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Chennai, Aug 13 2023: TN to go to Supreme Court for Cauvery water as Karnataka reduces release to 8,000 Cusecs.

Tamil Nadu has no other option but to approach the Supreme Court to get Cauvery water, the state government asserted on Friday and said Karnataka has changed

its stand and has come forward to release only a reduced quantum of 8,000 cusecs.

Referring to the Cauvery Water Management Authority meet deliberations on Friday in Delhi, Tamil Nadu Water Resources Minister Duraimurugan said the requirement for Cauvery water was emphatically put forth

by state officials during the over 3-hour discussions. "However, Karnataka as usual changed its stand and categorically said that it could only release 8,000 cusecs and that too only till August 22."

The Minister underlined that on August 10, in the Cauvery Water Regulatory Committee



meeting it was unanimously decided

that 15,000 cusecs per day would be released by Karnataka for 15 days to Tamil Nadu. The meet was held following persuasion by Tamil Nadu.

"Hence, the Tamil Nadu government has no other option but to approach the Supreme Court. Soon, a case will be filed in the apex court. Justice will win and we

will get water and the Chief Minister M K Stalin-led government is determined to get water," he said.

The combined storage capacity of the four dams in Karnataka is 114.571 tmc ft of water and it has 93.535 tmc storage, which is about 82 per cent, the Minister pointed out.

In a statement,

Duraimurugan alleged Karnataka does not 'have a heart' to share water with Tamil Nadu though it has water and this has been the stance of the Karnataka government ever since the Cauvery dispute arose decades ago. Karnataka is not concerned even if the standing crops (Kuruvai, short-term paddy crop) are going to wilt, he alleged.

**Tamil Nadu village girl to go to Taiwan to study engg, govt to bear expenditure**

Chennai, Aug 13 2023: Jayasri, who studied in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri government schools, said she has now got the opportunity to join an engineering programme in Taiwan.

The Tamil Nadu government on Wednesday said it would bear the educational expenses of over 200 government school students who are set to join premium institutes of learning such as the IIT by clearing entrance

exams like the JEE.

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In an event held here to felicitate them, Chief Minister M K Stalin presented laptops and certificates to students.

Jayasri, a student from a village, who studied in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri government schools said she has now got the opportunity to join an engineering programme in the Kun



Shan University in Taiwan.

She thanked the CM for implementing schemes like the 'Naan Mudalvan' (I am the first,' a broad-based scheme which

encompasses coaching, skill development and employment facilitation as well) to encourage students like her from humble backgrounds. She trained under the 'Naan Mudalvan' scheme.

In the 2022-23 Budget, the state government had announced that it would bear the educational expenditure of government school students to pursue undergraduate education in reputed educational institutions including the IITs, the Indian Institute of Science, and the AIIMS. In order to qualify, the students should have studied in government schools from class 6 to 12.

An official release said, "the government bears the entire educational expenditure of about 225 students belonging to government schools," who have cleared entrance exams like the JEE, CUET and the National Aptitude Test in Architecture. The educational institutions students are set to join include the NIT, NIFT, IMU and the national law varsities.

To help implement

the assistance scheme, 25 model schools were set up in 25 districts during the last academic year and in the current year, 13 more such schools have been inaugurated.

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**2024 polls to decide if country will remain a democracy: M K Stalin**

Chennai, Aug 13 2023: Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin and other DMK leaders take part in a peace march to

Karunanidhi Memorial on his 5th death anniversary in Chennai on Aug 7. "This is not an election that comes once

in five years," Stalin said in a four-minute video. "It is not an answer to the question on this party or that party. This election

is to decide whether India will be a democracy or not? You (Karunanidhi) always said we should give

voice for India from Tamil Nadu, and we are just following your words now."

This comes days after Stalin told DMK party cadre to stay united to resist an aggressive BJP in Tamil Nadu. The DMK president has been alleging that the BJP was targeting the DMK because of its prime role in bringing the opposition parties together.

Stalin and his senior-most colleagues including party general secretary Durai Murugan, MPs T R Baalu and Kanimozhi Karunanidhi led a silent march for two km to pay respects at



Karunanidhi's mausoleum on the Marina Beach. The party recently got the Supreme Court's nod to erect a fountain pen in the ocean off the beach in memory of Karunanidhi. "DMK is a regional party. And it is time to realise your (Karunanidhi) dream that the DMK should

always function as a party that ensures that states get their due rights," Stalin said. "Your centenary year is the time to fulfil your dreams."

Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai pulled out an old video of public works minister

E V Velu saying that the name India is in some place north doesn't have any impact on the DMK and posted it to Twitter. "This is the true face of parties in the I.N.D.I.A alliance," said Annamalai. "Once a separatist, always a separatist."

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# Amit Shah reviews BSF operations at Kutch near India-Pakistan border



Chennai, Aug 13 2023: Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday visited Gujarat's Kutch and inaugurated key infrastructure projects along the India-Pakistan border, including laying the foundation stone of a mooring place, of Border Security Force (BSF). He also visited the sensitive Harami Nala and 1170 pillar of the border outpost, close to the last post of India's international boundary to the west, and reviewed the security situation there.

After conducting bhumi puja of the mooring place, Shah said the construction of this facility will be ready for smooth maintenance of all the vessels of BSF's water wing from

Harami Nala in the western region to the water border of the entire Gujarat. The facility will be built at a cost of ₹ 257 crore which will include an administrative building, canteen, officers' mess, training centre, parade ground and a workshop for maintaining and upkeep of over 450 water vessels that are used to carry out vigilance in the area.

"BSF is the only force among all CAPFs which has expertise in securing land and water borders and it has its own air wing also...BSF has the capability, strength and courage to protect water, land and sky like the Indian Army," Shah said while addressing the personnel and

dignitaries.

The Union minister also inaugurated a 28 km-long Chidyamode-BR Bet Link Road, and an outpost tower at the 1164 pillar along the Harami Nala. The link road will ensure operational and logistic support to BSF personnel deployed on the border. Whereas, the 9.5 metre tall outpost pillar, equipped with state-of-the-art cameras, will enable capturing even the slightest movement across the border even in adverse conditions. Shah noted that making of seven such outpost towers is critical for the security forces along this border.

He also recalled that more than 1,900 BSF jawans have made their

supreme sacrifice for the security of the country, and added that arrangements have been made in Nadabet, where a border viewing point was inaugurated by Shah last year, to let citizens know about the history of BSF and pay e-tribute to the martyred soldiers.

"BSF guards the borders in adverse conditions of temperature ranging from -43 degree to +43 degree... Be it Sundarbans, HaramiNala, snow-clad hills of Jammu and Kashmir or Bangladesh border surrounded by various waterfalls, BSF has always kept its eyes on the enemy," he added.

# India script dramatic comeback to beat Malaysia, clinch record fourth Asian Champions Trophy title

Chennai, Aug 13 2023: India scripted a dramatic turnaround in a space of just 11 minutes to beat Malaysia 4-3 and clinch a record fourth Asian Champions Trophy title in Chennai



Harmanpreet Singh-led Indian men's hockey team scripted a dramatic turnaround in a space of just 11 minutes as they fought back from 1-3 down in opening half to beat Malaysia 4-3 and clinch a record fourth Asian Champions Trophy title in Chennai.

India an early lead in the summit clash at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Stadium on Saturday evening before Malaysia levelled it at the close of the first quarter and then struck twice in the second to lead by two goals going into the half-time.

attacking brand of hockey which the hosts found it difficult to contain. But despite a sluggish start, India managed to gain an early lead in the ninth minute after Jugraj successfully converted from the penalty corner with a fierce flick to the right of the Malaysian goalie.

The opener allowed India to find their groove as they resort to a full-press hockey but the visitors kept testing the Indian defense and eventually cracked the code in the 14th minute when Abu Kamal Azari found the back of the net after being assisted by Azuan Hasan from the right flank.

corners, but wasted their opportunities. Eventually, it was Akashdeep Singh who scored the winner for the home team with a slap stick from top of the 'D' after taking in a pass from Mandeep Singh.

India eventually pulled things back riding on the skipper's effort from a penalty stroke before Gurjant Singh tapped in the equaliser in the closing minutes of the third quarter. Akashdeep Singh later struck the winner with four minutes left on the clock to hand India a record title win at home.

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It was at the close of the final quarter when India's fortune changed in a span of just a minute. Skipper Harmanpreet scored from a penalty stroke in the 45th minute and second later Gujrant found the back of the net from field play to level the score.

Japan take 3rd spot after beating South Korea 5-3

Japan finished behind Malaysia in the Asian Champions Trophy tournament after the beat defending champion South Korea 5-3 in the third-place playoff tie in Chennai. Goals from Ryoma Ooka (3rd), Ryosei Kato (9th), Kentaro Fukuda (28th), Shota Yamada (53rd) and Ken Nagayoshi (58th) helped the two-time runner-up finish on a high. Jonghyun Jang (15th and 33rd) and Cheoleon Park (26th) were the goal-scorers for the Koreans.

Malaysia kicked off the final with an

India did have a chance to go ahead in the opening quarter itself by squandered back-to-back penalty corner opportunities.

India thereafter maintained the pressure on Malaysian defence, securing two consecutive penlaty

Malaysia kicked off

# Kalakshetra Foundation case: Professor accused of misconduct a 'delinquent employee'

Chennai, Aug 13 2023: The Independent Enquiry Committee constituted by the Kalakshetra Foundation to probe into allegations of sexual misconduct on campus, has recommended "major punishment" for the main accused, senior faculty Hari Padman. They described him as a "delinquent employee",



The committee comprising retired justice (of Punjab & Haryana HC) K Kannan as presiding officer, former Tamil Nadu director general of police, Letika Saran, and Dr Shobha Varthaman was constituted by the Chairman of Kalakshetra, S Ramadorai. The committee set up in April, was one of the demands of the students who wished for an independent probe.

The three-member committee has submitted a report with annexure to the institution recommending that it be kept confidential for the reason that it "contains extremely sensitive information" which if revealed, would invade the privacy of the individuals namely students, alumni and staff.

However, the concluding part of the report will be disclosed soon as it will become necessary for "the delinquent employee" Hari Padman to show cause against the findings of the report and the "major punishment recommended by us", the committee said in a statement on Monday.

"The concluding part also contains considerable recommendations for reforms in the administrative setup and (to) tune the activities of the institution that will assure safety to students, by focusing to promote Kalakshetra Foundation primarily as an institution of higher learning and not showcase it as an institution of public performers."

Since early this year, the premium performing arts institution in Chennai has been in the spotlight after students went on protests alleging sexual

harassment by four teachers.

Padman, an assistant professor, was the first to be accused for several months by students of the Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts (in the Kalakshetra campus).

The Chennai police arrested Padman, on a complaint filed by an alumna in April that he sexually harassed her when she was a student. He was booked under sections 354A (sexual harassment) 509 (use of acts intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of the Indian Penal Code and section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Women Harassment Act, 2013.

The institute's governing board suspended Padman and dismissed three other instructors Sanjith Lal, Sai Krishnan, and Sreenath.

Padman has been on bail since June. However, the arrest, the state

government's investigation, and the board's decision came weeks after denial.

On March 19, Kalakshetra's administration released a statement that said their ICC found no truth in the allegations.

The students began protesting on March 30 demanding that four teachers including Padman be suspended for alleged sexual harassment against female and male students. On March 25, Kalakshetra's director Revathi Ramachandran met then DGP Sylendra Babu to share details of the ICC's report and maintain that the allegations were rumours to spoil the image of the arts institution.

The protest was temporarily called off on March 31 following the intervention of the head of the Tamil Nadu state women commission chief AS Kumari. Kumari has submitted her report to the state government and in a sealed cover to the Madras high court.

The committee had spoken to scores of students, alumni in person and through online conversations.

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## ON THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY, TATA TEA PREMIUM PAYS HOMAGE TO INDIA'S RICH & VIBRANT HANDLOOM LEGACY WITH ITS 'DESH KE DHAAGE' CAMPAIGN

Chennai, Aug 13 2023: Tata Tea Premium, the flagship brand from Tata Tea's diverse portfolio, has been celebrating India and its elements of pride reflective in its art, culture, and heritage for Independence Day through its #DeshKaGarv initiative. While last year it celebrated key moments of pride from India's 75 years of post-Independence journey, this Independence Day Tata Tea Premium plans to take the nation on a colorful joy-ride of pride and glory with its Desh Ke Dhaage campaign, celebrating India's rich legacy of Handlooms.



pride.

Brand Film Link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVFAlcr6MKA>

Artisan Film Link - <https://youtu.be/Kzt-TxtWJ-8>

Embodying the essence of regional pride, Tata Tea Premium packs crafted for the Tamil Nadu region showcase the Kanjeevaram sarees. Revered for its golden touch and temple work it is aptly referred to as the queen of silks.

The rich and cultural artistic heritage of India reflects across many diverse arts, crafts, and music traditions. This diverse heritage is perhaps most vividly and visibly captured in the handlooms of India. And over time, it has woven itself intricately into the cultural fabric of India, becoming an integral part of India's heritage. Therefore, on the eve of Independence Day, Tata Tea Premium Desh Ki Chai pays homage to this diverse & unique artform through a limited-edition pack collection inspired by the handlooms of India.

Each pack serves as a resplendent canvas, bringing alive the incredible artistry of Indian craftsmen and their timeless creations. From the grandeur of Banarasi Silk in Uttar Pradesh to the intricate Kanjeevaram from Tamil Nadu, from the illustrious Muga Silk of Assam to the exquisite Paithani of Maharashtra, each handloom spins a yarn of immense cultural

The story of these packs have been knitted together in a heartwarming TVC conceptualized by Mullen Lintas that celebrates India's vibrant handloom legacy. Sung by celebrated singer Usha Uthup, who is a connoisseur of Indian handlooms, the film spreads smiles and warmth as it traverses the country, showcasing the diversity of India's handlooms and thus tying India together into a beautiful sentiment of national pride. Each frame brims with love and respect, paying homage to the craftsmanship of skilled weavers who have intricately crafted our cultural identity. From the opulent Banarasi Silk of Uttar Pradesh to the soulful Phulkari of Punjab, the film weaves a story that not only communicates but also commemorates each of these handlooms from across India. The heartfelt message at the film's conclusion calls on every heart to honor the threads that weave our nation's glory.

As a part of the same campaign, a specially

curated collection made by weavers from across the country is available on OKHAI for purchase. Consumers can purchase these weaves at [www.OKHAI.org](http://www.OKHAI.org). Further, Tata Tea Premium will contribute a percentage of what consumers spend on this collection for the welfare of the artisan community.

Commenting on the initiative, Puneet Das, President - Packaged Beverages (India and South Asia), Tata Consumer Products, said, "As we embark on this remarkable journey on the eve of Independence Day with the 'Desh Ka Garv' initiative, Tata Tea Premium celebrates the collective pride of our nation's talented craftsmen, paying homage to their dedication, craftsmanship and their irreplaceable contribution to our cultural heritage. Through our heartwarming campaign, we hope to inspire every Indian to embrace and celebrate the legacy of our diverse regional handlooms, cherishing the threads that weave our nation's pride. Each sip of Tata Tea Premium brings not just the taste of excellence but also the essence of 'Desh ki Chai', a cup that knits all of us together in a tapestry of love, unity, and pride."

Arnab Chatterjee, co-founder of Tree Design said, "While Tata Tea Premium celebrates the spirit of India every year with its Desh Ka Garv initiative, the brief this year was to make the thought even grander by tying it with an element that is unique to India's heritage. Thus, this year, we decided to dive into India's rich and vibrant handloom weaving culture. Dating back hundreds of years, the amazing thing is the variety available across the country and the talent which continues to practice handloom weaving and keeping the artform alive and thriving. In collaboration with the Tata Tea Premium team, we carefully selected and partnered with eleven weavers across the country, resulting in a stunning limited edition pack collection, representative of the handloom culture of India across the North, East, West and Southern states of India."

Commenting on the campaign, Hari Krishnan, CEO of Mullen Lintas says, "It was exciting to work on something so unique. You rarely see a brand redoing their packaging as a tribute to an art form. The brief was simple, to celebrate India's one of the most unique artforms of handlooms, through handloom-inspired limited-edition packs on Independence Day. The idea was right there, if you look at it, these threads are what form the fabric of the nation, they portray unique stories from across India through motifs embroidered on to their weaves. The way the film portrays these unique stories and inspiration behind each of these fabrics, through a mix of eye-catching animation and playful sing-song narration, makes for a delightful watch, while landing the communication in an effective manner."

## Vivriti Capital Limited to raise up to Rs. 500 crore through NCDs ISSUE OPENS ON: Friday, August 18, 2023 ISSUE CLOSES ON: Thursday, August 31, 2023 with an option of early closure

Chennai, Aug 13 2023: Vivriti Capital Limited ("the Company" or "VCL"), which is registered with the RBI as a non-deposit taking systemically important non-banking financial company (NBFC-ND-SI), is proposing to open a public issue of secured, rated, listed, redeemable, non-convertible debentures ("NCD") of face value of ₹ 1,000 each for an amount up to ₹ 250 crore ("Base Issue Size") with an option to retain oversubscription up to ₹ 250 crore ("Green Shoe Option"), cumulatively aggregating up to 50 lakh NCDs for an aggregate amount of up to ₹ 500 crore ("Issue Size" or "Issue Limit"). The Public Issue of NCDs is scheduled to open on August 18, 2023 and close on August 31, 2023, with an option of early closure.

\*The Public Issue comprises Series I to Series V with different tenure of interest payment and coupon rates. Series I has a tenor of 18 months and coupon rate of 9.57% per annum (payable monthly) and an effective yield of 9.98% per annum. Series II has a tenor of 18 months and coupon rate of 10% per annum (payable annually) and an effective yield of 10.06% per annum. Series III has a tenor of 24 months and coupon rate of 9.65% per annum (paid on a quarterly basis, relevant interest will be paid on the same date of relevant month of each quarter from the Deemed Date of Allotment on the principal outstanding along with the Redemption Amount of the NCDs as per the #Principal Redemption Schedule and Redemption Amounts

for Series III NCDs as provided in Prospectus) and an effective yield of 9.98% per annum -. Series IV has a tenor of 24 months and coupon rate of 10.03% per annum (payable monthly) and an effective yield of 10.49% per annum. Series V has a tenor of 24 months and coupon rate of 10.50% per annum (payable annually) and an effective yield of 10.48% per annum.

Vineet Sukumar, Founder and Managing Director, Vivriti Capital Limited, said, "The maiden public issue of NCDs of Vivriti Capital Limited is a milestone in our growth journey. Our clients comprise of mid-corporates. We offer innovative lending solutions to improve our client experience and their operational efficiencies. We have delivered hassle-free flow of debt finance with flexibility and short turnaround times, on account of the Company's technology advanced operating model and risk management framework. We manage a portfolio of INR 5,835.80 crores and have provided debt solutions to over 194 mid-corporates across various sectors. While we have grown our loan book strongly in the last few years, we have continued to maintain a healthy asset quality till date."

Parth Sanghani, Chief Treasury Officer, Vivriti Capital Limited, added, "We benefit from a large and diversified mix of lenders, which has increased over the years and included 218 institutional lenders/investors as of March 31, 2023, comprising a range of financial institutions and corporates, as well

as 1,740 individual investors to meet our capital requirements. We believe that we have been able to access a wide range of lenders due to our good corporate governance, stable credit ratings, conservative risk management policies, and transparent communication. We plan to continue diversifying our funding mix and further optimize our cost of funds. Since our inception, we have onboarded a range of mutual funds, public sector banks, small finance banks, private banks, and NBFCs to diversify our lending profile, thereby de-risking our Company dependence on any single fund source category. Diversification of our sources of funding in recent periods has contributed to an overall reduction in our average cost of borrowings in recent fiscal periods and has allowed us to maintain sufficient interest margins and achieve our liquidity goals, as well as maintain funding stability. We seek to reduce our average cost of long-term borrowings through improved credit ratings and by diversifying our borrowing profile."

The Company proposes to utilize at least 75% of the total amount from net proceeds from the issue towards onward lending, financing and for repayment of interest and principal of existing borrowings of the Company and maximum up to 25% of the total amount from net proceeds from the issue towards general purpose expenses.

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Credit rating letter and credit rating rationale dated June 12, 2023 (and revalidation letters dated July 11, 2023 and August 4, 2023) from CARE Ratings assigned a rating of "CARE A; Positive" to the NCDs. Credit rating letter and credit rating rationale dated June 7, 2023 (and revalidation letters dated July 12, 2023 and August 7, 2023) from ICRA Limited assigned a rating of "[ICRA] A (Stable)" to the NCDs.

The NCDs offered through this Prospectus are proposed to be listed on BSE Limited ("BSE") (the "Stock Exchange"). BSE is the Designated Stock Exchange for the Issue.

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## Parents should not be too demanding with their kids; let them choose a career of their liking - Vice President

Chennai, Aug 13 2023: The Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar today expressed his disapproval of the parents who are very demanding with their kids and push them to "become civil servants or engineers when the child actually wants to become a musician or photographer."

Speaking to a group of students from Kerala who called on him at Upa-Rashtrapati Niwas today, the Vice President said that "Parents want to live their life through their

children. That is not good. There is achievement in every walk of life." These students were winners of the Mann Ki Baat Quiz Competition organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan in Thiruvananthapuram.

Responding to a question from a student, Shri Dhankhar described drug abuse as a menace to the world. Calling drugs a challenge to humanity, he said that it destroys those minds who have the capacity to take the world to a higher level.

Delving into the factors behind drug abuse, the Vice President said it happens because we are drifting away from our core cultural values and family life. He also called for generating an ecosystem where one believes in friendship, believes in community life, in family and respects elders.

Praising the government for taking a tough stance on the drug challenge, Shri Dhankhar appealed to the establishment to "be tough with those who

deal in drugs & never fear to expose those making money on account of drugs."

Calling for a positive and healthy approach towards victims of drug abuse, he advocated for counselling and de-addiction centers for victims. "Don't attach a stigma to a person who has taken drugs once or twice," he said.

Describing corruption as the greatest enemy of common man, the Vice President said it deprives you of equality of

opportunity, impedes nations development. Expressing happiness over the firm stand taken by the government on the issue of corruption, Shri Dhankhar highlighted that "power corridors have been fully sanitized of middlemen."

Mentioning several people-friendly initiatives such as Har Ghar Jal, Swachh Bharat Mission, digital transfers, the Vice President said, "Inclusivity is at its peak today, and it has transformed our economy & society and



empowered every citizen."

Exhorting students to always keep the nation

first, he asked them to effectively counter those trying to taint and tarnish the image of our

institutions.

Union Minister, Shri V. Muraleedharan was also present at the event.

## Discover Your Ideal Independence Day Getaway: Explore Airbnbs Across the Globe for the Perfect Long Weekend Escape!

Chennai, Aug 13 2023: This year's Independence Day brings with it a much-awaited long weekend, and now is the perfect time to plan for your well-deserved break from work. Whether you choose to escape to a luxurious sea-side villa in Bali or would like to go on a shopping spree in Dubai – this long weekend offers the perfect opportunity for a much-needed break. Airbnb has curated a list of stunning properties and destinations that you can book for a short trip with your friends and family. So, get ready to pack your bags and jet off to an amazing break!

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Discover the charms of Thailand at Villa Kamala, Phuket:

Listing image 5 Escape to a tranquil

haven nestled amidst the lush green hills of Kamala, offering breathtaking vistas of the world-renowned Kamala Beach and the mesmerizing Andaman Sea in Phuket. The Villa boasts of a plunge pool, a sky deck, and a large balcony, making it just the best villa for all your vacation pictures! You can choose to spend the day in the pool, or rent a scooter to explore the beautiful beaches and culinary delights of Phuket. Whether it's unwinding with loved ones or immersing yourself in the beauty of the surroundings, the villa awaits to make your Thailand getaway truly exceptional.

A room with a table and chairs

**Description** automatically generated Discover the vibrant country of Vietnam staying at this retro 2-bedroom apartment in Binh Thanh:

This chic apartment is located in the heart of the city of Binh Thanh, right next to the Pearl Plaza Shopping Mall, making it the ideal destination for travellers looking to shop. The main feature of this stay is its tastefully done modern décor, which gives the place a clean, elegant, and inviting look. Vietnam is a country rich with history, nature, and culture, and makes for a great addition to your bucket list!

## Cattle owner arrested in Tamil Nadu after cow attacks 9-yr-old in viral video

Chennai, Aug 13 2023: As per the police, the girl was returning home from her school with her mother and her five-year-old brother. The girl was treated at a hospital.



A cattle owner has been arrested in Tamil Nadu after his cow attacked a nine-year-old girl, the video of which went viral. The incident, which happened in Chennai's MMDA Colony, was caught in the video, where the girl was seen in a school dress and a cow, who was with its calf, attacked her with its horns. In over a minute-long video, the cow can be seen attacking the girl incessantly. Some men can be seen trying to

divert and scare the cow away by throwing stones at it. While it moved away for a bit, it came back and attacked the girl, leaving her in a critical condition.

The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) imposed a fine of ₹ 25,000 on the cattle owner and in a cattle shed the cow and its calf had been kept under observation in Chennai's Perambur area to ascertain if the cow was suffering

from any diseases or whether the attack was a reason of an illness, news agency PTI reported.

As per the police, the girl was returning home from her school with her mother and her five-year-old brother.

The girl was treated at a hospital. Her mother filed a complaint and the 26-year old cow owner was arrested.

The police have filed a case against him

for not maintaining the cattle properly and for allowing it to roam around.

As reported by PTI, GCC Commissioner J Radhakrishnan visited the girl in the hospital. He said that the child has been discharged after treatment. He termed the incident 'very unfortunate'. Radhakrishnan told reporters that a fine of ₹ 25,000 has been levied on the cattle owner.

"Cattle must not be allowed to stray into roads," J Radhakrishnan said.

He added that in 2023, several cattle owners have been fined a total of ₹ 51 lakh for allowing the cattle to roam on the streets.

## DP World Chennai berths its biggest vessel MV Navios Constellation



Chennai, Aug 13 2023: DP World, a leading global provider of smart end-to-end logistics, has successfully berthed 'MV Navios Constellation'. The vessel is part of the Southeast India Europe Express (IEX) service facilitated by DP World Chennai. The vessel has an overall length (LOA) of 350 m and a capacity of handling 9954 TEUs. It is the biggest vessel that has ever

berthed at DP World Chennai since its inception.

Vishal Lather, CEO, DP World Chennai, said, "The successful berthing of MV Navios Constellation stands as a testament to DP World Chennai's commitment to excellence in maritime operations. Our dedicated team of professionals has demonstrated unmatched expertise in handling such a massive vessel,

showcasing our capabilities and commitment to fostering India's trade growth. As the leading gateway for Indian Export-Import (EXIM) cargoes, DP World Chennai continues to attract large-sized vessels, bolstering the terminal's reputation as the most preferred choice for global trade partners".

In 2001, DP World Chennai commenced operations at the Chennai Container

Terminal Pvt. Ltd. (CCTPL), making it the first private terminal in Chennai. With a draft of 15m, the terminal can handle fifth-generation vessels, and offer seamless connectivity to Colombo, Port Kelang, Singapore, Jebel Ali, China, West Africa, Europe, and the US. DP World Chennai services the entire gamut of international trade in Chennai and the South India hinterland.

## IREDA reports All-Time High Quarterly PAT of Rs. 295 Crores; Net NPAs down to 1.61%

Chennai, Aug 13 2023: Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA), a Mini Ratna (Category - I) Government of India enterprise under the administrative control of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, has achieved a remarkable milestone with an all-time high Quarterly Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs. 295 crores and Profit Before Tax (PBT) of Rs. 440 crores in the 1st Quarter of the fiscal year 2023-24. This achievement marks a notable growth of 30% and 29% respectively, compared to the corresponding period of the previous financial year 2022-23. IREDA has also demonstrated a significant reduction in Net Non-Performing Assets (NPAs), bringing them down to 1.61% in Q1, FY 2023-24 from 2.92% in Q1, FY 2022-23, representing a remarkable 45% reduction (in percentage terms) on a year-on-year basis.

Commending the company's exceptional performance and consistent growth trajectory, the Board of Directors of IREDA, in a meeting held today, August 12, 2023, approved the Audited Financial Results for the 1st Quarter of the

Financial Year 2023-24.

Over the previous year, IREDA's Loan Book has expanded from Rs. 32,679 crores as of 30th June, 2022, to Rs. 47,207 crores as of 30th June, 2023, showcasing a robust growth of 44%. During the 1st Quarter, the company achieved Loan Disbursement of Rs. 3,173 crores and a Total Income from Operations of Rs. 1,143 crores, demonstrating a substantial increase of 272% and 45% respectively, compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year, wherein Loan Disbursement was Rs. 852 crores and Total Income from Operations was Rs. 786 crores.

Noteworthy financial highlights for the first quarter of FY 2023-24, compared to the same period in FY 2022-23, include:

Total Income from Operations: Rs. 1,143 crores as against Rs. 786 crores (up by 45%)

Profit Before Tax: Rs. 440 crores as against Rs. 340 crores (up by 29%)

Profit After Tax: Rs. 295 crores as against Rs. 226 crores (up by 30%)

Loan Disbursement: Rs. 3,173 crores as against Rs. 852 crores (up by 272%)

Loan Book: Rs. 47,207 crores as against Rs. 32,679 crores (up by 44%)

Net-worth: Rs. 6,290 crores as against Rs. 5,514 crores (up by 14%)

Net NPAs: 1.61% as against 2.92% (reduction by 45% in percentage terms)

Gross NPAs: 3.08% as against 5.33% (reduction by 42% in percentage terms)

Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman & Managing Director, IREDA, attributed the growth of the company to the trust and support of stakeholders. He expressed his gratitude towards Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy Shri R. K. Singh; Union Minister of State, New and Renewable Energy, Shri Bhagawanth Khuba; Secretary, MNRE and Board of Directors for their constant support and guidance, which he said has been instrumental in achieving the historic performance of IREDA. He has also commended the dedicated Team IREDA for their unwavering commitment and relentless efforts that have led to these historic financial results.