two Jeevan Raksha Padak.

In addition to these awards, the CNS also presented the Lt VK Jain Memorial Gold Medal for pioneering research in the field of Weapon improvement and Electrical Engineering, as well as the Capt Ravi Dhir Memorial Gold Medal for promoting Flight Safety.

The CNS Trophy for Best Green Practice 2023 was awarded to Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam and INS Tunir in the

Industrial and non-industrial categories respectively. The CNS also awarded the Unit Citations to operational units and shore establishments for their outstanding performances over the past year. Indian Naval Ships Betwa, Satpura, Sutlej and Nireekshak, Kalvarti class submarine INS Karanj along with INAS 321 FSS and INAS 318 received the Unit Citation. In the shore establishment category, the awardees were INS India, Tanaji and Valsura, and Material Organisation (Visakhapatnam).

The ceremony was attended by the spouses and families of the awardees, as well as

senior dignitaries of the Indian Navy. The CNS lauded the award winners for their acts of bravery and distinguished service and thanked their family members for their support to the Naval personnel.

Emphasising the importance of the role of the Naval personnel, the CNS stated that "As the Indian Navy continues to expand its operational footprint, to protect, promote, pursue and preserve our national maritime interests, it is the unwavering professionalism and never-say-die spirit of our personnel, which ensures success, always and every time"

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## Microsoft announces winner of Pledge to Progress: Sustainability Hackathon

Chennai, June 01 2023: Microsoft today announced the winner of its Pledge to Progress: Sustainability Hackathon, which was designed to incubate ideas, build innovative solutions and shape India's sustainable future by leveraging the power of technology. The winning solution of the hackathon came from a four-member team of Wipro employees who are committed to building climate change resilience for people with disabilities (PwDs).

The Pledge to Progress: Sustainability Hackathon is a platform for organizations and individuals to develop progressive solutions that can help reduce carbon emissions, save water, manage waste, create green software, built on Microsoft Cloud for Sustainability platform, tools and extensibility options. The hackathon that kicked off in March 2023 received over 95 entries from companies including Infosys, Deloitte, UST Global, TCS, Wipro, Oracle, FIS Global, Tech M, Cast Software, Capgemini, ITC Infotech, across the two themes of "industry specific solutions" and "green software development". The hackathon was preceded by a series of enablement sessions with 154 participants from 92 partner organizations.

Congratulating the winner, Jean-Philippe Courtois, Executive Vice President and President, National Transformation



Partnerships, Microsoft said, "Microsoft is committed to accelerating global progress by working with our customers, partners and governments as they move toward a net zero, environmentally sustainable future. As we continue our collective journey, we are proud to foster innovative ideas coming from the hackathon that are crucial in reshaping the future of sustainable solutions across industries. By encouraging creative thinking and rapid innovation, we are unlocking the potential for breakthrough solutions that can help build a more sustainable future by harnessing the power of technology."

Inspire, the winning team from Wipro, built a prototype that can help PwDs play a stronger role in building climate change resilience and adopt sustainable practices. Integrating accessibility features, the solution enables people who are blind or have low vision to not just read and interact with reports on Microsoft Sustainability Manager but also build apps on

the extensible solution. The solution offers a virtual advisor based on Azure OpenAI Service for Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive and leverages the Microsoft Planetary Computer for satellite AI-based carbon credits and water sustainability. To address the tech challenges in Scope 3 value chain accountability, the solution employs Microsoft Fabric to bring in carbon footprint data and innovates with Pathfinder PACT, which is currently previewed in Microsoft Sustainability Manager. Enabling PwDs to adopt sustainability practices to fight climate change, the AI tools can help people who are blind or have low vision find recycle bins or emergency evacuation paths during extreme weather events.

PwDs are at greater risk of the devastating impacts of climate change, including threats to health, food security, water, sanitation, as well as livelihoods. Limited access to knowledge, resources, and services to effectively respond to environmental change, a variety of socio-economic risk factors, and exclusion in planning for effects of climate change can lead to increased vulnerabilities for PwDs.

Apart from Wipro, three other teams received special mention for their innovation: Bring Life to Lakes by Sharp Software Development: Centralized solution integrated with Microsoft Sustainability Manager for measuring the quality of water and monitoring garbage for apartment STPs and lakes.

Team Scintilla by Pratishri IT Solutions: A mobile application platform that reduces food waste, feeds the needy, and promotes sustainability.

Mother Nature Earth by Tata Consultancy Services: Solar energy prediction and management solution to estimate energy availability. The winning team will gain access to expert mentorship from industry leaders, tap into Microsoft's extensive network of partners and customers, and receive resources to further refine and develop their solutions.

## Smart Vision Hospital inaugurated by Corporation Commissioner Dr.J.Radhakrishnan, Elizabeth verghese and Dr Susan Verghese at Thiruvannamiyur

Chennai, June 01 2023: Smart Vision Hospital is a health initiative from the Hindustan Group of Institutions founded by Dr Susan Verghese, Medical Director. She is also the Director of Hindustan College of Arts & Sciences, and the daughter of Dr KCG Verghese, founder of the Hindustan Group of Institutions.

Smart Vision Hospital (NABH Accredited) was started in 2016 for Eye care, Diabetic care and cardiology care. Today on 31st May 2023 inauguration of the new hospital premises was done by Hon'ble. Dr J Radhakrishnan IAS, Corporation Commissioner of Greater Chennai in the presence of Mrs. Elizabeth verghese Founder Chairperson of Hindustan Group of Institutions and Dr. Susan Verghese (MS



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## India, China hold talks on LAC standoff in Delhi, agree on military discussions

Chennai, June 01 2023: India and China held another round of diplomatic talks on Wednesday on the dragging standoff on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), with the only outcome being a decision to hold the next round of discussions between military commanders "at an early date".

The 27th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on India-China border affairs was held in person in New Delhi, the external affairs ministry said in a statement.

While noting that restoring peace and tranquillity will "create conditions for normalising bilateral relations", the statement said: "In order to achieve this objective, in accordance with existing bilateral agreements and protocols, they agreed to hold the next (19th) round of Senior Commanders' meeting at an early date."

The military standoff on the LAC,



currently in its fourth year, has taken India-China ties to their lowest ebb in six decades. Soon after the standoff emerged in the open, a brutal clash at Galwan Valley killed 20 Indian soldiers and at least four Chinese troops in June 2020.

In the face of calls from the Chinese side for the border row to be placed in its "appropriate place" in bilateral relations, external affairs minister S Jaishankar has maintained that relations cannot be normalised till peace and tranquillity are restored along the LAC.

During the WMCC meeting, the two sides "reviewed the situation along the LAC in the Western Sector of India-China border areas and discussed

proposals for disengagement in remaining areas in a frank and open manner", the statement said.

"Restoration of peace and tranquillity will create conditions for normalising bilateral relations," the statement said.

The two sides also agreed to continue discussions through military and diplomatic channels.

The joint secretary (East Asia) from the external affairs ministry led the Indian delegation at the meeting, while the Chinese team was led by the director general of the boundary and oceanic affairs department of the foreign ministry.

The Indian Army

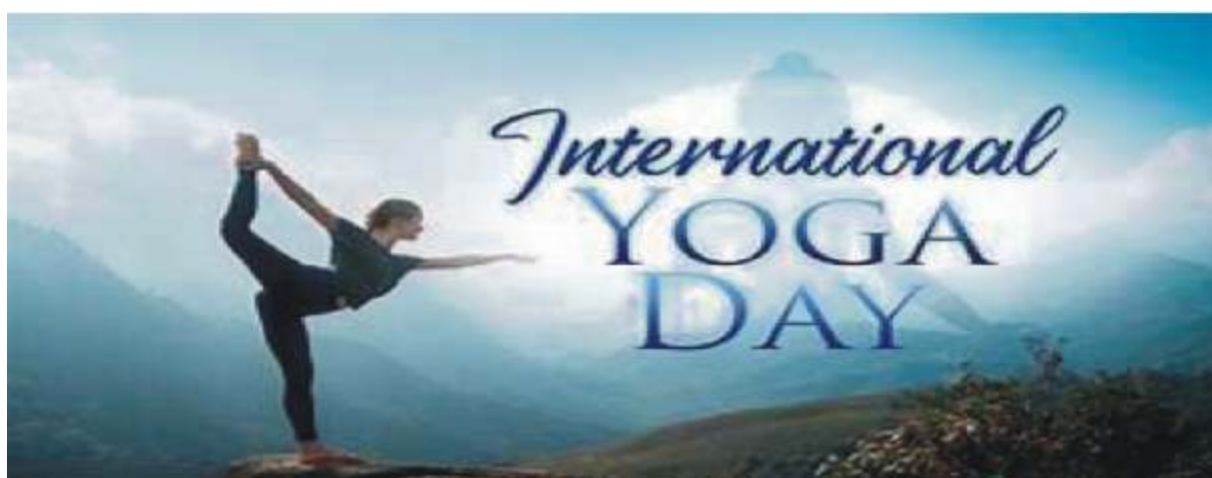
and China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) held the 18th round of senior commanders' talks on April 23 to ease tensions along the LAC.

Prior to this, the two sides had held talks between the corps commanders in December 2022 to discuss outstanding issues along the border.

Despite four rounds of disengagement of frontline troops at Galwan Valley, Pangong Lake, Gogra and Hot Springs, the Indian and Chinese armies still have more than 60,000 troops each and advanced weaponry deployed in the Ladakh theatre.

Prominent among the remaining friction points along the LAC are Depsang and Demchok.

## PM reminds citizens for 9th International Day of Yoga on 21st June



Chennai, June 01 2023: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has reminded citizens for the 9th International Day of Yoga on 21st June. Shri Modi has said that let us gear up and celebrate this ancient practice that enhances our mental and physical well-being.

In response to a tweet by the Ministry of Ayush, the Prime Minister said;

"Just three weeks left for International Yoga Day!

Let us gear up and celebrate this ancient practice that enhances our mental and physical well-being. Let us create a healthier and happier society."