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"We launched the National Green Hydrogen Mission because we believe in the environment": New and Renewable Energy and Power Minister

Chennai, May 25 The Union 2023: Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy R. K. Singh has reiterated the need for India to keep adding energy capacity so that the nation can keep growing in the times to come. "What we need to be concerned about is the requirement of energy for our growth. There can be no compromise on this. Our electricity demand is growing rapidly. By 2030, energy consumption is expected to double. We will need to add capacity so that our country can grow. Net Zero is important, but what is more important is that we ensure enough electricity for our growth. The living standards of our people will need to improve - and that will require higher per capita consumption of electricity". The Minister said this while addressing a plenary session on "Renewables -Powering the Net Zero Agenda of India", on the second and final day of the CII Annual Session 2023, in New Delhi today.

The Power Minister recalled that the country has added 1.84 lakh MW of power from 2014 till now, but that this is not sufficient. Our per capita carbon emissions are one third of global average, and there is going to be no compromise in ensuring 24/7 electricity, said the Minister.

"No problem in investing, power sector is sounder than it was before"

The Minister assured the investor community that India is one of the fastest growing countries with fast-growing energy demand, making it a big market for investors. "The demand is there, come and invest. We have addressed the challenges. We have taken care of the challenge of viability, addressing payment of both legacy dues and current dues. We have brought down legacy dues to almost 50% of what it was earlier, and we seek to wipe it off in 8-9 months or so. Losses of discoms too have been brought down; we have transformed the power sector. There is no problem in investing in power sector now, market is growing. We have changed the systems in such a way that the sector is sounder than it was before" asserted the Minister.



sector does not become vulnerable

The Minister spoke against the practice of promising free power, which he said means that taxpayers bear the brunt of the same. "There is no such thing as free power, somebody has to pay for it. State Government which announce free power will have to pay for it from their budget. We have put in place a system that if the discoms do not pay for the electricity they consume, the electricity will get cut off automatically, without human intervention."

The Minister pointed out to the industry that India is a world leader in energy transition. "We had pledged that by 2030, we will have 40% of our capacity from nonfossil fuels, we achieved this by 2021, nine years in advance. We have capacity will be from pledged that 50% of our non-fossil fuels, and in capacity will come from fact, it will not be just non-fossil fuels by 2030. 50% it will be much This trajectory will be more; hopefully storage adhered to." The too would have become Minister made it clear viable by then." We are that India is at the actively pursuing ways forefront of the and means of transition, since "we diversification in believe in the addressing supply chain environment".

Measures to Ensure Trajectory for Renewable Energy Transition

The Minister said that the government has taken care of challenges in adding capacity to renewables. "There was some reluctance on the part of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions in laying Amendment in Energy mandatorily laying down trajectories for transition, so State Electricity Regulatory Commissions cannot set any separate trajectory, if the trajectory is not followed, there will be huge fines, so there is no question of it not being followed. And this makes sense, since the demand is bulging."

The Minister spoke of result in the bidder not

Systems to ensure the importance of hydro power, in balancing the huge capacity addition being made to renewable energy. Stating that hydro energy is environment-friendly, the Minister informed that results of surveys show that landslides have come down and slopes

> Lowering Costs of **Energy Storage**

have stabilized where

hydro projects came up.

Elaborating about the policy approach of the government, the Minister said that the Ministry will ask the States for the type of power they will need and design bids in line with their requirements. "We are taking steps to lower cost of energy storage. We are going to come up with more bids using Viability Gap Funding. We believe in the environment. That is why we announced Net Zero. By 2030, we have said that 50% of our issues and we are also interested in alternative technologies, the

"We will become champion in Green Hydrogen"

Minister added.

The Minister said that countries of the developed world which give lectures on free market have started putting up huge barriers in terms of subsidies to down renewable green hydrogen, for purchase obligations example. "Despite the commensurate with the fact that we face so many Renewable Purchase barriers, we will become Obligations of the a champion in green Government of India. hydrogen production as well. We shall continue Conservation Act has a to be the leader in energy provision for transition. We need to add capacity, and adding capacity by renewables with Make in India is another of our priorities."

> Explaining challenges in capacity addition, the Minister said that the government will be changing bidding rules to provide that failing in meeting Scheduled Commercial Operation Date will

being able to bid for one year, and failing second years. "So, when you bid, bid carefully and with foresight and deliberation."

Speaking about reforms in the sector, the Minister informed industry that renewable capacity obligation is Minister said his now obligatory and that no discom will think about waiting till price political situation in the becomes lower in future state and should not be because there will be a misinterpreted as uniform rolling tariff.

"Big opportunity in transitioning to Open Access"

The Minister highlighted that an area Assembly) election will of opportunity in happen after five years, achieving Net Zero is what all may happen I through transitioning the don't know, let's see. commercial and The future of this industrial sectors government is through open-access. He said that he wants the industry to start buying renewables. "It is much cheaper. If any discom or SERC hesitates in giving things, nor am I making you open access within any astrological time limit, just send us a $\ p\ r\ e\ d\ i\ c\ t\ i\ o\ n\ s$, " letter. The demand is there, I would urge you to come and meet it".

have nuclear as a part of their equation when they contemplate Net Zero."

Speaking on the role of green hydrogen in India's energy transition plan, the Minister said that while we have the lowest cost of producing renewable energy in the world, we cannot contend with countries which give 100% subsidy. "How to cope with protectionism is something we need to think about."

on how to address Fixed Wing aircraft for consumers' preferences for products manufactured using green energy, the Minister reminded the audience that 25% of the electricity we consume today is already green. "By 2030, nearly 50% of electricity shall be green. Further, we are coming out with policy for states going green."

On the role of R&D, the Minister said that to be effective, R&D has to be in partnership with industry, involving scientists, engineers and academia. He also said that we need to launch our own green bonds.

Karnataka Cong govt's future is dependent on LS poll results: Kumaraswamy

Chennai, May 25 2023: Raising doubts about the longevity of time will result in not the Siddaramaiah-led being able to bid for three new Congress government in Karnataka, JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy on Thursday said its future is dependent on the results of the 2024 Parliament elections.

The former Chief statement is only based on his analysis of though he was up to something by joining hands with someone.

"I don't know whether the (next dependent on the results of the upcoming Parliament elections, I know it. I'm not speaking by hiding



Kumaraswamy said.

Addressing a party meeting here, he said looking at the developments here, in his opinion anything state's politics.

"I'm only doing the state's (political) analysis, that's all. I'm not making any astrological predictions, and let the media friends don't have any doubts that as though I'm wipe out the "black planning to do something by joining hands with someone. It's my hunch, because we don't know what all developments may happen," he added.

Kumaraswamy was addressing JD(S) leaders and workers' at an "introspection

meeting" organised by the party, following the Assembly polls results, in which the party has

won just 19 seats.

Telling party may happen in the workers that he will stand with them in their fight, Kumaraswamy said whoever works with firm determination to take the party forward will be given an opportunity.

> He said he wants to spot" of "Deve Gowda's family party" image associated with the JD(S).

The JD(S) leader also called on the party wokrers to start preparing for Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), and Zilla and Taluk Panchayat polls.

He said if Congress fails to implement the poll guarantees or if they put conditions to implement the guarantees, it will become a major ammunition for the JD(S) in the days ahead.

Later speaking to reporters, Kumaraswamy said he and his party will keep watch on the government's implementation of its five poll guarantees, as based on it, the Congress got votes and came to

"My party's existence has taken a hit in this election, because of these guarantees, so naturally I will hold on these guarantees....Implemen t the guarantees now in toto and don't try to cheat the people by adding conditions to it. I will do my politics on this subject now," he

NIGHT TRAPS OF MIG-29K ONBOARD VIKRANT

Chennai, May 25 Responding to a 2023: INS Vikrant, the question on nuclear first Indigenous Aircraft power, the Minister said Carrier and the most that the country complex warship ever welcomes nuclear power. built in our country by "It is totally clean. Most $\,M/s\,$ Cochin $\,$ Shipyard developed countries Ltd, has undergone vision of the Government of India.

The Carrier is presently undergoing Air Certification and Flight Integration Trials Answering a question with Rotary Wing and

extensive Sea trials since her maiden sailing on 04 Aug 21. Commissioned into the Indian Navy on 02 Sep 22 in the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, the Carrier is a big boost to the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'

achieving 'Combat the Naval inventory challenging

ready' state at the have been progressed. In accomplishment, within earliest. As part of the continuance with the three months of maiden trials, maiden day impetus on the Aviation day landing landing of MiG-29K and Trials, the Navy has demonstrates the the indigenous LCA achieved another resolve, skill and (Navy) was achieved on historic milestone by professionalism of the 06 Feb 23. Since then, undertaking maiden Indian Navy, Vikrant



. ONLINE SERVICES

BPCL signs MoU with Speed Force for Co-branded Two-wheeler Garages



Petroleum Corporation while ensuring Limited (BPCL), a standardized service leading player in the oil and gas industry, has announced its strategic partnership with Speed Force (A Ready Assist Company), India's largest chain of multibrand two-wheeler franchise, to establish a chain of co-branded two-wheeler garages across the country.

Under the newly signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), MAK Lubricants from BPCL and Speed Force signed the MoU. The will jointly develop co- event was graced by Shri branded MAK Serve Akash Tiwari, Chief garages across the General Manager country for a period of Marketing (Lubes), and five years. This other senior members collaboration aims to from the Lubes HQ provide a cost-effective team. business model for

Chennai, May 25 entrepreneurs to quality.

> The MoU signing ceremony took place in the august presence of Shri P. Sudhahar, Executive Director (Lubes) at BPCL, who highlighted BPCL's pioneering initiatives in the industry. Shri Abhay Shah, Chief General Manager Marketing (Lubes) at BPCL, and Shri Kapil Bhindi, Director (Business) from Speed Force,

Shri P. Sudhahar, Bharat establish new garages Executive Director (Lubes), BPCL, stated that " On behalf of team MAK, we are happy to have partnered with Speed Force. BPCL and SpeedForce are committed to providing exceptional service quality and convenience to customers, revolutionizing the twowheeler servicing experience in India. With the combined expertise and reach of both entities, the

> As part of the strategic business model, the co-branded garages will directly and positioning the products. MAK brand at the

partnership aims to set

new benchmarks in the

industry."

forefront. These garages will exclusively offer the MAK range of products for twowheeler servicing, ensuring the use of highquality lubricants.

The partnership will commence with the establishment of MAK Serve garages in select cities across the country. The BPCL-Speed Force partnership is set to transform the twowheeler service industry, offering unparallele d convenience, reliability, and brand assurance. This tie-up represents a significant milestone in MAK Lubricants' commitment to serving customers with topengage with customers, notch service quality fostering brand loyalty and exceptional

Teaser of upcoming movie 'Pimbilikki Pilappi' produced by AK Productions' Thalapathy R. Anandakumar, Djiaz production Djeasilane Balane, directed by debutant Antoni starring newcomers premiered at Cannes Film Festival



Chennai, May 25 Dhina the Cannes International received.

The film fraternity including directors and artistes from all over the world who saw the teaser of 'Pimbilikki Pilappi' appreciated it a lot.Shot in beautiful locations in France, Italy and Switzerland, the film is co-produced by

a n d also won awards at Veeraragavan works as search of this lottery Samuel are the heroines. happens after that is the Thierry, Krishnakanth main plot of the and Jeeva are playing film.Antoni, who is prominent roles in the making his directorial film. Kwaku from debut with 'Pimbilikki Africa has acted in the Pilappi' has already movie has dubbed for a few years ago. It has cinematography. worldwide.

The teaser of Marieselvam. Made as a various film the colorist. Johan 'Pimbilikki Pilappi' horror-dark comedy festivals.'Pimbilikki Sivanesh composes the directed by debutant film, 'Pimbilikki Pilappi' Pilappi' stars music for the film and Antoni, produced by AK is based on a lottery newcomers in lead roles. Sandy Master is in system held in France Venka Raj and charge of the R. Anandakumar, Djiaz where prizes of up to Rajendiran are the choreography. The film production' Djeasilane 2,000 crores can be won. protagonists and crew has said that the Balane was screened at A gang which is in Narmada and Ann movie will release soon.Produced by AK Film Festival and well ticket crosses path with a Antony has played the Productions Thalapathy psycho killer. What villain of the film. R. Anandakumar, Djiaz production' Djeasilane Balane and directed by debutant director Antoni, the teaser of 'Pimbilikki Pilappi' screened at the Cannes directed the French short his role in Tamil. Editing International Film film 'Elsa'. The short is done by Ram and Festival received a good film was premiered at Satish. Director Antoni response and is set to be the Cannes Film Festival also handles the soon released in theatres

The Hinduja Family Secures Top Spot for the fifth time on the Sunday Times Rich List

Chennai, May 25 2023: The Hinduja family and Mr. Gopichand Hinduja, Co-Chairman of the Hinduja Group, a 108year-old multinational conglomerate with a multi-billion dollar turnover, has topped the Sunday Times Rich List for the fifth time at £35 Billion. The Sunday Times Rich List compiles the net wealth rankings of the top 1,000 individuals or families residing in the United Kingdom, highlighting the wealthiest among them. This prestigious ranking is a testament to the Hinduja Groups achievements and outstanding success in the world of business.

The Hinduja family's contributions across various sectors, including automotive, finance, energy, and healthcare, have not only redefined industry standards but also gratitude for this created a lasting impact remarkable on the global economy. achievement, Mr. Incidentally, the Gopichand Hinduja Sunday Times Rich List remarked, "Me and my came out within hours family are deeply

industries.

of passing away of the grateful and humbled to Hinduja Group, have secured the top remarkable Chairman, Mr SP position on the Hinduja. Under the prestigious Sunday visionary leadership Times Rich List. I love and strategic guidance my brothers. We four of late Mr SP Hinduja, are one soul. This and Mr GP Hinduja, the recognition not only Group has soared to acknowledges our unprecedented levels of family's relentless success across diverse pursuit of excellence, it Expressing his testament to the

also serves as a collective efforts, unwavering dedication, and remarkable resilience demonstrated by every

family and the exceptional talent within organizations."

Beyond the remarkable business accomplishments of the Hinduja Family they remain actively engaged in philanthropic initiatives through the Hinduja Foundation. With a focus on education, healthcare, and community development, the foundation has positively impacted countless lives.

Among the other esteemed names featured on The Sunday Times Rich List are Sir Jim Ratcliffe with £29.688 billion, Sir Leonard Blavatnik with £28.625 billion, David and Simon Reuben and family with £24.399 billion, Sir James Dyson and family with £23 billion, Lakshmi Mittal and family with £16 billion, and the Weston family represented by Guy, George, Alannah, and Galen Weston.

India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), registered its best ever financial performance

Chennai, May 25 achieving the highest ever Turnover and Profit. The total turnover for the fiscal year 2022-23 stood at Rs. 476.13 cr, representing a substantial increase of over 56% compared to the previous year.

The Profit Before Tax (PBT) for FY 2022-23 reached Rs. 86.12 cr, a jump of 983% in comparison to the previous year, while the PAT stood at Rs. 60.33 cr. this year in comparison with PAT last year of Rs. 4.38 cr.

Tourism, registered its with its exceptional by ITDC collective." best ever financial offerings and consumerperformance during the centric services. These financial year 2022-23, astounding growth figures demonstrate a historic moment for us, as we celebrate the highest-ever turnover and profit by surpassing all previous records and accomplishing notable milestones, particularly a huge rebound after the negative impact of COVID-19. We have achieved the highest consolidated turnover ever recorded for a full year, along with an unprecedented profit before tax. This incredible performance showcases our

Commenting on the commitment to commitment to 2023: India Tourism same, Shri. Piyush excellence and our providing unparalleled Development Tiwari, Director dedication to promoting guest experiences, Corporation (ITDC), a (Commercial & tourism in India which ensuring customer MiniRatna public sector Marketing), said, was made possible by satisfaction at the undertaking under the "ITDC scripts a new the dedicated and forefront of their aegis of the Ministry of success story this year determined efforts put in operations. ITDC's

member of the Hinduja

The iconic Ashok hotel has achieved its highest ever turnover of Rs. 199.59 cr and profit of Rs. 50.51 cr during FY 2022-23, further highlighting the exceptional performance of ITDC. All the business verticals at ITDC have also shown a much improved performance during the FY 2022-23. This indicates a strong demand for ITDC's incomparable hospitality offerings. The increased occupancy showcases ITDC's unwavering

relentless pursuit of excellence and innovation, coupled with a deep understanding of the evolving needs and preferences of its discerning guests makes it stand unique in the market. Its outstanding financial results are a reflection of recognition of ITDC's capabilities in customer's mind. By consistently raising the bar in terms of quality, service, and amenities, ITDC has successfully positioned itself as a preferred choice among travellers and business professionals alike.

President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, interacted with Women SHG members at the Mahila SHGs Sammelan organised by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) and the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development



Corporation (NSTFDC), under the aegis of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, held at the Birsa Munda College Stadium in Khunti District of Jharkhand today.



Colgate Strong Teeth toothpaste relaunches with a formula to nourish teeth

Chennai, May 25 2023: Colgate, the leading oral care brand in India, announces the relaunch of its flagship product - Colgate Strong Teeth Toothpaste - with a refreshed formula. Enriched with Colgate's unique Arginine technology that gives a Calcium boost, this toothpaste nourishes the teeth and makes them 2X stronger.

Preferred for the oral needs of the entire family, Colgate Strong Teeth toothpaste with its latest campaign - "Paste hi Nahin, Daanton ka Poshan hai ye!", brings forward the importance of nourishment of teeth.

Frequent consumption of sugary & processed food leads to weakening of enamel and loss of Calcium from the teeth. This process is called demineralization. To counter this process, the saliva in our mouths deposits natural Calcium onto the teeth



via a continuous process called remineralization which is essentially how our teeth get nourished.

Colgate Strong Teeth toothpaste has a unique, naturally occurring amino acid called Arginine which along with fluoride enhances the process of deposition of natural calcium back onto the teeth thereby supporting remineralization and nourishing our teeth.

occasion, Gunjit Jain, Marketing Director, Colgate-Palmolive India said, "At Colgate, we believe it is our responsibility to continue to focus on building the right oral care habits in India. Colgate Strong Teeth toothpaste is all set to relaunch with its unique Arginine based technology, that not just cleans your teeth but

also nourishes them.

Speaking on the Backed by science, we are confident that this advanced formula will deliver superior results than ever before.

> The all-new Colgate Strong Teeth Toothpaste ensures you keep your smile on and teeth nourished, healthy and strong, just as you would nourish your hair, skin or body."

> The toothpaste will be available both online and offline.

HP brings affordable Laser Printers for home office and small businesses in India

Chennai, May 25 2023: HP India today introduced a new range of Laser printers, to empower businesses with smart printing solutions that are both efficient and high quality. Priced attractively, these affordable printers cater to the diverse printing needs of home, small & medium businesses (SMBs) that are looking to optimize their resources.

The new range of HP Laser 1008 singlefunction and 1188 multi-functional printers have been upgraded to deliver high print speeds that are compatible with easy mobile printing features such as Wi-Fi Direct. It offers compact designs that prioritize productivity and clutter-free environments, making it an ideal choice for small and mediumsized businesses.

for SMBs because they 1188W, 1188NW, offer cost-effective, 1188FNW. It offers an reliable, and efficient enhanced and

printing solutions that improved user WiFi Direct, controlled can help them improve interface and easy to productivity and use plug-n-play set up.

Printing Systems, HP India Market. "We believe the latest HP Laser printers will enable them to achieve their printing goals with access to high-quality printing, while also keeping their expenses in check", added Sunish.

streamline

workflows", said

Sunish Raghavan,

Senior Director,

The new range of Laser printers are built upon the success of the HP's largest selling "SMBs play a vital Laser printer 108/136 role in driving India's series. The new range economy, and of HP Laser SFP technology has become includes 1008A and a key factor in their 1008W, coupled with success. Affordable HP Laser MFP which printers are important includes 1188A,

Key benefits and features of the new HP Laser Printer range are:

Affordable Cost and **High-Quality Output**

Engineered for high-volume printing needs, the Laser range delivers cost-effective mono printing

? Relying on high-performance access, allowing for laser, the printer produces sharp text, bold blacks, and crisp graphics

Tailored to suit your workspace

? Compact, versatile and convenient printing solution for small spaces such as home offices or business

up to 20 pages per from INR 26,581/minute with a

processor speed of 600mhz for MFP and 400mhz for SFP

40 - page automatic document feeder (ADF) on the 1188fnw to enjoy hands-free printing, scanning, copying, and faxing

Smart Experience

Powered with using the best-in-class HP Smart app.

Offers an easy and hassle-free setup, with an ability to print and scan directly from a mobile device

? Easily share resources and print with wireless and ethernet networking

Print with ease, even without network quick and simple printing from a range of devices, whether you're at home or in the office

Pricing and availability

? HP Laser 1008

range starts from INR 14,205/-? HP Laser MFP

1188 range starts from INR 20,344/-

HP Laser MFP ? Print speed of 1188FNW range starts

Bayer CropScience Limited reports Q4 & Annual Results

CropScience Limited Items) increased by 17% (BSE: 506285) on Wednesday announced its results for the financial year (FY) and quarter ended March 31, 2023. In FY 2022-23, the Company registered Revenue from Operations of ? 51,397 million, compared to ? 47,344 million in the previous year, registering an overall revenue growth of 9%. Profit Before Exceptional Items & Tax stood at ? 8,863 million, compared to ? 7,883 million in the previous year, representing an increase

Chennai, May 25 of 12%. Profit Before quarterly results, Chief Financial Officer, ? 9,901 million.

In Q4 of FY 2022-23, the Company registered Revenue from Operations of ? 9,825 million, compared to ? 9,633 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous year, delivering a growth of 2%. Profit Before Exceptional Items & Tax for the quarter stood at ? 1,921 million, compared to ? 1,895 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Commenting on the

CropScience Limited said, "Our sales growth in Q4 continued to be driven by strong crop availability."

Speaking on the FY results, Simon Britsch,

Bayer Tax (After Exceptional Simon-Thorsten Bayer CropScience Wiebusch, Executive Limited said, "The from ? 8,468 million to Director, Bayer steady performance of our crop protection and corn seeds portfolio helped us deliver 9% growth in Revenue from protection sales and Operations for the consistent performance financial year. Though by our corn seeds headwinds in the form of business while inflationary pressures overcoming some led to higher operating supply constraints faced expenses, we continued during the quarter, to invest in key Although our channel initiatives to drive longinventory continues to term growth. During the remain at healthy levels, year, the company had we are witnessing a an exceptional income normalization of of ? 1,038 million RoundupTM prices and arising from the sale of its Environmental Science Business in Q3 of FY 2022-23."



government jobs to 44,703 successful candidates in Assam, today. Several dignitaries including Chief Minister of Assam, Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, were present on the occasion.



Volkswagen India enhances its flagship SUVW, Tiguan

Chennai, May 25 2023: Volkswagen Passenger Cars India today announced the introduction of the updated Tiguan for customers with enhanced feature offerings. The flagship SUVW by Volkswagen is now available to customers with new and fresh dual-tone Storm Grey interiors, along with the much in demand wireless mobile charging feature that allows the customer to charge their mobile phone on the move. The enhanced Tiguan is also now RDE norms compliant. The feature enhanced Tiguan is available for customers at an attractive price of INR 34.69 lakh (exshowroom).



equipped with Park witnessed an increasing immaculate German-

Speaking at the introduction of the enhanced Volkswagen Tiguan, Mr Ashish Gupta, Brand Director,

Aiding customers to Volkswagen Passenger leading features. The park quickly and smartly Cars India said, Tiguan commands a in the tightest spaces, the "Generation after strong and robust updated Tiguan is generation, we have presence owing to its Assist (Level 1 ADAS demand for our global engineering, build system). With Park best-seller, the quality, safety and fun-Assist, it's like having a Volkswagen Tiguan. to-drive experience. We personal parking With the updated are certain the enhanced our customers an more Indian customers impeccable to the Volkswagen combination of style, family enabling them to performance, premium- experience & enjoy our

Tiguan, we are offering Tiguan will attract many ness, safety and class- flagship model."

Update on Katpadi Station Redevelopment works

Chennai, May 25 Southern 2023: Railway has taken up Katpadi Station redevelopment in order to offer a world-class ambience, futuristic infra and airport-like facilities for passengers. Tender was awarded for the redevelopment in September 2022 and the redevelopment work is progressing at a steady pace.

Works executed far recently

- Architectural & structural drawing of Phase-I & Phase II buildings.
- Environment monitoring survey completed.
- **GRIHA** rating for Katpadi station Redevelopment work.
- Project Management Site Office construction completed.
- Staff quarters footing work completed.

progress

- Site laboratory & mess construction work in progress.
- Setting up of a Batching plant in progress.
- Architectural & structural Design of the Station Buildings, Multi-level Car Parking, Multi-level Twowheeler Parking, Foot-Over-Bridge, Air-Concourse & other buildings in progress.
- Staff quarters foundation backfilling in progress.

Site cleaning & Marking for Scout, Artesian, RPF barrack in progress.



Works executed So

- Master Plan Validation completed.
- Traffic Survey work completed.
- Scanning completed.
- **Preliminary** works such as Mapping and Topographical survey, drone survey, DGPS Survey, Traffic survey, tree inventory, joint inventory of movable and immovable assets.
- All kind of Soil Other works in test (Geotechnical investigation) completed at various locations.
 - Project management Services have commenced work.
 - Site clearance work completed for building locations for Phase-I & Phase II.
 - 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 Phase-I building for Staff quarters (Type-II - 16 units, 2 blocks), Barrack and Scout, P- way and Signal Warehouse, SSE Tele/Signal yard space, Gang tool cum Restroom Artisans



trolley path, MLCP/MLTP and PWAY shed, Sump, STP Solid waste management System including incinerator, External Service, Departure Air Concourse & Departure terminal building.

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

Fabrication of Sign boards & barricades completed.

Katpadi (KPD) Station Redevelopment

The work of redevelopment of Katpadi Railway station was awarded as EPC contract to M/s Engineering Projects (India) Ltd, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 329.32 Crore, setting a time frame of 36 months from D Date, i.e. from 01-12-2022, for completion of the

Gurgaon have been tasked with the work of Project Management services (PMS) at a cost of Rs.7.89 Crore.

Two terminals (Arrival & Departure) are proposed to be constructed in the southern side, connected by Air concourses while arrival & departure Chief lobby will be constructed in the Northern side. The Terminal Buildings will be equipped with world class amenities like waiting lounge, ticketing area, commercial area and Roof plaza etc. Elevated skywalks and subways with adequate lifts/escalators will connect both of these terminals to the bus stand thus enabling hassle-free inter-modal connectivity. dedicated space for handling parcels will also be constructed.

New Škoda Enyaq Laurin & Klement: Extended range and comprehensive technical upgrades

Chennai, May 25 Škoda Auto is completing the top end of its all-electric SUV series by launching the new Enyaq L&K. Steeped in Škoda tradition, this variant named after the Czech car company's founders Václav Laurin and Václav Klement is distinguished by specific exterior and interior design features and comes with a particularly comprehensive range of standard equipment. There are extensive technical upgrades, as well. The rear-wheeldrive Enyaq L&K 85 and the Enyag L&K 85x with all-wheel drive deliver a system output of 210 kW*. They offer an increased range of up to 570 kilometres** on the WLTP cycle along with battery charging times from 10 to 80 per cent in less than 30 minutes. The Enyag L&K is the first Škoda model to feature a new User interface for enhanced ease of use, with updated graphics that reflect the new

Škoda CI. Johannes Neft, Škoda Auto Board Member for Technical Development, says: "In the new Enyaq L&K, we are introducing several technical upgrades that will subsequently be used in the other models of this series, as well. The new, more powerful drivetrain generation will deliver a higher system output of 210 kW*. At the same time, we have been able to extend the maximum range to 570 km** on the WLTP cycle and keep the 10 to 80 per



customer feedback, we added battery preheating management, which also uses navigation data. This function optimises the charging performance even in cold weather. Moreover, our new User Interface takes usability to a completely new level, making the operation of the vehicle even more intuitive."

Extended range and comprehensive technical upgrades

L&K marks the debut of package. It offers an increased output of 210 L&K 85 goes from 0 to faster than the previous rear-wheel-drive Enyaq iV 80. The top speed is now 180 km/h**, and the maximum range on the WLTP cycle has risen even further to 570 kilometres**. The Enyaq L&K 85x with all-wheel drive accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h in just 6.6s battery's charging curve has been optimised; it allows the Enyaq L&K to be charged from 10 to

cent charging time under 80 per cent of its 30 minutes. Based on capacity in less than 30 minutes.

> New preheating function for all Enyaq variants from the 2024 model year onwards

> > The Enyaq Laurin &

Klement is equipped

with the latest ME4 vehicle software, which will be included in all Enyaq family models produced later this year onwards. The new software adds numerous improvements and new features. These include a preheating function, which brings the battery The Škoda Enyaq to an optimal temperature before a new battery and drive charging begins. There are two modes to choose from, and the process kW*, better acceleration can be started manually and a longer range. The by pressing a button in rear-wheel-drive Enyaq the central infotainment display. In automatic 100 km/h in 6.7 mode, this happens seconds**, which is without the driver's almost two seconds involvement when the vehicle is on its way to a fast-charging station, based on data from the navigation system.

> Exterior with exclusive detailing in Platinum Grey

The Škoda Enyaq L&K is identifiable by exclusive Platinum frames and roof rails are aluminium look.

finished in chrome as is the frame of the Škoda grille, which features the Crystal Face illuminated by 131 LEDs as standard. The standard equipment also includes full LED matrix headlights, which can avoid dazzling oncoming cars and mask out reflective surfaces, and full LED tail lights. The rear side windows and rear window are tinted ('SunSet'). The Enyaq L&K features specific 20-inch or optional 21-inch alloy wheels and L&K badging on the front wings. The new model bears Enyaq lettering on the tailgate, dropping the suffix 'iV' from its name, as will all other variants of future Škoda BEV models including the Enyaq family.

Two Design Selections and ventilated leather seats with massage function

For the interior of the Enyaq L&K, Škoda Auto offers customers a choice of two specific Design Selections. The Design Selection L&K Shell with beige leather upholstery is standard. The optional L&K Black features black leather. The front seats with ventilation and massage functions, which are exclusive to the L&K version, are included as standard in both versions. Using the infotainment menu, occupants can select from the three functions Grey detailing on its 'ventilation', 'heating' seconds**, and its range model-specific bumpers and 'heating with is up to 550 as well as the diffuser ventilation', activate the kilometres**. The and exterior mirrors. massage function and The side skirts are operate the seat painted in body colour, adjustment. The pedals while the window feature a distinctive

Official Language Seminar - Hindi in orders too

Chennai, May 25 2023: A technical seminar on HRMS was organized on 24.05.2023 at Southern Railway Headquarters office under the chairmanship of Shri Gautam Dutta, Principal Engineer and Rajbhasha Mukhya Adhikari. Shri K. Hari krishnan, Principal Chief Personnel Officer, was present as a special invitee. Shri M. Senthil Kumar, Deputy Chief Personne 1 Officer/Industrial Relations and ten other personnel officers and 80 employees were present. During the seminar, the method of uploading documents coming under section 3(3) like office order, HRMS



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