

Update on Kannyakumari Station Redevelopment works

Chennai, May 04 2023: Southern Railway has taken up Kannyakumari (CAPE) Station redevelopment in order to offer a world-class ambience, futuristic infra and airport-like facilities for passengers. Tender was awarded for the redevelopment work in November 2022 and now the work has begun and progressing at a steady pace.



a cost of Rs.49.36 Crore, setting a time frame of 19 months for completion of the project. M/STUV India Pvt Ltd, Mumbai have been tasked with the work of Project Management services (PMS) at a cost of Rs 2.72 Crore.

Works executed Recently

- Master Plan Validation completed.
- Architectural & 3D illustrative drawings of Ancillary Buildings Approved.
- 3D illustrative drawings of FOB Approved.

Other work in progress

- GRIHA Registration for Kannyakumari station Re-Development work.
- Project Management Site Office construction is in progress.
- QC laboratory work in progress.
- Shifting of temporary toilet work is in progress.
- Shifting of Goods approach road is in progress.

Setting up of a Batching plant in progress.

Architectural & structural Design of the Station Buildings, Ancillary buildings, FOB Concourse is in progress

Works Executed So far

Preliminary works such as Mapping and Topographical survey, drone survey, tree inventory.

All kinds of Soil tests (Geotechnical investigation) completed at various locations.

Project management Services have commenced work.

Site clearance work completed for all building locations.

Right of way, which is a legal right to enter and carry out the work, has been provided to the EPC contractor for construction of

Terminal building North & south wing (Extension) RPF building, Service room for mechanical staff, Rest room for running staff, Substation building, Demolition of Existing concourse roof & Erection of new concourse, shifting of Goods approach road, FOB connecting side platform (PF 1) & Island platform (PF 2,3), Platform upgradation works, & Development of 4 lane road connecting MDR 27 & NH 44 (East to West)

On a regular basis project review meetings are held with the stakeholders of the project.

Kannyakumari Station Redevelopment works

The work of Redevelopment of Kannyakumari (CAPE) Railway station was awarded as EPC contract to M/s Engineering Projects (India) Ltd, Chennai at

Two terminals (Arrival & Departure) are proposed to be constructed in the southern side, & North side connecting by Air concourses. The Terminal Buildings are proposed as a G+1 structures with world class amenities like AC waiting lounge, ticketing area, commercial area, Food court etc. Concourses for segregation of departing and arrival passengers, Foot Over Bridge, adequate lifts and escalators are planned for hassle-free passenger movement. A covered driveway and forecourt is proposed on the Eastern side. The entry and exit roads are planned with drop off, drop-in, pick-up points etc for free movement of vehicles, pedestrians.

For seamless operation of railway offices, it is proposed to build exclusive offices for RPF, Mechanical Staff, Running Staff and Loco Pilots and Substation buildings.

Apollo Proton Cancer Centre introduces the first and largest 'Helical Tomotherapy' program in Tamil Nadu

Chennai, May 04 2023: In line with the mission to provide the most comprehensive and advanced cancer care in India, Apollo Proton Cancer Centre (APCC) has once again set a new standard with the introduction of the latest suite of cutting-edge cancer-fighting technology called Tomotherapy. As the first centre in South Asia and the Middle East to offer proton therapy, APCC is renowned for its commitment to providing the finest in proton and photon therapies, and the addition of Tomotherapy is a step towards offering advanced cancer care.



Ms. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament-Lok Sabha, Govt. of India, inaugurated Tamil Nadu's first RadiXactX9 Tomotherapy and India's first High Precession TMI/TMLI programme in the presence of Ms. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd, Mr Karan Puri, Chief Executive Officer, APCC, Dr Rakesh Jalali, Medical Director & HOD-Radiation Oncology, APCC, Dr Sapna Nangia, Senior Consultant Radiation Oncology and Dr Srinivas Chilukuri, Senior Consultant Radiation Oncology, APCC.

APCC is now the first in Tamil Nadu to offer RadiXactX9 Tomotherapy and India's first High Precession TMI/TMLI programme, thanks to its Helical Tomotherapy technology, which provides greater precision and control over radiation therapy delivery while

minimising damage to healthy tissues. The daily imaging capability makes it possible for clinicians to identify and correct any variations in patient positioning, changes in the tumour, or other factors, such as weight gain or loss. As the Tomotherapy System's precision reduces radiation exposure to surrounding healthy tissues, patients experience fewer side effects than those receiving conventional forms of radiation therapy.

Ms. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament-Lok Sabha, praised APCC's role in offering advanced cancer care, saying, "Tamil Nadu has always been at the forefront of medical infrastructure and healthcare delivery in India, and I am proud to say that the launch of Tomotherapy at the Apollo Proton Cancer Centre is yet another example of this. With this new technology, the APCC is not only setting new standards for cancer care in Tamil Nadu but also in South Asia and the Middle East. I commend the APCC for its commitment to delivering the finest in proton and photon therapies, and for investing in the latest and most advanced

technologies to enhance cancer care for patients."

Ms. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals Enterprises Ltd, added, "The launch of Tomotherapy at the Apollo Proton Cancer Centre marks a momentous occasion that will redefine cancer treatment in South Asia. With the increasing prevalence of cancer in India, projected to grow seven-fold by 2025 due to various factors such as air pollution, smoking, and sedentary lifestyles, the introduction of this technology comes at a critical time. Apollo has been a pioneer in healthcare, setting high standards for patient care and excellence, and this commitment is reflected in the Apollo Proton Cancer Centre's efforts to provide the finest in proton and photon therapies. The launch of Tomotherapy is yet another testament to this commitment, which is sure to positively impact the lives of countless patients not only in Tamil Nadu but also throughout South Asia and beyond."

Dr. Rakesh Jalali, Medical Director & HOD- Radiation Oncology, APCC, emphasized the

importance of the new technology, saying, "Tomotherapy represents a significant advancement in radiation therapy technology, and we are proud to be at the forefront of this development at the Apollo Proton Cancer Centre. With Tomotherapy, we are able to offer our patients a high-level of precision and accuracy in radiation therapy that was once thought impossible. At APCC, we are committed to providing the finest in proton and photon therapies, and Tomotherapy is a significant addition to our suite of advanced cancer-fighting technologies."

Tomotherapy at the APCC underscores the centre's commitment to offering the most advanced and effective cancer-fighting technologies in South Asia. With a dedicated comprehensive site-specific cancer care centre with all the latest diagnostic facilities including South Asia's first digital PET-CT and digital pathology, APCC has an experienced multi-disciplinary team of highly skilled clinicians focused on delivering the best possible outcomes for their patients with utmost care.

Vice President says North-East's development is integral to India's growth story

Chennai, May 04 2023: The Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar today said that the Government of India's policy of 'Act East', upgraded from the 'Look East' policy has given an impetus to the North Eastern region and made way for its overall development. He said that North-East's development is integral to India's growth story.



On his maiden visit to the state of Manipur as the Vice President, Shri Dhankhar addressed students and teachers at Dhana Manjuri University, Manipur and later at Manipur University.

Speaking at the Dhana Manjuri University, Shri Dhankhar observed that the infrastructure in the North-Eastern region is fast improving, referring to upgraded rail connectivity, increase in the number of airports, among other initiatives.

He said the North-Eastern culture, diversity, dances, and natural vegetation are unparalleled in the world. He added that he was touched by the warmth and hospitality of the Manipuri people and that it was evident the state's happiness index was indeed high.

Calling the students as foot soldiers of 2047, the Vice President said students must not only dream of big ideas but also pursue them to make them into reality, making use of the avenues for growth and become job creators rather than job seekers.

The Vice President said the National Educational Policy -

2020 was a visionary document and a game changer as it envisions that education should not be limited to a degree but should result in improving skills and instilling values.

Vice-President at Manipur University

Addressing students at the Manipur University, the Vice President encouraged them to experiment with various ideas. He said 'fear is the biggest killer of innovation' and wanted them to implement their dreams.

The Vice President observed that the world is looking at India's growth, which is best exemplified through its

thriving startup ecosystem. He said India is now looked at as a land of opportunity, every investor in the world is focusing more on India because of its rich human resources and increasingly transparent government processes. He called upon the students to always keep the nation first and take pride in its achievements.

Ms. Anusuiya Uikey, the Governor of Manipur, Shri N. Biren Singh, the Chief Minister of Manipur, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, the Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Education, Govt. of India, Shri Th. Basanta Singh, the Education Minister, Manipur, Prof. N. Rajmuhon Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Dhana Manjuri University, Prof. N Lokendra Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Manipur University and other dignitaries were present at these events.

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Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) granted Navratna Status

Chennai, May 04 2023: Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), a Central Public Sector Enterprises of Ministry of Railways, has been granted Navratna Status.

RVNL was incorporated as PSU on 24th January, 2003, with the twin objectives of implementation of projects relating to creation and augmentation of

capacities of rail infrastructure on fast track basis and raising of extra budgetary resources for SPV projects. The company began its operation in 2005 with the appointment of Board of Directors. The company was granted Mini-Ratna status in September 2013. The authorized share capital of the company is Rs. 3000 Crore, with paid up share capital of Rs. 2085 crore.

RVNL has been assigned the following functions:

Undertaking project development and execution of works covering full project life cycle.

Creating Project specific SPVs for individual works, if required.

On completion of a Railway project by RVNL, the concerned Zonal Railway will

undertake its operation and maintenance.

The grant of "Navratna" status to RVNL leads to enhanced delegation of powers, more operational freedom and financial autonomy which will give huge impetus to RVNL's progress, particularly so, when RVNL is extending its footprints in sectors beyond Railways and even in projects abroad.

NTPC marks its first Overseas Capacity Addition; With Bangladesh's Power Plant, Group's Installed Capacity goes up to 72304 MW

Chennai, May 04 2023: NTPC has marked its first overseas capacity addition, beginning with Bangladesh. The Group recently added Unit-1, a 660 MW capacity, of the 1320 MW (2x660) Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant (MSTPP) located in Rampal, Mongla, Bagerhat, Bangladesh. The new addition takes the Installed Capacity of NTPC to 72304 MW.

This demonstrates company's global reach and commitment to providing reliable and sustainable power. The



project was executed in collaboration with the Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company Pvt Ltd. (BIFPCL), a foreign joint venture company of NTPCLtd.

After obtaining the required norms and approvals, Unit 1 of MSTPP has been included in the installed and commercial capacity of NTPC Group.

The successful completion of the project underscores NTPC's commitment to innovation and excellence in every project it undertakes.

PM replies to Japanese Embassy's message on Mann ki Baat

Chennai, May 04 2023: The Japanese embassy in India tweeted about 100th episode of Mann ki Baat. Wishing on the occasion, the embassy recalled a message by the Late Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in the preface to the book 'Mann Ki Baat: A Social Revolution on Radio'.

The Embassy also remembered 89th episode of Mann ki Baat, where PM Modi



lauded the India-Japan cultural ties while citing Japanese artists, who have been staging Mahabharat and

Ramayana in Asian countries.

Replying to the tweet thread, the Prime Minister tweeted:

"Thank you for the kind words and for also remembering my friend, late Mr. Shinzo Abe."

CCI approves acquisition of shareholding of Tower Vision India Private Limited by Ascend Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited and GIP EM Ascend 2 Pte. Ltd

Chennai, May 04 2023: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition of shareholding of Tower Vision India Private Limited by Ascend Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited and GIP EM Ascend 2 Pte. Ltd.

The proposed acquisition Ascend

Telecom Infrastructure Private Limited (Ascend) and GIP EM Ascend 2 Pte. Ltd. (GIP EM) (collectively, Acquirers) of 100 percent of the shareholding of Tower Vision India Private Limited (Target) (Proposed Combination).

Acquirers

The Acquirers are entirely owned by funds/investment vehicles managed by entities that are ultimately controlled by Global Infrastructure Management LLC (GIM LLC). Ascend is engaged in providing passive telecommunication infrastructure services through towers in India

while GIP EM is presently not engaged in any business operations.

Target

The Target is controlled by Tower Vision Mauritius Limited and is engaged in the provision of passive telecommunication infrastructure services through towers in India.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah hands over appointment letters to 4400 employees of NDMC on their regularization and inaugurates various projects in New Delhi

Chennai, May 04 2023: Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah handed over appointment letters to 4400 employees of New Delhi Municipal Council on their regularization and inaugurated various projects in New Delhi today.

Several dignitaries including Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Shri Vinay Kumar Saxena, Union Minister of State for External Affairs Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi and Union Home Secretary were present on the occasion.

In his address, Shri Amit Shah said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has eased the lives of the people by removing uncertainties from many areas, that's why every elderly, child and youth of the country says that "Modi Hai to Mumkin Hai" (PM Modi is there then everything is possible). Shri Shah said that Prime Minister Modi himself has given a lot of thrust on timely changes in job conditions and recruitment rules in every ministry of the Government of India. As

a result, Shri Modi has not only provided facilities to 4400 employees but also for many employees in the coming years.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that due to this decision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the people belonging to the backward sections of the society have got pride, respect and assurance for their future today. He said that in Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, when India is presiding over the G-20, your rich enthusiasm will help in beautifying the Delhi. Shri Shah added that the area of NDMC is very important as the policies of the country are made here, foreign guests visit here and this area is very important to spread the message and fragrance of India all over the world. He said that it is the responsibility of NDMC to provide basic amenities to the 43 sq km area and lakhs of people everyday.

Shri Amit Shah said that work of NDMC is considered the best among its counterparts across the country and NDMC is also financially self-



sufficient with AA+ credit rating. Several plans have been made to develop it with minimum ecological impact. He said that 4400 people have officially joined this team of 13,000 Karmayogis of NDMC today. He said that these 4400 Karmayogis are known by their work more than their names. Whether it is cleanliness, making places rich with greenery and ensuring uninterrupted power supply, the efforts of these 4400 Karmayogis and their dedication and

hard work towards NDMC is worth every applause. He said that these people had been getting recognition for their hard work, now Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has also provided them with respect and security along with recognition.

The Union Home Minister said that officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the DoPT have played a major role in making necessary changes in the recruitment rules and removing administrative hurdles in regularizing

these employees. He said that about 900 additional posts were created after which 4,400 people could be regularized. He said that after regularization, an average salary of Rs. 32,000 will be assured, while some people will also get higher level. Additionally, cashless health scheme of NDMC, LTC, promotion opportunities and the right to apply for NDMC government houses will be assured. He said that while all these facilities should have been provided to

these employees long ago, it is due to the decision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi that these rights have now been provided to them.

Shri Amit Shah said that today 120 new flats have also inaugurated in Pushp Vihar Housing Complex. Additionally, upgradation and beautification of Ranjit Singh flyover and Safdarjung flyover are also being undertaken. He said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is laying the foundation of

development across many fields. Shri Shah said that before 2014, there was no government policy for urban development. However, after 2014, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took responsibility for development across all the fields and formulated a comprehensive, result-oriented and integrated urban development policy, which is based on 5 pillars- Governance, Rejuvenation of Infrastructure, Cleanliness, Welfare of urban poor and Promotion of Healthy Competition between cities. Along with this, the Government of India worked towards upgradation of the infrastructure of the city through several schemes, such as, Amrut Mission, RERA Act, metro network and electric buses, thus helping to improve infrastructure and environment of the city. He said that the central government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has also taken care of the cleanliness of the city through promotion of initiatives like green energy, Swachh Bharat

A b h i y a n a n d construction of public toilets, clean energy, solar rooftop and LED lights. Shri Shah said that houses have been built for the welfare of about 1.5 crore urban poor. Under the Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana, the street vendors have been made self-reliant while through digital transactions, they have been connected with banking facilities so that they could easily transact money.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that due to the effective urban development policy of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the cities are witnessing a transformation now. He said that in the coming days, NDMC needs to be further strengthened, services have to be made specific and detailed and the culture of cleanliness has to be inculcated in the entire NDMC area. Shri Shah said that due to the important decision taken by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, a ray of enthusiasm and new hope has come in the lives of 4400 employees, today.

Text of the Vice President's speech - At Dhanamanjuri University, Manipur

Chennai, May 04 2023: Khurumjari, Members of the faculty, distinguished guest and most important my dear students, I am here to connect with you. Manipur the name spells out it all. Mani is 'Jewel' and puri is 'land'.

I will confine myself to the issues concerning students and the North East. First North East, Hon'ble Chief Minister rightly said in 1991 the Government of India evolved a policy and that Policy was Look East.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his vision for growth of North East gave it a new dimension- 'Look East, Act East'. Now this policy 'Look East, Act East' is not limited to this country. It goes beyond the frontiers of this country as rightly pointed out by Hon'ble Chief Minister.

I got a feel of it when I made a visit to Cambodia that was the ASEAN meet that talked about this connectivity.

Manipur is very strategically located. No matter that its population is small, the state is rich and the state's richness is reflected in its culture. Northeast is changing very fast. Look at the rail connectivity, air connectivity of the northeast from 9 airports to 17 airports. Look at this airport itself, it has National and international connectivity; a development is taking place.

By the end of the year, this part of the country will be digitalized 100%.

Manipur in particular is gifted with medicinal plants that can turn the situation around for many of us and generate industrial growth in that field.

Go to any part of the world, what you see in the North East is not available. You have variety, diversity, deep culture, your art, dances but never forget that Manipur has been a home to Polo. Polo, which connects many people around the globe, is from Manipur.

Northeast has made remarkable impact because of its youth power, firepower in the field of sports and athletics. It's a great success of human resource in this part of the world.

I have got a feeling of connection, a feel good factor because of the warmth of the people here.

North East is going to be the new place. It is already emerging as a



destination for tourism. All that is happening in the country in the field of education, healthcare, connectivity and rail infrastructure is being reflected on the ground.

As a result of this, we have a Global image; India is rising as never before, the rise is unstoppable and this is because of the young people before me.

We are in Amrit Kaal- 75th year of our independence but we have set our eyes to 2047. India will be celebrating the centenary of its independence. You all will be around; you will be taking progress on your shoulder. You are the foot soldiers; you are the Warriors that will take India to the highest level in the globe in 2047. Why? Because now facilities are available for pursuing higher education to get skill for starting any enterprise that they want; all irritants have been done away with.

Therefore, I appeal to the students, have a dream but don't allow that dream to be just a dream. Your dream must result in some ground reality.

Never fear. Fear is the greatest killer, never have tension, never have stress, never have the bug of achieving something which others wanted to achieve.

Always believe in your attitude, aptitude and what you wish to be.

Avenues are enormous, much is opening these days. Kind of growth we have seen is unimaginable. The reputation of the country is rising globally. Therefore, the entire world is open to you for making contributions.

Make your university proud, make your teachers proud, make your state proud, your nation proud and develop one concept that Nation always first, nation above everything else, our nationalism is beyond compromise.

We must learn to be proud Indians and take pride in our achievements. After 34 years as the Honorable

Governor pointed out, after taking input from all the stakeholders National Education Policy was evolved for you all so that education becomes purposeful, education does not graduate to degree orientation, education results in development of your skills and that big change has been the theme of National Education Policy.

I can assure you that National Education Policy is going to be a big game changer. It has replaced all that was getting into a system where our young boys and girls were not able to fully use their talent. It is a big change and this education policy is not a political policy. It is not a state policy; it is a national policy. Evolution of this policy has only one theme i.e. allow the students to fully exploit his or her potential and talent that is available to you.

I appeal to all of you to look around and you will have an idea. When you get an idea try to be a job creator and not a job seeker.

If you look around because of technological development you will find a number of areas where you can show your talent and improve the lights of the people and that is one aspect which you must bear in mind.

Let me give you some idea as to how our youth is being made available. Money is no problem if you have an idea in your mind.

Take for instance Mudra loan. We have a number of entrepreneurs. The amount of loan that has been distributed in Mudra scheme is mind boggling. We have seen ordinary people, men and women utilizing that loan for a small work and then finding employment not only for themselves but for others. It is a great opportunity.

If we go a little further, the Government of India scheme to give strength to the farmers has picked up and the amount that has so far been distributed is not

small. 2.25 lakh crore to Indian farmers.

I told the Chief Minister when I first saw him at the airport that you are a footballer who doesn't believe in taking corner kicks or penalty strikes but believes in scoring a goal and I have no doubt since he is a footballer, he knows the importance of team leader and he is the team leader.

There is a chance to score a goal not by himself but to someone else, he will give a pass and therefore results will come. This is my maiden visit but this is the beginning but not the end. I will continue coming to this place. I will stay overnight to get the feel of it.

I have been touched by the warmth of the people. What a gratifying moment to see both boys and girls on either side of the roads, I did have eye contact with some of them and I could see a sparkle in their eyes. I have no doubt that the happiness index of the state is very high.

I wish you well. It is a moment of honour and privilege for me and my wife. I would keep on coming here and would love to welcome young students from Manipur to the Parliament House. It will give me an opportunity to reciprocate the warmth and the hospitality which the Chief Minister and everyone have shown.

I strongly favour young people from the North East Visiting other parts of the country and inviting their counterparts, this should be structured. I am sure the honorable Chief Minister will bring it about and I will be a facilitator.

Once again Thank you and May God bless you. Never forget: No tension and No stress; never fear and take the plunge. History has been made by those who have fallen several times before creating history. You all will do it and you have the capacity to do it.

Best of Luck, Thank You.

REC Limited lists its Green Bonds of USD 750 Million at GIFT IFSC Stock Exchanges

Chennai, May 04 2023: REC Limited has undertaken an exclusive listing of its recently issued Green bonds of USD 750 million raised under its Global Medium Term Programme of USD 7 billion at GIFT IFSC Stock Exchanges in a primary listing ceremony held in GIFT IFSC, Gandhinagar today.

Mr. Injeti Srinivas, Chairman, International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) was the Chief Guest at the listing ceremony, which was attended by Mr. Vivek Kumar Dewangan, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), REC and Mr. Ajoy Choudhury, Director (Finance), REC and other senior officials of India INX and NSE IFSC.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Vivek Kumar Dewangan, CMD, REC Limited, said, "We have consciously decided on the exclusive listing of REC's recently issued Green Bonds on IFSC Stock exchanges, which have come a long way in their acceptability amongst the global investors. This Green Bond issuance reinforces REC's status as one of the most accomplished and frequent issuers in the international capital markets and is poised to contribute in India meeting its Amrit Kaal commitments towards climate action plan and energy transition with



focus on green projects."

This is the largest ever senior USD tranche by an Indian NBFC (largest ever senior Green Bond Tranche by a South & South-East Asian issuer) and first Green Bond issuance by an Indian Company post India's G20 Presidency.

Mr. Injeti Srinivas, Chairperson, IFSCA, said, "We are pleased that REC Limited, a Maharatna Company, has listed their USD 750 million green bonds exclusively on the IFSC Exchanges. With this listing, the cumulative ESG labelled bonds listed on IFSC Exchanges has crossed USD 10 billion. GIFT IFSC is emerging as a gateway to facilitate raising of foreign capital into sustainable projects in India, thereby contributing towards achieving our climate change commitments and SDG goals."

The issue saw an

over-subscription of approximately 3.5 times from 161 investors with active participation from quality accounts. Investors from across the globe participated in the issue with Asia Pacific (APAC) 42%, Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) 26% and the US 32%.

Mr. V. Balasubramaniam, MD and CEO, NSE International Exchange, said, "We are extremely delighted that REC has done an exclusive listing of their green bonds of USD 750 million in NSE International Exchange and India INX at GIFT IFSC, taking their total listing to USD 4.75 billion under USD 7 billion Global Medium - Term Note Programme. I am sure other issuers from India and the region will consider International listing on IFSC Exchanges. Our aim is to make GIFT IFSC as a sustainable finance global hub. This

takes total bond issuance on IFSC exchanges to USD 51.7 billion plus with the total medium term notes worth over USD 73 billion."

Over 87% of the transaction in the issue has been allocated to Fund Managers, Asset Managers and Insurance Companies.

On this occasion, Mr. Arunkumar Ganesan, Chief Business Operations & Listing, INDIA INX said, "We take immense pleasure in welcoming green bonds of USD 750 Million issued by REC Limited on India INX as they have reposed trust in India's own IFSC and chose to list here exclusively, they will enjoy the lower withholding tax benefit of 4%. This firmly reinforces INDIA INX and GIFT IFSC as a credible and competitive international jurisdiction for raising capital from global investors."

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Nationwide AHDF KCC campaign for 2023-24 launched for providing Kisan Credit Card facility to all eligible Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fishery Farmers

Chennai, May 04 2023: As part of AazadiKaAmritMahostav, Union Cabinet Minister for Fisheries, Animal husbandry and Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala will officially launch the Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign for 2023-24 through virtual mode on 03rd May 2023 at 9:30 AM and interacted with beneficiaries of AHDF-KCC connected through CSC and State Animal Husbandry Department. This step will further help in extending KCC facility to all small landless farmers engaged in animal husbandry and fisheries activities.

In order to expand the benefit of Kisan Credit Card to all eligible animal



husbandry, dairy and fishery farmers in the country, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, in association with the Department of Fisheries (DOF) and the Department of Financial Services (DFS), is organizing a "Nationwide AHDF KCC Campaign" from 1st May 2023 to 31st March, 2024. The circular conveying the detailed guidelines for organizing this campaign has been issued to States on 13.03.2023. The necessary instructions to

banks as well as State Government have also been issued by D/o Financial Services.

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in association with Department of Financial Services are organizing various campaign since June 2020 for providing Kisan Credit Card facility to all eligible Animal Husbandry and Fishery Farmers. As a result, more than 27 lakh fresh KCC were sanctioned to Animal

Husbandry and Fishery Farmers thereby provided organizational credit facility to them to meet their working capital requirement. The last Nation-wide AHDF KCC Campaign has been held during 15.11.2021 to 15.03.2023. During this Campaign, District Level KCC Camps were organized in every week by KCC Coordination Committee coordinated by Lead District Manager (LDM) for on-the-spot scrutiny of applications sourced by the officials of State Animal Husbandry and Fisheries department from the farmers.

Around 1 lakh farmers joined the awareness program virtually from Common Service Centers.

CCI approves acquisition by Sanjay Chamria (SC) of certain equity shares of Jaguar Advisory Services Private Limited



Chennai, May 04 2023: The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition by Mr. Sanjay Chamria (SC) of certain equity shares of Jaguar Advisory Services Private Limited (Jaguar) held by Poonawalla Fincorp Limited (PFL) and HDI Global SE (HDI), constituting 51.11% of the total equity share capital of

Limited (Magma HDI) by SC.

The proposed combination is in the nature of an acquisition by Mr. Sanjay Chamria of an aggregate of 11,500 equity shares of Jaguar held by Poonawalla Fincorp Limited (PFL) and HDI Global SE (HDI), constituting 51.11% of the total equity share capital of

Jaguar resulting in an indirect acquisition by SC of approximately 5.44% of the equity share capital of Magma HDI (Proposed Combination).

SC, an individual, is engaged in investing directly and through entities owned by him in various listed and unlisted enterprises.

Jaguar is a company

incorporated in India is engaged in the business of provision of manpower supply services.

Magma HDI is a company incorporated in India is engaged in the business of general / non-life insurance in India and offers a complete range of general / non-life insurance products.

National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign- 2023 Union Agriculture Minister inaugurates Kharif Campaign for 2023-24 with focus on making country Aatmanirbhar

Chennai, May 04 2023: Union Agriculture Minister, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2023-24 on 03-05-2023 at NASC Complex, New Delhi. Addressing Conference, he emphasized that agriculture remains prime pulse of the Indian economy and is at the core of the socio-economic development of the country. It accounts for around 19 per cent of the GDP and about two-thirds of the population is dependent on the sector.

Shri Tomar expressed happiness that India's agriculture sector has been witnessing robust growth with an average annual growth rate of 4.6 per cent over the last six years. This has enabled agriculture and allied activities sector to contribute significantly towards country overall growth, development and food security. As per 2nd Advance Estimates (2022-23), production of foodgrains in the country is estimated at 3235 lakh tonnes which is higher by 79 lakh tonnes than the production of foodgrains during 2021-22. Record production is estimated of rice, maize, gram, pulses, rapeseed and mustard, oilseeds and sugarcane. Total production of sugarcane in the country during 2022-23 is estimated at record 4688 lakh tonnes which is higher by 1553 lakh tonnes than the average sugarcane production. As per the 3rd Advance Estimates of Horticulture, a record 3423.3 lakh tonnes of horticultural production are estimated in 2021-22 which is 77.30 lakh tonnes higher over production of 2020-21.

The objective of this conference was to review and assess the crop performance during the preceding crop seasons and fix crop-wise targets for Kharif season in consultation with State Governments, ensure supply of critical inputs and facilitate adoption of innovative technologies with a view to enhance production and productivity of the crops. The priority of government is agro-ecological based crop planning for diversion of land from excess commodities like rice and wheat to deficit commodities like oilseeds and pulses and high value export earning crops. Special Mustard programme was initiated during rabi 2020-21 that has brought most spectacular results. Mustard production has jumped by 40% from 91.24 to 128.18 lakh tonnes in last 3 years. The productivity saw 11% increase from 1331 to 1447 kg/ha. The area under rapeseed & mustard enhanced by 29% from 68.56 lakh ha in 2019-20 to 88.58 lakh ha in 2022-23. Timely action by central and state government made this remarkable achievement possible.

The Minister shared that India organized The Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference at IARI campus, PUSA, New Delhi on 18th of March



2023 as part of major celebration of International Year of Millets. Dedicating to the International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023, the Hon'ble Prime Minister unveiled commemorative coin and stamp celebrating IYM followed by digital launch of a book of millets (Shree Anna) standards. The Prime Minister declared ICAR-IIMR as Global Centre of Excellence which was followed by screening of a short film on Shree Anna & IYM 2023. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is ensuring that IYM is celebrated in a structured way throughout the year by organizing regular meetings (In person/ video conferencing) with all the stakeholders. Expert Institutes such as ICAR-IIMR, APEDA, ICRISAT and others are also involved to encourage R&D, productivity and value addition.

The Conference set the national targets for production of foodgrains and other commodities. National targets for total food grains production set at 3320 lakh tonnes for the year 2023-24. Target for production of pulses have been fixed at 292.5 lakh tonnes compared to 278.1 lakh tonnes this year and oilseeds production will be increased from 400 to 440 lakh tonnes in 2023-24. Total Shree Anna production has to be increased from 159.1 lakh tonnes in 2022-23 to 170.0 lakh tonnes in 2023-24. The strategy would be to increase area through inter-cropping and crop diversification and productivity enhancement through introduction of HYVs and adoption of suitable agronomic practices in low yielding regions.

Addressing the Conference, Sh. Kailash Choudhary, MoS (Agriculture and Farmers Welfare) hoped that global demand for millets is set to rise, consequent to the celebration of the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYM). This will provide us a unique opportunity to increase production, ensure efficient processing and consumption, promote a better utilization of crop rotations, and encourage better connectivity throughout food systems to promote

millets as a key component of the food basket. Due to its multi-functionality, millets hold considerable potential to contribute to economic and ecological diversification, climate resilience, and food & nutritional security. Widely recognized as "Smart Food" or "Nutri-Cereals", millets play a crucial role in transforming agri-food systems, across the globe. India is set to become International Hub for millets.

In his deliberation he said that there is significant increase in oilseeds and pulses still more stress should be given for further increase in the production of seeds and pulses. For the all the government facilities, schemes and information of agriculture must be given through FPO for its effective implementation.

Shri Manoj Ahuja, Secretary (Agriculture & Farmers Welfare), said that the country is maintaining an increasing trend in food grain production since 2015-16. The government has taken measures to augment crop and livestock productivity, ensure certainty of returns to the farmers through price support (Minimum Support Price), promote crop diversification and has made focused interventions to enhance credit availability, facilitate mechanization and boost horticulture and organic farming. As a result, agriculture exports touched a historic high growth in 2021-22. As compared to previous year 2020-21, the agri and allied export has increased from 41.86 billion USD in 2020-21 to 50.24 billion USD in 2021-22 i.e. an increase of 19.99%. For modernization of agriculture and facilitate farmer, government launched the SATHI (Seed Traceability, Authentication and Holistic Inventory) Portal and Mobile App, a Centralized Online System for seed traceability, authentication and inventory designed to deal with the challenges of seed production, quality seed identification and seed certification.

Further he stated that to combat the adverse

weather conditions the single window advisory system should be adopted for issuing the weather-related issues to the farmers. For the improvement of the soil health card system this year new initiative will be in place for which agriculture graduates will be given an opportunity to work on implementation of SHC.

Shri Arun Baroka Secretary (Fertilizers) assured timely supply of fertilizers for forthcoming kharif season. The government also announced to convert more than 3.25 lakh fertilizer shops across the country as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras. These will be centres where farmers can buy not only fertilizers and seeds but also implement soil testing and avail useful information about farming techniques. Further, he provided the information about Integrated fertilizer management system (IFMS) for the detail information about the fertilizer and related issues. In his deliberation he has given the information on the PM PRANAM and PM Kisan Samridhi Kendra he advised farmer should use organic inputs.

Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary (DARE) and Director General, ICAR shared recent technological advances made in the agriculture for the benefits of the states and preparing plan of development accordingly. He stressed on using bio-fortified and climate resilient varieties to fulfill dream of food and nutritional security for all. Further in his deliberation he has highlighted for the improvement of varieties which are climate resilient and newly released and bio fortifies varieties should be used.

Detailed presentations were made on status of fertilizer supply by Additional Secretary (fertilizers), on agri stack for digitization in agriculture by Additional Secretary (Agriculture) on financial issues on released by additional secretary and financial advisor. JS (Crops) made a presentation on prospects and strategies for ensuing Kharif season. The state principal secretaries Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Odisha presented their strategies for Kharif preparedness and implementation. Presentation on Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana was made by CEO of PMFBY, thereafter on Drought Management, Annual Action Plan of RKVY and Digital Extension plans were shared in details by respective Joint Secretaries.

Additional Secretary (Agriculture) and senior officers from DA&FW, ICAR and officers of different State Governments participated in the National Conference. This was followed by an interaction session with Agriculture Production Commissioners and Principal Secretaries of all the States to raise issues concerning their states for increasing area coverage, production and productivity during Kharif season 2023.