

PM thanks French President for invitation as Guest of Honour at France's Bastille Day celebrations

Chennai, May 06 2023: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will be Guest of Honour at France's Bastille Day celebrations on 14th July.

Replying to a tweet by the President of France H.E. Emmanuel Macron, the Prime Minister tweeted.

"Thank you my



friend @EmmanuelMacron! I look forward to celebrating Bastille Day and our Strategic Partnership with you and the French people."

"Merci mon ami @EmmanuelMacron ! Je me réjouis de fêter le 14 juillet et notre partenariat stratégique avec toi et le peuple français."

Diversion of traffic movement in and around Arcot Road due to CMRL Work



Chennai, May 06 2023: Diversion of traffic movement in and around Arcot Road due to CMRL Work Junction), between United India Colony 1st Main Road Main Road, and Dr. Ambedkar Rangarajapuram Main Road for one week (06.05.2023 to 12.05.2023).

The proposed diversions are as follows:

1. Traffic will be closed on outgoing direction on Arcot Road between United India Colony 1st Main Road (Liberty junction) and Dr. Ambedkar Road.

2. The Vehicles including MTC Buses coming from Kodambakkam Bridge along Arcot Road intended to proceed towards Dr. Ambedkar Road is restricted and

the same will be diverted Via United India Colony 1st Main Road (Liberty Junction), between United India Colony 1st Main Road Main Road, and Dr. Ambedkar Rangarajapuram Main Road for one week (06.05.2023 to 12.05.2023).

3. The vehicles coming from Vadapalani along Arcot Road intending to proceed towards Kodambakkam Bridge are allowed to ply as usual on Arcot Road within 4m width. The rest of the road width will be taken over and utilized for CMRL work.

4. One way system will be implemented at United India Colony 1st Main Road (Liberty

Junction) between Arcot Road and Station view road. The vehicles are allowed to ply on this stretch from Arcot road towards Station view road but not allowed to ply from Station view road towards Arcot road.

5. The Light Motor vehicles from Viswanathapuram Main Road intending to proceed towards Arcot road are restricted from Station view road. Instead, they are allowed to use United India Colony 2nd Cross Street, Circular road, United India Colony 6th Cross Street and United India Colony 4th Main road to reach their destination.

6. The Light Motor vehicles from Viswanathapuram

Main Road intending to proceed towards T. Nagar are allowed to ply on Station View Road, Railway Border Road and Bazulla Flyover as usual.

7. The existing one-way traffic at Dr. Ambedkar Road between Arcot road and 2nd Avenue in which, two-way system will be implemented on this road from Rathinammal street to Arcot Road. The Light Motor vehicles coming from Rathinammal Street intending to proceed towards Arcot Road can ply on Dr. Ambedkar Road Corporation Colony road and Palayakaran Street to reach Arcot road and their destination. The motorists are requested to cooperate.

Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela to be organised in 200+ districts on May 8, 2023



Chennai, May 06 2023: As part of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision to boost career opportunities for India's youth under Skill India Mission, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is organising the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) on May 8th, 2023, in 200+ districts across the country.

Several local businesses and organizations have been invited to be a part of this apprenticeship mela to provide relevant apprenticeship training opportunities to local youth. The event will witness the participation of many companies representing various sectors. Through a single platform, participating organizations can connect with potential apprentices, choose from their qualifications on the spot, while strengthening the livelihood opportunities of the youth.

Individuals can register for the mela by visiting <https://www.apprenticeshipindia.gov.in/> and to find the mela's nearest location. The candidates who are Class 5 to Class 12 pass outs or have skill training certificates or are ITI certificate holders or Diploma holders or graduates can apply in this apprenticeship mela. The candidates must carry three copies of their resume, three copies of all the mark sheets and certificates, photo ID (Aadhaar card/driving licence etc) and three passport size photographs to the respective venues. The locations are also available on the apprenticeship mela portal (<http://dgt.gov.in/appmela2022/>). Those who have already enrolled have been requested to reach the venue with all the relevant documents. Through this Mela, the candidates will also earn National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET)-recognized

certifications, improving their employability rate after the training sessions.

Expressing his views on the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela, Shri Atul Kumar Tiwari, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said that to drive the country's development and growth, apprenticeship training must be prioritized to help create opportunity for work-based learning and exposure along with stipend being offered to the youth under its earn while you learn model. This will act as a window to the industry for the apprentices, where they can get a globally recognised certificate along with industry-oriented training. Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela is a golden opportunity for India's youth to connect with the industry and to avail the relevant apprenticeship training opportunities.

Additionally, the system is designed to cater to those seeking to skill/upskill and make a headway in their careers, he added.

Apprenticeship melas are held throughout the country on the second Monday of every month. In these melas, selected individuals are offered apprenticeship opportunities during which they receive a monthly stipend in accordance with government criteria for gaining new skills. Apprenticeship is considered the most sustainable model of skill development, and it has been getting a big boost under the Skill India Mission.

The government is striving to train 15 lakh youth per annum through apprenticeship training and to fulfil this mission, PMNAM is an initiative that will increase the participation of establishments and the youth. It is also providing awareness to the youth on various opportunities existing across the participating companies.

PM applauds new record of manufacturing 10,000 coaches by Modern Rail Coach Factory, Raebareli in April 2023

Chennai, May 06 2023: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has applauded the new record of manufacturing 10,000 coaches since its inception by Modern Rail Coach Factory, Raebareli in April



2023. Sharing a tweet by Ministry of Railways, the Prime Minister said;

"Wonderful! This is a part of the efforts to boost 'Make in India' and strengthen the railways sector."

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Anurag Singh Thakur and Yogi Adityanath launch the Khelo India University Games 2022 Logo, Mascot, Torch, Anthem & Jersey in Lucknow The Khelo India platform, is about building excellence in sports and building disciplined, dedicated and focused youth in the nation's service : Anurag Thakur

Chennai, May 06 2023: Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Anurag Singh Thakur launched the Khelo India University Games 2022's official logo, Mascot, Torch, Anthem & Jersey with full fervour and gushing excitement on the auspicious occasion of Buddha Purnima in Lucknow.

Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath was also present of the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Anurag Singh Thakur said, "It gives me great satisfaction today that the Khelo India movement, as envisioned by our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji is today a revolution and that revolution has today reached Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state. University athletes participating in these games will know that sports itself is a great pathway to learning the hardest lessons of life. The Khelo India platform, therefore, is about building excellence in sports and building disciplined, dedicated and focused youth in the nation's service. Under the dynamic leadership of Yogi ji, I am confident that Uttar Pradesh is set to deliver the best Khelo India games ever.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Yogi Adityanath said, "Today the environment and the perception of the state of Uttar Pradesh has undergone a massive transformation with peace and rule of law

prevailing which is why sports and sportspersons are flourishing here. I welcome all participating athletes, coaches, officials and support staff to the 3rd Khelo India University Games Uttar Pradesh 2022 and wish them a pleasant stay in the state. I am confident that our team will ensure the best conditions, sporting facilities and infrastructure in order to make this event a memorable one. Khelega India, Badhega India."

"The Khelo India initiative has also remained tremendous for the sports ecosystem of the country. Just few weeks back, we celebrated 5 Years of Khelo India. The last 5 years has brought drastic changes to the landscape of Indian sports. There are several Khelo India athletes who have been inducted in the elite Target Olympic Podium Scheme over the years based on their performance and are today making the country proud in multiple international competitions. The synergy in the sports ecosystem that has been created through these competitions and various schemes, have indeed helped our athletes to progress easily from one level of competition to the other."

Inspired by the ideology of Kaushal, Neeti and Dhairya, the games will officially begin from 25th May to 3rd June 2023 in various cities of Uttar Pradesh. The grand launch phenomenal and replete



with anamorphic visual delights with 3D displays, a stunning opening ceremony, glittering launches, technological wonders that Dazzled, Engaged and Impressed along with some amazing cultural performances. The launch showcased an immersive virtual world of technology that is high on entertainment.

Chief Minister, UP, also flagged off four Torch Relays which will criss-cross the western, eastern, central, and Bundelkhand regions of India's largest state over the next 20-days. Chief Minister was also the Chief Guest for the two-hour long event along with the Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Information & Broadcasting, Govt. of India, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur.

Among other dignitaries present were

Shri. Girish Chandra Yadav, Sports Minister, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Daya Shankar Singh, Transport Minister (Independent Charge), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Navneet Sehgal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Sports and Youth Welfare, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and Smt. Ekta Vishnoi, Deputy Director General, Sports Authority of India, Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, AIU, Shri Sanjay Saraswat, Executive Director, SAI and other dignitaries.

Shri. Girish Chandra Yadav said: "Uttar Pradesh is steadily growing as a sporting state and soon will be known as the 'Sports hub' of the country. We are looking forward to host the Khelo India University Games 2022 and adding another milestone to the sporting journey of the state under

the guidance of Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath ji. I wish all the participants and organisers all the best."

The launch ceremony began at 9am with Shri. Girish Chandra Yadav, Sports Minister, Uttar Pradesh, delivering the opening address before the Chief Minister triggered the launch of the games Logo. This was followed by Shri. Anurag Thakur unveiling the games Anthem titled "Khelo India - Har Dil Mein Desh", composed and sung by renowned singer Palash Sen.

He then launched the official games jersey which prominent UP sportspersons like Lalit Upadhyay, Sudha Singh and Divya Kakran donned and showed off with aplomb on the stage.

The game's mascot Jitu the Barasingha, the exotic vibrant state

animal who embodies "Garv se Gaurav" was unveiled on the occasion.

The final unveiling was that of the games torch which was then brought on stage one by one by UP sports icons Lalit Upadhyay, Vandana Kataria, Sudha Singh, Vijay Yadav, Danish Mujtaba. Upon being handed over the torch by the sports icons, Chief Minister lit it on the anamorphic screen and then proceeded to the parking area to flag off the four torch relays proceeding in four directions on canters.

The Logo

The official logo of the Khelo India University Games 2022 Uttar Pradesh represents the rich heritage of Uttar Pradesh, India's largest state. The logo is a representation of the state's rich traditional and historical legacy which

has been the foundation for its development in all aspects viz; education, infrastructure and sports.

The Mascot

Jitu, the mascot represents the Barasingha, an incredible mammal that boasts of a powerful build and remarkable speed, demonstrating Kaushal, Neeti and Dhairya in its very essence and is the embodiment of grace and subtlety that truly represents the spirit of Khelo India University Games, Uttar Pradesh and showcases the strength and abundance of Uttar Pradesh's cultural heritage.

As the official mascot for the Khelo India University Games, Jitu will serve as a source of excitement, fostering fan engagement and building team spirit throughout the tournament. Fans in Uttar Pradesh can look forward to seeing Jitu all over the state, as he will be utilised to attract new fans and encourage more people to take up sports. The mascot will also help promote team sponsors, merchandise, and other marketing activities, making him an essential part of the event's success.

Jaya and Vijay, mascots of previous Khelo India games welcomed Jitu on the stage.

The Torch

'Shakti', the official torch of the Khelo India University Games, Uttar Pradesh is a symbol of not only its heritage and the spirit it embodies but also a living entity that is

brimming with energy. The river Ganga is etched on 'Shakti' to inspire every athlete to keep moving forward towards their ultimate goal, and the upward-pointing, future-facing arrow celebrates the glorious past and the future of Uttar Pradesh. Shakti is also blessed with the peacock feather and lotus petals at the origin of light, to manifest its calm energy that can move mountains and is a powerful source of inspiration and motivation.

The Games

The 12-day-long KIUG UP 2022 will be held in the cities of Varanasi, Noida and Gorakhpur, besides the state capital of Lucknow with Delhi's Dr. Karni Singh Shooting range hosting the Shooting competition. The Kabaddi competition begins in Noida on May 23rd, 2023 while a few others begin at the various venues on May 24th, 2023, as well.

More than 4000 athletes from 200 Indian universities will compete in 21 sporting disciplines at the games which are officially scheduled from May 25-Jun 03, 2023. The opening ceremony is slated for May 25, 2023 in Lucknow. The games will exemplify the finest sporting spirit, raising the bar of excellence and for the honour of competing, playing and winning at the highest levels of true sportsmanship, guts and glory.

Sarbananda Sonowal to receive the First Indian Cargo Ship docking at the Sittwe Port on May 9, 2023

Inauguration of Sittwe Port in Myanmar marks the beginning of a new transformation of transportation in Northeast: Sonowal

Chennai, May 06 2023: Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal will be receiving the first Indian cargo ship at Sittwe Port in Myanmar on May 9, 2023. The ceremony is likely to inaugurate regular transit of cargo ships between Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Kolkata, India to Sittwe Port in Rakhine state of Myanmar, heralding a new age of transportation between the two countries. The route is likely to unlock tremendous economic potential for the entire Bay of Bengal peninsula, allowing a bridge between South Asia and South East Asia regions, informed Shri Sonowal, while addressing media persons in Dibrugarh, Assam today.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Sonowal said, "Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Northeast India remains at the forefront of India's developmental agenda. As we stand on this historic threshold,

when the landlocked Northeast India will finally have a much shorter access to the International Sea Route, it would not have been possible without the visionary proposition of 'Act East' by Narendra Modi ji. Due to Modi ji's commitment to the progress and prosperity of the Northeast region, we have been able to spearhead with speedy execution of the Sittwe port in Myanmar, with an aim to boosting the trade prospect of Northeast India in the ensuing years. Apart from the Northeast India, this port will also unlock huge commercial potential for Bangladesh, Bhutan and even Nepal - apart from India and Myanmar - by acting as a bridge with the South East Asia. This is the true reflection of implementation of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' philosophy of Modi ji."

Sittwe port development is part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project (KM TTP). Once operationalised, the Sittwe port will enable



multi modal transit connectivity with the South East Asia. Sittwe Port has been developed under a framework agreement between India and Myanmar for the construction and operation of a Multimodal Transit Transport Facility on Kaladan river connecting the Sittwe port in Myanmar with the state of Mizoram in India.

From Paletwa in Myanmar to Zorinpui in Mizoram: The Sittwe port connects to Paletwa in Myanmar through an inland waterway and from Paletwa to Zorinpui in Mizoram through a road component.

From Sittwe, Myanmar to Sarboom, Tripura: Goods from Kolkata to Sittwe Port can be shipped to Teknaf Port,

Bangladesh which is just 60 nautical miles of Sittwe. From Teknaf Port goods can be transported by road to Sabroom which is 300 kms away. Sabroom has an Integrated customs border between Bangladesh and Tripura. Sittwe port and Kaladan Project will immensely benefit Tripura by way of significant reduction in transportation time and

logistics cost.

Shri Sonowal said, "Once fully operationalised, Kaladan Multi Modal Transport TP will provide alternate connectivity from Eastern coast of India to the North-eastern states through the Sittwe port. This is a far more feasible route for the trade and commerce of Northeast India, than the

existing route via Siliguri to Kolkata, saving time, money and excellent efficiency. Cost of transportation of goods from Kolkata to Aizwal was see drop of more than 50% in cost and time when the cargo is sent from Kolkata to Sittwe onto Palletwa and after that via road to Aizwal and the whole of Northeast India. Similarly, goods from Kolkata to Agartala will incur much lesser cost and time via this route. While the length of road from Kolkata to Agartala is around 1600 kms and takes 4 days via roadways, the Sittwe Chittagong to Sarboom to Agartala will be done in 2 days, saving cost and time. In addition to reduction of traffic on the road, the use of marine transport will considerably bring down environmental cost of transport with drop in fossil fuel carbon emission. This is a wonderful thing which will not only help us economically but also environmentally."

Major cargo for export for Sittwe Port; i.e. exports from Myanmar include Rice, Timber, Fish and seafood, Petroleum products and Garments and textiles. The major cargo for import for Sittwe Port; i.e. imports by Myanmar include construction materials such as cement, steel and bricks among others.

Sittwe Port has been developed under a framework agreement between India and Myanmar for the construction and operation of a Multimodal Transit Transport Facility on Kaladan river connecting the Sittwe port in Myanmar with the state of Mizoram in India. The Port will open up new opportunities for India's Northeast as it will be able to use an alternate and more feasible route for trade and transit and also, for Myanmar, particularly the Rakhine State, will further enhance trade and commerce between the two countries and the wider region.

Village Ticket 2023, a biggest village festival launched by Actor Vishal said that he will donate one rupee to farmers from every ticket sold for his films

Chennai, May 06 2023: Village Ticket, the city's biggest live village festival - A Thiruvizha by Brand Avatar will be held from 5th May to 7th May 2023 at the Sathyabama University Grounds, OMR, Chennai. The 4th edition of Village Ticket will bring to life the culture, various art forms, cuisine, and emotions of rural Tamil Nadu. This year's edition will be branded as Sakthi Masala's Village Ticket as the organisers have roped in Tamil Nadu's own masala brand as the title sponsor.

Village Ticket aims to revive the healthy food culture, forgotten games, old village houses, potti-kadai, panchayat setup, maiya medai, and other entertaining factors that come with village life. Village Ticket is a unique opportunity to enjoy and experience Tamil Nadu's village life, art, and culture in the city.

Actor Vishal, who started the program, enthusiastically participated in the cart ride and sapling planting. Later paying silent tribute to the late actor Manobala, he said that this event should be taken to all the schools so that the people of the city realize that only if the farmers put their hands in the mud, we can put our hands in rice. He also said that he will donate one rupee from every ticket sold for his films to the farmers.



Mr. Hemachandran, CEO of Brand Avatar said "We were delighted by the amazing response. It is an instant hit with the people in Chennai, and we are delighted to bring this event once again to people in the city. We are equipping the 4th edition with a larger-than-life setup with all-around entertainment options. There is something to experience and enjoy for people across age groups. I hope everyone will come out this summer holidays to enjoy a great village. Experience in the city".

Highlights of Village Ticket 2023 include:

- Kalai Arangam (Ground of arts) - An Inter-college cultural competition in folk dance, folk song, freestyle dance,

mimicry, and cultural pattimandram.

- Parambariya Food (Traditional Food) with over 33 Food stalls

- Uzhavu Experience - Pattimandram by Rajmohan and Team on 5th May 2023

- Karagattam vs Mayilattam with Nadhaswaram & Thavil on 5th May 2023

- MD Music Band performance & performance by "differently abled drummer" 6th May 2023

- Performance by RK Adithya & DJ Gowtham on 7th May 2023

Village Ticket brings together the cultural and traditional essence of Tamil Nadu, in a first-ever village - themed setup to Chennai. Village Ticket 2023 is

the 4th edition of this Thiruvizha by Brand Avatar. The past three editions were crowd favorites, with many families, youngsters and elders coming en masse boasting over 60,000 footfalls. Village Ticket is an initiative by Brand Avatar to honor the three pillars of Village Life who help preserve our great tradition and culture, fighting the onslaught of so-called modernity - the Farmers, who have created a positive impact through traditional farming methods; the artists and artisans, who have retained the traditional art form of their village and the Traditional Village Cooks, who have preserved the spice mixes and authentic taste of village food.

Entry Ticket

Entry ticket is priced at Rs 200 + GST & Payment gateway charges

Entry is free for children up to 8 years of age.

Book your tickets at: *www.villageticket.com*

Timings

Kalai Arangam - 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Food - 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Cultural art forms, games, and all other experiences and activities - 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

For more information, please visit www.villageticket.com.

Veranda RACE celebrates students' success meet in Chennai

Chennai, May 06 2023: Veranda RACE, part of Veranda Learning Solutions, has always been in the forefront of producing strong results in competitive exams. Veranda RACE, one of the country's prominent test-prep institutions, celebrated its 11th Success Meet in Chennai on April 30. Ace actor-director Pradeep Ranganathan was the chief guest at the function. The leadership team comprising Mr Suresh Kalpathi (Executive Director Cum Chairman), Mr Bharath Seeman (CEO of Veranda IAS; founder of Chennai RACE) and Mr Santosh



Kumar (CEO of Veranda RACE) were part of the celebration.

The event highlighted the 1656 success stories of students clearing exams across various categories. The recently declared results of the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission (TNPSC) Group 4 exams

has been committed to providing the best possible competitive exam coaching and training to our students for over 10 years. Our expert faculty and state-of-the-art facilities are designed to help students achieve their full potential and succeed in competitive exams. I am thrilled to see our students succeed and look forward to helping many more students in future," said Bharath Seeman.

Veranda RACE had also organised success meets at Thiruvananthapuram, Salem, Coimbatore, Madurai and last month.

Coal Sector to Complete 67 First Mile Connectivity Projects by 2027

Chennai, May 06 2023: A review meeting was chaired here by Sh. M. Nagaraju, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal to assess the progress of First Mile Connectivity (FMC) projects of Coal Companies. Ministry of Coal takes up 67 FMC projects (59 - CIL, 5-SCCL & 3 - NLCL) with a capacity to load 885 MT coal per annum. These projects will be completed by 2027.



In order to eliminate road transportation of coal in mines, the Ministry has developed a plan to improve the mechanized coal transportation and loading system under FMC project. Crushing, coal size, and quick computer-assisted loading are advantages of Coal Handling Plants

(CHPs) and SILOs with Rapid Loading Systems. Reduced manual intervention, precise pre-weighed quantity, quicker loading, and better coal quality are all benefits of FMC projects. Rakes and wagons will be more readily available if loading times are reduced. Less traffic on

the roads means less pollution and diesel consumption. The Ministry of Coal has set a target to generate 1.3 billion tonne coal in FY25 and 1.5 BT in FY30 in order to increase India's energy security and realise Atma Nirbhar Bharat by substituting domestically mined coal for imported coal. A key objective is development of environmentally friendly, quick, and cost-effective coal transportation.

Side event discusses roadmap of international partnerships for sustainable future through Community Resilience Resource Centres

Chennai, May 06 2023: Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST) highlighted the importance of developing a mechanism of sharing knowledge, science, and technology between countries to create a sustainable, resilient society at a United Nation's Global STI Forum 2023 Side Event on Community Resilience Resource Centers (CRRCs) For Aiding Post Covid Socio-Economic Recovery in India.

Insisting on knowledge sharing of hydrogen-based energy, new sustainable energy systems as well as ways to address food security issues, Dr. Chandrasekhar emphasised on a holistic approach in which AI and other new technologies can be used to develop a resilient

planet by addressing new and emerging challenges like changing climate, GHGs, pandemics, and other unknown diseases at the side event organized jointly by DST and the United Nation's Development Programme (UNDP).

"We are all living in a world of uncertainty. Mankind has faced diseases, wars, events of climate change, and disasters. The Covid-19 pandemic had reversed the economic and human development in almost every country and is continuously spinning off several variants. Increasing poverty, food security, forced displacement, geopolitics, and inequalities, has for the first time, resulted in the dropping of Global Human Development Index for 2 years in a row. This had taken the

world back to the time just after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement," DST Secretary added.

Dr Chandrasekhar pointed out that uncertainties are not new to humankind, and many societies have embraced these unsettling realities and found clever ways to adopt and thrive. "Resilience isn't just about hard infrastructure and building codes - it has a strong social and community component as well, and resilient communities empower their members to absorb and adapt to uncertainties, he stressed.

While Dr. Debapriya Dutta, Head SEED Division, DST, dwelled on ways in which DST and UNDP could work on the CRRCs in the

future, Dr. Konga Gopikrishna, scientist, DST, elaborated on the Concept of Community Resilience Resource Centers (CRRC). Dr. Maneesha Sudhir of Amrita Vidyapeetham, India, Dr. Neelu Ahuja, University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES), India, and Dr. Ruchi Badola, Wildlife Institute of India shared their experiences of CRRCs.

The day-long side event deliberated on preparations for a blueprint for future cooperation between India and the world that can enable community-based technological solutions and frugal innovations for local resilience building and advance collaborative global research platforms for the development of scientific tools that contribute to such resilience.

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TVS Emerald Partners with Columbia Pacific Group to launch Senior Living Project in Chennai

Chennai, May 06 2023: Emerald Haven Realty Ltd. (TVS Emerald), a leading real estate developer and Columbia Pacific Group have announced a 50:50 joint venture to develop and operate a senior living residential project in Chennai. This partnership brings to the residents the best from two of the most trusted names in the industry - Columbia Pacific Communities (CPC) will provide senior living services to the residents in a community jointly developed and built by the TVS Emerald and the Columbia Pacific Group.

This project will be built on a plot of approximately 2.7 acres in Thaiyur and will consist of approximately 250 homes with a mix of one and two-bedroom configurations, with the option to combine the two types to create a three-bedroom home. This will be designed as per international standards to offer a complete solution to the needs of senior residents. The project is planned for launch in 2024 and is likely to take



4-5 years for delivery from the launch date. With the two established players joining hands, the project will see a revenue potential of approximately INR 175 crores.

Speaking on the partnership, Sriram Iyer, President and CEO, TVS Emerald, said, "We are excited to partner with Columbia Pacific Group to create a world-class senior living community in Chennai. Chennai and Bangalore are key markets for us to grow this vertical as there is a sizeable senior population here with specific needs. Our goal with this project is to meet the rising demand in this space and provide residents of senior living communities with a range of amenities in a safe, secure and holistic living environment with an enhanced quality of life."

This project is also testimony to the ability of our brand to meet the demand in this special segment of homebuyers and deliver an exceptional living experience. This strategic partnership marks TVS Emerald's foray into senior living, with ambitions to grow this vertical significantly in the future."

Speaking on the new venture, Mohit Nirula, Chief Executive Officer, Columbia Pacific Communities said, "We are elated to announce the joint venture between TVS Emerald and Columbia Pacific Group. TVS decided to partner us for our 40+ years of experience and expertise in senior housing design, development and management. This is our third JV announcement in recent years and the

project in Chennai will be our 13th senior living community in the country and our third community in Chennai. The project came about due to a shared vision to expand in Tamil Nadu. The community, designed to international standards, will feature a large common area and a range of senior living facilities and amenities. The common areas will allow for social interaction for residents. The facilities include a restaurant, a multi-purpose hall, senior-friendly gymnasium, indoor games, spa cum salon which would ensure residents remain socially engaged with like-minded people and live their best lives in their forever homes. In addition to these, the community will be fully-serviced with food, housekeeping, and 24-hour assistance and medical care.

The senior living segment in India is valued at over USD 10 billion and is growing at a CAGR of 10%, post the pandemic. It is one of the fastest growing categories within real estate.

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Producer Adham Bava's open challenge to 'The Kerala Story' Director Rs. 1 Crore If proven to be true

Chennai, May 06 2023: Malayalam Film Industry has been a hub, where unique content-driven movies are created and at the same time, controversial flicks too. 'The Kerala Story' distinctly belongs to the latter category, which is scheduled for May 5 release and has already stirred controversy. The film is directed by Sudipto Sen. The film is reported to be revolving around an innocent Hindu woman from Kerala, who is brainwashed by Islamic friends and gets converted, she is later sent to ISIS Terrorist Organization. A piece of shocking information was revealed that the film is based on real-life incidents where around 32,000 women from Kerala are trapped under



this hazardous scheme. With the film's trailer creating sensation and controversy, there has

been a rise in resentment and protests stating that the film should be banned. Filmmaker-

Producer Adham Bava (Director of Ameer's upcoming movie 'Uyir Thamizhukku' and producer of 'Anti-Indian') has expressed his strong opposition and condemnation of this film. In his official statement, he said, "It is shocking to see such movies that incite disharmony, hatred, and unwanted dispute in a secular country like India. 'The Kerala Story' is a film made to promote separatist organizations." Further more, he adds, "I am ready to offer Rs. 1 Crore to director Sudipto Sen if he can prove that if really 32,000 people from Kerala have been brainwashed, converted to Islam and joined the ISIS organization as depicted in the trailer."

Shantanu Thakur flags off the Direct Shipping Service between Tuticorin to Maldives, at V.O. Chidambaranar Port



Chennai, May 06 2023: At a ceremony held today Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Shri Shantanu Thakur flagged off the vessel 'M.V. MSS Galena' from V.O. Chidambaranar Port, as the Direct Shipping Service between Tuticorin to Maldives.

During visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Maldives in June 2019, Prime Minister of India & President of Maldives dwelt on need to improve connectivity between India & Maldives through establishment of enabling infrastructure, which shall also give impetus to bilateral trade between two countries.

To take this forward and to reaffirm the mutual understanding between the two Nations this service is being operated as a

culmination of the Memorandum of Understanding signed for Establishment of Passenger and Cargo Services by Sea between Ministry of Port, Shipping & Waterways, Government of India, and Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation, Government of Maldives on 08.06.2019, during the State Visit of Prime Minister of India to Maldives. This is also in line with 'Neighbourhood-First Policy' and the vision of Security and Growth for all in the Region.

The vessel 'M.V. MSS Galena', a vessel with carrying capacity of 421 TEUs of containers & provision to carry bulk cargo, deployed by Shipping Corporation of India, arrived at PSA SICAL Container Terminal on 04.05.2023. It was loaded with 270 TEUs of containers at PSA SICAL Container

Terminal. 'M.V. MSS Galena' will sail from Tuticorin to Male on 05.05.2023. It is scheduled to reach Male on 07.05.2023. The rotation of this shipping service is Tuticorin - Male - Tuticorin, and is scheduled to make 3 calls a month.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Shantanu Thakur said, launch of this historic and pioneering service concretely fulfilled the commitment made by our Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to Maldives. Not only this initiative helped to cut logistic and other costs but also enhanced connectivity and reduced time taken to transport goods between our two countries. He said this service added a new chapter to connectivity initiatives taken by both countries in (IOR) Indian Ocean Region & promoted, developed & stabilized

shipping connectivity between Indian & Maldivian ports. This will further give impetus to bilateral trade between India & Maldives & thus will lead to greater trade & economic opportunities & enhance maritime trade links with a renewed vigour between the two countries, he added.

Earlier the bulk cargo bound to Maldives from Tuticorin were sent through barges & sail ships and the containers bound to Maldives are routed through Colombo. A service between Tuticorin - Kochi - Kulhduhuffushi - Male was operated by SCI. Vessel 'MCP Linz' with a capacity of 200 TEUs of containers and 3000 Tonnes of general cargo was launched on 21.09.2020. The Contract concluded on 28.08.2022.

Tap Your Feet with Party Wear Range from Language

Chennai, May 06 2023: The party season is in full swing and it is time to level up your style game with the new range of Party Wear, premium leather loafers from Language. Whether you're attending a formal gathering or a casual get-together, these shoes add a touch of finesse and sophistication to any outfit. Their eye-catching designs matched with comfortable soles will surely turn heads wherever you go.

The in striking crocodile printed leather upper and the double monk strap are a perfect fit for grand entries. These charmers' soles provide an added measure of stability with their extra grip. They are two-toned loafers available in Black, Dark Grey and Brown making them on the go for all your attires. Madden loafers

A pair of are a perfect choice for completing an eye catchy aesthetic. These stylish shoes come with textured

