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'If INDIA wins 2024, will abolish NEET in Tamil Nadu' - M K Stalin

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Exuding hope, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin said on Sunday that if the 'INDIA' alliance wins the 2024 parliamentary elections, then Tamil Nadu will be exempted from NEET. "The demand to scrap NEET is not a political demand; It is an educational request. More specifically, it is the demand of all those who want a socially equal education. The demand to scrap NEET is not the demand of a political party called the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam; It has become the demand of



all people today. Few of us opposed NEET when it was introduced. But today everyone knows the cruel nature of this exam. That is why slogans against this NEET are being raised across the country across party

lines. I am very sure, if the 'INDIA Alliance' wins the 2024 parliamentary elections, I can assure you that there will be no NEET in Tamil Nadu. Let us make it an election promise that there will be no NEET

in the new regime of the Union. Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam has that strength and determination. Can AIADMK and its ally BJP make such a promise? BJP's real objective is to destroy the dream of medical



education of underprivileged students," Stalin said in a statement. Slamming BJP for the corruption charges in the recently tabled CAG report, the DMK supremo said that the BJP is pretending to be an

anti-corruption party but it helps the private coaching centres to earn in crores. "This situation would not have arisen if AIADMK had opposed the NEET early on during its slave rule of BJP. The Bill passed in

the Assembly was kept silent without telling the Assembly the information that was sent back by the Union Government. But they fell on the floor to save their posts. Starting from Ariyalur Anitha to Chrompet

Jagadeeswaran, our struggle will not rest until the cancellation of NEET which claimed the lives of many aspirants. We, who fought in the Parliament, Assembly, People's Forum, will urge the new Union government to abolish NEET. As for me, I have not lost hope. NEET is not some immutable constitutional law. The people who trampled on the Constitution itself are the Union BJP. Hence, the NEET exam will also be cancelled. The time when the barrier of NEET will be broken is not far," he added.

Indian Railways implements Provision of 750 V power supply for maintenance of Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) rakes at washing/sick lines
Indian Railways awards infra creation at 411 washing/pit lines covering entire country at Rs 210 Crores

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: In November 2016, Railway Board took a policy decision to switch over 100% of its production to LHB coaches from April 2018. An energy review undertaken at the Railway Board showed that at 2021-22 base the diesel consumption on testing and maintenance of LHB rakes at washing/pit lines was about 1.84 lakh litres per day

amounting to an annual recurring expense of approx. Rs 668+ Cr which was projected to increase @ 20+% p.a. being a combined function of diesel prices and LHB fleet induction. Comparatively, grid electrical energy is 70% to 80% cheaper. This issue is typical to LHB and does not arise in ICF coaches, and therefore, infrastructure and capacity creation at



washing/pit lines by providing 750V power supply for testing & maintenance of LHB

rakes was important. With this aim, capital works for 411 washing / pit lines on

Indian Railways (IR) were sanctioned at a total capital cost of approx. Rs 210 Cr. It was a thrust area monitored by the Railway Board in a span of less than one year, capital works were sanctioned and infra creation at 411 washing / pit lines, covering entire IR and by end of July 2023 works at 316 washing / pit lines have been completed. Rest are targeted for completion by Q2 of 2023.

savings of Rs 500+ Cr every year in Ordinary Working Expenses. Coupled with the target of HOG compliant locomotive fleet on IR, savings shall be much higher. This is a part of IR's efforts to improve operational viability of passenger services, particularly Mail / Express segment through non-tariff measures by reducing costs and improving efficiency with optimisation.

down this in the National Statement at COP 26. This work is a step towards IR's low carbon transition pathways to adopt a carbon neutral growth strategy.

The above showcases IR's relentless pursuit in identifying works and areas that fetch discernible benefits - in terms of safety, cost economies, carbon footprint and HR efficiency.

Non-tariff measure to reduce losses / subsidy on passenger services: Rs 500+ Cr is a direct reduction of cross-subsidisation of passenger by freight services in general and improves operational viability of passenger services in Mail / Express segment in particular.

e emission reduction by energy substitution - fossil fuel with grid

HR and better Safety (by eliminating diesel use of this high

Pit lines with 750v power supply in Southern Railway for LHB rake maintenance

In Southern Railway, of the total 45 pit lines proposed, 41 pit lines have been provided with 750v power supply for testing and maintenance of LHB rakes. The work has been completed at the 41 pit lines located at Basin Bridge (14 pit lines), Egmore Gopalsamy Nagar Depot (3 pit lines), Tambaram (2 pit lines), Madurai (4 pit lines), Tirunelveli (3 pit lines), Thiruvananthapuram Central (5 pit lines), Ernakulam Marshalling yard (3 pit lines), Nagercoil (3 pit lines), Coimbatore Jn (2 pit lines) and Tiruchchirappalli Jn (2 pit lines).

Apart from the 41 pit lines provided, the work at remaining 4 pit lines will be completed shortly.

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Axis My India Partners with Google to Build Single-stop People Empowerment Platform Application

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: India's leading consumer data intelligence company, Axis My India, today announced that it is building a one-of-a-kind platform leveraging Google technology that aims to bring about a step change in people's awareness, accessibility, and utilization of a slew of services. These include Government social welfare schemes, basic day-to-day amenities, employment opportunities, and healthcare benefits, and has the potential to benefit up to 250 million Indian households across the country.

Built on Google Cloud's scalable and secure infrastructure, Axis My India's People Empowerment Platform (PEP) application will use Google Cloud's generative AI (GenAI) technology to provide relevant information about government

schemes and desired communication/content to citizens based on their individual and family needs. In order to be useful to people across geographies, the PEP will be designed to support 13 regional languages employing Google translation API and Vertex AI for real-time translation and transliteration of information. This two-way communication will facilitate enhanced engagement with Axis My India's Mission 'To Actively Contribute Every day to Transform a Billion Lives' by acting as a digital and physical 'Jan Suvidha Kendra' (Public Welfare Centre). The roll-out of PEP will be supported by Axis My India's network of local offices in more than 700 districts across India.

Speaking on the partnership, Pradeep Gupta, Chairman and Managing Director,

Axis My India, said, "Our collaboration with Google marks a pivotal moment in our pursuit to positively impact the lives of a billion Indians. By leveraging Google Cloud technologies, we aim to create an inclusive platform that truly empowers citizens with authentic information and solutions based on their needs. Axis My India's massive scale and expertise affords us an unprecedented opportunity to bring information equity between rural and urban India through our platform. We are certain that we will achieve our ambitious goal of acting as a digital super-app for all 250 million Indian households."

"Google Cloud offers a wide range of services that can benefit business in terms of scalability, flexibility, security, performance, innovation and support. Rising

mobile connectivity presents the opportunity to create an inclusive, equitable, and safer internet for everyone, no matter their literacy, language, or location. We are excited to work with Axis My India to help advance their vision with the People Empowerment Platform, backed by state-of-the-art Gen AI Cloud technologies from Google Cloud. This will help them bring government services and programs to more Indians across the country," said Bikram Singh Bedi, Managing Director, Google Cloud India.

Axis My India announced their vision for PEP in 2021 in line with its Mission Himalaya - Unchi Udaan Roadmap Initiative and is currently in the advanced stages of developing this with Google, with the pilot version of the PEP app expected to launch in October 2023.

JIO ANNOUNCES NATIONWIDE ROLLOUT OF 5G-BASED CONNECTIVITY USING 26 GHZ MM-WAVE SPECTRUM

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited ("RJIL"), today announced that it has completed its minimum roll-out obligations in each of the 22 Licensed Service Areas ("LSA"), across each of the spectrum bands, ahead of time under the terms of the spectrum allocated to it on 17th August 2022. On 19th July 2023, RJIL had completed submission of the prescribed details towards completion of the Phase 1 minimum roll-out obligation with the Department of Telecommunications ("DoT") Units and by 11th August 2023, necessary DoT testing was completed in all circles.

Jio had acquired a unique combination of low-band, mid-band and mmWave spectrum, which coupled with its deep fibre network and indigenous technology platforms, will enable Jio to provide 5G Everywhere and 5G For All (consumers and enterprises).

Jio has the highest spectrum footprint. Jio also has 1,000 MHz in the millimetre wave



band (26 GHz) in each of the 22 circles which will uniquely enable enterprise use cases as well as provide high-quality streaming services.

Jio engineers have worked round the clock to ensure the fastest rollout of its True 5G network, making it the fastest 5G rollout of this scale in the world. This 77th Independence Day, Jio is celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' with a pan-India rollout of mmWave-based Jio True-5G business connectivity.

Jio believes that the mmWave spectrum with the additional layer of Jio's True-5G benefits due to Stand Alone deployment, is a critical differentiator

enabling it to provide 5G-based business-connectivity solution that will address millions of small, medium and large enterprises.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Akash Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, said, "Honouring our commitment to the Government of India, the Department of Telecommunications and the 1.4 billion Indians towards accelerated roll-out of high-quality 5G services, we are proud to announce that we have taken India to the leadership position globally in speed of roll-out of 5G services. We have of course also completed minimum roll-out obligations for

the 5G spectrum allocated to us. Since receiving the 5G spectrum in August last year, our team has been working round the clock to ensure we keep up the pace of 5G roll-out that we had promised to enable pan-India 5G coverage by the end of this year. This is one of the fastest 5G roll-outs of this scale globally and gives India a prominent position on the global 5G map.

The benefits of 5G mmWave include extremely high bandwidth and low latency. This can give enterprises looking to deploy emerging and innovative applications faster speeds and less delay than previous wireless networking technologies. mmWave business solutions will expand the market for leased lines by providing equally dependable fixed-wireless services, thereby digitizing millions of small and medium enterprises with enterprise-grade connectivity and business solutions. This spectrum is capable of providing ultra-high-speed broadband of upto 2 Gbps."

Flipkart introduces the upgraded version of Flipkart Plus Membership with Plus and Plus Premium: Unlocks a range of rewards and loyalty benefits

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace today, announced its upgraded version of its loyalty program - Flipkart Plus Membership with Plus and Plus Premium. This unique loyalty program has been designed to benefit customers who regularly shop on the platform. With the introduction of the upgraded program, Flipkart aims to make the program more desirable and relevant for customers who shop regularly on the platform.

Customers with over 4 transactions in 12 months are eligible for the Plus membership and customers with over 8 transactions in 12 months are eligible to join the Plus Premium membership.

The membership includes incentives on over 2 Cr+ products such

as welcome benefits of 300 SuperCoins and early access to sales. Plus members can earn 2% SuperCoins per transaction, and enjoy early access to sales. When the customers progress to Plus Premium, they enjoy additional benefits that include exclusive member deals on top branded products and can also earn 4% SuperCoins from their purchases with access to hourly/daily member deals on top branded products. These SuperCoins can be redeemed across the Flipkart Group - Shopsy, Myntra, Flipkart HealthPlus and Cleartrip and a few other platforms.

Commenting on the introduction of the new Flipkart Plus Membership, Arief Mohamad, Vice President, Customer & Loyalty, Flipkart said,

"At Flipkart, we prioritize delivering value to our customers, and I am delighted to announce the upgraded loyalty program through the new Flipkart membership with Plus and Plus Premium. Built on deep customer insights, this loyalty program enables seamless access to a myriad of benefits and deals for customers who actively engage on our platform. Focused on unraveling maximum value for our loyal customers, this upgrade to the Flipkart Plus Membership program will further encourage them to avail additional benefits. This program is a testament to our unwavering commitment to deliver the best value to our customers while continually enhancing their purchase journey on Flipkart."

By making the Plus

and Plus Premium memberships transaction based irrespective of order value, Flipkart is now offering added benefits and easy loyalty access to a larger set of customers. Furthering its commitment to enhancing access, this loyalty program will not only augment value but also motivate aspirational customers across the length and breadth of the country to shop online.

Launched in 2018, the Flipkart Plus program today drives over 40% of transactions on the overall Flipkart platform; witnessing a significant spike during The Big Billion Days. Building on customer engagement with this program; the Flipkart Plus and Flipkart Plus Premium membership encourages customers to further unlock deals, better offers and more benefits.

DBAG Fund VI sells 13.6% in GMM Pfaudler Ltd with 9.9% stake bought by ChrysCapital

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Highlights of Pfaudler Inc. (ultimately held by DBAG Fund VI, a private equity fund advised by Deutsche Beteiligungs AG 'DBAG') has sold 13.6% equity stake in GMM Pfaudler Ltd ('Company') through bulk deals.

9.9% equity stake of the Company has been purchased by funds affiliated with ChrysCapital, a leading India-focused investment firm with US\$5.0 Bn in AUM.

3.7% equity stake of the Company has been purchased by other investors.

DBAG's nominee directors, Mr. Malte Woweries and Mr. Harsh Gupta, have tendered their resignation as of August 18, 2023.

The Patel family continues to remain the largest shareholder of the Company and reiterates its commitment to purchase the remaining 1% equity stake from DBAG Fund VI at ₹ 1,700 per share as

agreed in December 2022, subject to regulatory approvals.

Management Comment

Mr. Tarak Patel, Managing Director of GMM Pfaudler Ltd said, "I want to express my gratitude to DBAG for their support and guidance over the years. The end of one journey also marks the beginning of another exciting journey for GMM Pfaudler. The investment by a marquee investor like ChrysCapital represents a powerful endorsement

of GMM Pfaudler's track record and our commitment to building a world class institution."

Mr. Tom Alzin, Spokesman of the board of management of DBAG said, "Our 8-year long association with GMM Pfaudler has been defined by shared values, strategic alignment and an unwavering commitment to growth. We are immensely proud of what we have achieved together. We wish GMM Pfaudler all the best for the future."

Advertisement for Oasis Grace Engineering Projects Pvt Ltd. The ad includes sections for 'What We Do' (listing services like Project Management, Residential/Commercial/Industrial construction, etc.), 'Key Members' (listing Dr. Jeeva Mahalingam, A. Jeeva Ganesan, V. Jeeva), 'Our Projects' (showing various buildings and infrastructure), and 'Our Clientele' (listing clients like Reliance, Aquo, etc.). It also features contact information for RTN.DR.R.SATHYANARAYANAN and the company's address in Chennai.

Racy investigative thriller to be produced in Tamil and Telugu by AR Entertainment and directed by Lokkesh Ajls with Naveen Chandra as protagonist titled 'Eleven'

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Ajmal Khan and Reya Hari are bankrolling a racy investigative thriller as their third production venture under AR Entertainment banner, following the critically acclaimed hits 'Sila Nerangalil Sila Manidhargal' and 'Sembli'. The new film has been titled 'Eleven'. Lokkesh Ajls, who had worked as associate director to director Sundar C in films 'Kalakalappu 2', 'Vandha Rajavathan Varuven' and 'Action', is directing 'Eleven'. Popular Telugu actor Naveen Chandra is playing the lead role in this film which is being made simultaneously in



both Tamil and Telugu languages. He had also acted in Tamil films including 'Sarabham', 'Sivappu' and 'Bramman' and is currently part of highly anticipated movies including director Shankar's 'Game Changer' and director Karthik Subbaraj's 'Jigarhanda Double X'. Reya Hari, who acted in 'Sila Nerangalil Sila

National Award-winning Srikanth N.B. is the editor. Sharing information about 'Eleven', director Lokkesh Ajls said, "it will be a fast-paced investigative thriller that will keep the audience on the edge of their seats from the beginning to the end. Talented actors and technicians have been roped in for the film. My thanks to them and the producers. I hope the film will be liked by everyone." Produced by Ajmal Khan and Reya Hari under AR Entertainment banner and directed by Lokkesh Ajls, Tamil-Telugu bilingual 'Eleven' starring Naveen Chandra in lead will commence shooting on August 23.

Manidhargal', is playing the female lead in the film, which stars Abhirami of 'Virumandi' fame, Dileepan of 'Vathikuchi' fame, and Riythvika of 'Madras' fame in key roles. The music for the film is composed by D. Imman. Karthik Ashokan who has experience in Bollywood looks after the cinematography.

Broken Script Movie Review

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Produced under the banner of Streetlight Pictures, this film is the brainchild of Joe Giovanni Singh, who not only wrote and directed it but also took on the lead role. While the ideas conceived by the writer-director are commendable, the challenge lies in effectively translating these concepts onto the cinematic canvas.



Nevertheless, the effort put into the project deserves recognition, particularly due to the appealing core plot. Primarily set in Singapore, the film delves into two main themes: the illicit trade of human organs and the exploitation of vulnerable travelers by certain

unscrupulous employees working in travel agencies. These employees take advantage of the fact that these customers and their families are embarking on journeys, attempting to strip them of their belongings.

A standout character named Singapore Rajini, played by an actor who

truly steals the scenes, adds depth to the narrative. The film also playfully references MGR's Nalai Naadhey, adding a touch of light-heartedness.

Joe Giovanni Singh impresses in a multifaceted role, juggling various responsibilities with finesse. The

cinematography by Saleem Bilal Jitesh beautifully captures the essence of Singapore, offering audiences a captivating view.

The film boasts a cast including Rio Raj, Joe Giovanni Singh, Moonila, Jaaneesh, Gunalan, and more, each contributing to the overall tapestry of the story.

"Directors K Bhagyaraj and RV Udayakumar launch the Trailer and Audio of 'Kumbaari'" "Sivaji Rao, who acted in a small film back then, is today's Superstar Rajinikanth".

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: 'Kumbaari' is an upcoming film produced by T. Kumaradas of Royal Enterprises. The film is written and directed by Kevin Joseph and is based on the friendship of young people and the love between a brother and sister.



The movie stars Vijay Vishwa, Naleef Gea as the protagonists and Mahana Sanjeevi as the female lead. John Vijay, 'Paruthiveeran' Saravanan, Chaams, Madhumitha, Senthil, 'Kadhal' Sukumar and others have essayed supporting roles.

Director SR Prabhakaran said, "When I watched the songs of this film and then watched the trailer, I could relate to every scene."

Actor Prajin said, "Big films don't need a lot of support. Small films should be supported".

The music and trailer launch of the film was held recently where K-town actors such as Directors K. Bhagyaraj, RV Udayakumar, SR Prabhakaran, Saravana Sakthi, Robo Sankar, Appukutty, Prajan, 'Jailer' Kalaiyaran, 'Ratchasan' Saravanan and playback singer Malathi graced the occasion as special guests.

National award winning actor Appukutty said, "Vijay Vishwa and I have acted together in a film called 'Mayanadhi'. Some time back, he saw that a pond in a village was not clean and took pictures of it and posted it on social media. After seeing this, some villagers came looking for him. He is so socially responsible".

Actor and director Saravana Sakthi said, "A friend nearby asked me how they gave a U certificate even though there are so many kissing scenes in this film. I told them that it seems like kissing scenes have been included in 'U' now".

The film's producer T. Kumaradas said, "This is a film about friendship. It has romance, comedy, music...everything is good. Don't dismiss. Small films have made great people. Sivaji Rao, who acted in a small film back then, is today's Superstar Rajinikanth".

Director RV Udayakumar said, "The chemistry between the two protagonists in this

film is good. The heroine of the film said that she did not know the names of the music directors. It is their songs that make you famous in cinema and therefore it is very important that you know their names".

Cast

Vijay Vishwa, Naleef Gea, Mahana Sanjeevi, John Vijay, 'Paruthiveeran' Saravanan, Chaams, Madhumitha, Senthil, 'Kadhal' Sukumar and others.

Crew

Producer: T. Kumaradas, Director: Kevin Joseph, Music: Jeyprakash, Jason, Prithvi, Editing: T.S. Jay, Cinematography: Prasad Arumugam, Stunts: Miracle Michael, Dance Choreography: Rajumurugan, Singers: Antony Dasan, Aishwarya, Saicharan, Lyricists: Vinodhan, Arunbharathi, Sirkazhi Sirpi

Effect: Randy, Mixing: Krishnamurthy, Public relations: Riaz K. Ahmed

Mani Ratnam, Suhasini Mani Ratnam release the trailer of 'Paramporul', a film set in the backdrop of idol smuggling

Sarathkumar-Amithash starrer 'Paramporul' produced by Manoj & Girish of Kavi Creations and directed by C. Aravind Raj



Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Kavi Creations' debut production venture 'Paramporul' is written and directed by C. Aravind Raj, who worked as an assistant director to acclaimed filmmaker Ram. Young actor Amithash has teamed up with actor Sarath Kumar for this pulsating crime drama, set in the backdrop of idol smuggling crimes. While Manoj and Girish have produced the film, Sakthivelan of Sakthi Film Factory is releasing it. Film director Balaji Sakthivel, Charles Vinod, T Siva, Vincent Asokan, Gajaraj, Balakrishnan, Bhava Chelladurai and others are playing key roles in 'Paramporul'. Yuvan Shankar Raja has composed the music for the film. 'Richie'-fame cinematographer Pandi Kumar has taken care of the cinematography while Nagooran, who gained attention with his work in 'Don', 'Sani Kaayitham', 'Rocky' and 'Ettu Thottakal', is the Editor. Kumar Gangappan is the Art Director, Dinesh Subbarayan is the Stunt Trainer, Sathish Krishnan is the Choreographer and Poornima Ramaswamy is the Costume Designer of this film. The trailer launch and press meet of 'Paramporul' was held in Chennai on Monday evening. The trailer was released by director Mani

Ratnam and actress-director Suhasini Mani Ratnam. Highlights of the event are as follows: Producers Manoj & Girish said... We would like to thank everyone who worked on 'Paramporul'. Thanks to everyone who attended and made this event special. We hope this film will be a success. Director Mani Ratnam said... I would like to thank you for inviting me to this event. Let's all wish the movie 'Paramporul' a success. Actress and director Suhasini Manirathanam said... I am very glad to be here. Best wishes to the team of 'Paramporul' for all success. Actor Balakrishnan said... The film is very well made. Everyone should watch in theaters and support.

Art Director Kumar Gangappan said... Everyone will like the story of 'Paramporul'. The film has been made in a gripping manner. Sarathkumar sir and Yuvan sir have all contributed very well. I am eagerly waiting for the release of 'Paramporul'. Cinematographer Pandi Kumar said... Content-based movies will be very good. There is no doubt that 'Paramporul' will also join that list. Costume Designer Poornima Ramaswamy said... Thanks to the

producers, director, much. Thanks to Amithash and Girish sir. I wish the film's team all success. Director C. Aravind Raj said... Sarathkumar sir and Amithash liked the story very much. The film started off with a small budget, but was made with big budget thanks to the support of the producers. The movie has turned out very well. Everyone should watch 'Paramporul' in theaters and share their views and support. A big thanks to the producers and everyone involved in the film. Actor Amithash said... Press and media's support is very important for the success of a film. I request journalists to give their support to 'Paramporul'. Sarathkumar sir has given his full cooperation to this project. Yuvan Shankar Raja sir's music will be a highlight. And thanks to everyone who contributed to this movie. Everyone should watch the film in theatres. Special thanks to my parents. Actor Sarathkumar said... It's a team effort. 'Paramporul' is highly recommended to watch in theatres. Thanks to everyone who are part of this project. Music well. The film has been made with the excellent cooperation of this movie and I hope all. Choreographer Sathish said... This will be an important film for everyone in theatres. Best wishes to 'Paramporul' team for success.

Makkal Selvan Vijay Sethupathi launches the action packed 'Hit List' Teaser

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Director KS Ravikumar's home banner - RK Celluloids' next venture 'Hit List' starring R Sarathkumar & Director Vikraman's son Vijay Kanishka as a main lead was recently wrapped up.



The film is jointly directed by former associates of Director KS Ravikumar; Sooryakathir and Karthikeyan.

The film also stars Gautham Vasudev Menon, Samuthirakani, Sithara, Munishkanth, Aishwarya Dutta, Smruthi Venkat, Bala

Saravanan, Redin Kingsley, Abi Nakshatra, 'KGF fame' Garuda Ramachandra and Anupama Kumar in pivotal roles.

C Sathya has composed the music for the film. The film's

Cinematography is handled by Ram Charan, with Editing by John and Art Direction by Arun.

Makkal Selvan Vijay Sethupathi watched the Teaser of the film and expressed his liking for it, calling it a full fledged

action entertainer.

He Congratulated producer KS Ravikumar and the team on the launch of the Teaser.

He later conveyed his best wishes to the debut hero Vijay Kanishka saying, "This 'Hit List' title will be the start of the hit lists of your films."

Touted to be an action thriller with all the commercial elements for a perfect family entertainer, the post production work for Hit List is going on in full swing. The release date will be announced soon.

Wait for Chennai 2054 -- the real celebrations of Chennai's ancient history; discard August 22 hype

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: The City of Greater Chennai has been in existence for over 2,000 years as per historical documents, supported by inscriptions and Tamil literature. Therefore, it is strange and shocking that some people claim that the city is only 384 years old. This amounts to desecration of the culture and history of the city. The claim that the city was founded on August 22, 1639, is also a bogus one. The book written by S Muthiah, Madras Discovered in 1987, on whose basis a group conducts Madras Week, itself has recorded on page 9 that Madraspatnam land "was deeded to the East India Company on July (there is debate whether it was, in fact, August 22, 1639)." The date is debatable even according to the founder of the so-called Madras Week group. In his book Madras Rediscovered, a second edition, Muthiah still writes that "the East India Company bought the piece of land in Madraspatnam on July 22, 1639. He writes, "That grant is dated July 22, 1639, but since Day reached Madraspatnam-- the name mentioned in the grant -- only on July 27th, the chances are that 'July' is an error and August 22, 1639, is more likely the date the East India Company acquired the land to found their settlement in".

Muthiah's addition that an agreement signed by the Rajah of Chandragiri and Francis Day of the East India Company on July 22, 1639, could have a wrong date is ludicrous, and casts aspersions on the efficiency of the Rajah kingdom and also the East India Company. What has happened is that Muthiah has used a fig-leaf of a British writer of a reception to Francis Day in Madraspatnam on August 22, 1639, to justify that as the date for the agreement! Fact is that the writer had never mentioned that it was Day's first visit to Madraspatnam.

Other records had shown that Francis Day had come to Madraspatnam and Mylapore several times to identify suitable land to establish the Company's trading centre.

British writer Fanny Emily Penny brought out an extensive book 'Fort St. George,

Madras, in 1900, with the help of (British) Governor of Madras, Sir Arthur E. Havelock. The book was "Dedicated by Permission to His Excellency, Sir Arthur E. Havelock, Governor of Madras, Who has watched with a kindly and sympathetic interest the progress of this record".

Fanny Emily Penny wrote, "Neither the smell of the river nor the acres of sandy waste discouraged the persevering servant of the East India Company, and Day concluded his negotiations satisfactorily on the 1st of March, 1639.....The Rajah of Chandragiri (Chandragiri) ...received the cash paid down as rent for the ground. The price of the grant was a yearly rent of about six hundred pounds. The agreement was drawn up on a plate of gold, and it was dated March 1st, 1639 (old style). It was carefully preserved by the company in Fort St. George until 1746".

"...When Day set out to search for the spot which should combine all these advantages, he turned his face to the South. Avoiding the Dutch settlement at Pulicat, where an attempt had already been made, unsuccessfully, to gain a footing, he directed his attention to St. Thome, as it was then called, the St. Thome or Mylapore of the present day. It had been one of the largest of the Portuguese colonies on the Coromandel Coast; but its glory had departed with the decay of Portugal as a European power....Tey met Day with a warm welcome, seeing in him a man who might infuse new life into the moribund trade of their town....Day could have probably rented St. Thome had he been so inclined, but he chose in preference a narrow strip of land directly north of St. Thome, which seemed to him likely to prove an easier and more permanent holding".

Fanny wrote in the Preface: "I have consulted various books in compiling this little history, Talboys Wheeler's and Orme's in particular. But the most valuable sources from which I have drawn have been the records of Fort St George which are kept at Madras.

Through the courtesy of the Honourable Mr. Stokes, Chief Secretary, I have been able to consult the original papers from which Wheeler drew his information". It is apparent that Fanny's account is accurate, having been able to access the official records, and that her book had the approval of the British Governor.

Therefore, for some folks to claim August 22 as the date of the grant, and thereupon to make an elaborate claim that this was the date on which the city came into existence is totally erroneous. There are numerous inscriptions of more than 1,000 years in various parts of Greater Chennai that prove the antiquity of the city. Dr. Krishnaswamy Aiyangar, a noted historian, had said that the city is so old that its age cannot be fathomed. Muthiah himself records that the city is a story "....of ancient villages, such as Triplicane, Mylapore, Egmore and Nungambakkam, that had a much older though little recorded historical past".

Muthiah revealed his ignorance about these places having inscriptions and literature recording life and an ancient culture going back to over a thousand years. These books were in Tamil which Muthiah did not refer, and therefore Muthiah relied on places about which there were references in some English books of recent origin. Muthiah, however, could not deny that Mylapore was over 2,000 years old since Tamil poet Thiruvalluvar lived here and brought out the world famous Thirukkural! With Mylapore being over 2,000 years old, how could Chennai, being a part of it, be only 384 years old?

Dr. R. Nagaswamy, renowned epigraphist and former director, Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department, had brought out a 312-page book in Tamil titled, 'Inscriptions in the Great City of Chennai'. The book was first published in 1970 by the Tamil Nadu Archaeology Department.

There are over 100 places in Greater Chennai region with records of inscriptions, largely in Tamil, of over

1,000 years old, recording the lives and achievements of nearly 50 rulers, prior to the advent of the East India Company. The details of these can be provided by me, but they will run to thousands of volumes, with records also of Tamil poems and songs!

It is sad that the media, including the Tamil media, is so gullible that it has accepted meekly and lapped up the bogus claims regarding August 22, and 384, etc., without going into the facts and verifying the true history of Greater Chennai. Even if the media doesn't want to write about the 2,000 year old history from Kurumbaras, the Vijayanagar eras, it can at least avoid giving credibility to the dubious claim of August 22.

A spokesman of the Madras Week group is believed to have admitted to Deccan Chronicle that Chennai is an ancient city and that they fixed August 22 as a date for the city for want of any other date. I wish to point out that the Tamil Nadu Government has adopted the Thiruvalluvar Year, the official Tamil calendar used by the State Government in all its publications, as commencing 2054 years ago, January 17. Thiruvalluvar was born in Mylapore, Chennai, according to official records, with January 17 as the date, 2054 years ago. This date is available to celebrate the city's anniversary. Chennai will be a global tourist hub, if we merely adopt Chennai 2054 as the logo, celebrating its 2054th anniversary, and this can be a billion dollar industry. All the people and the Government have to do is to spread the word of the true history, its 2054th anniversary with a living culture of Tamil literature, music, dance and drama.

Chennai 2000 Plus Trust has done enormous research (it is continuing the task) of documenting the ancient history of Chennai and is willing to share the same on a regular basis, for those interested in true culture and history. Await details of Chennai 2000 Plus Trust's Chennai 2054-55th anniversary - Thiruvalluvar anniversary celebrations.

OFFICERS OF CENTRAL WATER ENGINEERING SERVICES CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: The officers of Central Water Engineering Services called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (August 21, 2023).

Addressing the officers, the President said that water is the fundamental need for life and water resources management has always been an important and challenging task for all generations. She added that contribution of officers of Central Water Engineering Services towards the



water infrastructure development by providing Engineering solutions will make the country more resilient against natural and manmade water crises.

The President said that sustainable development of water resources and efficient

management of water is the key to water security and economic growth. She added that with greater economic growth and increasing urbanization and development, there will be need for optimum utilisation of available resources. She stated that the

changing trend of climate has already started affecting the water sector and our country has different topographical and climatic patterns in different regions. She highlighted that Central Water Engineering Services officers are expected to play a key role in adopting a holistic approach to address existing and upcoming challenges. She advised them to emphasise on the development and management of water resources in a sustainable manner.

Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying will receive 25 million USD grant under Pandemic Fund for strengthening Animal Health System of India

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: The devastating human, economic, and social cost of COVID-19 has highlighted the urgent need for coordinated action to build stronger One-health systems and mobilize additional resources for pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. In the past few decades, 5 out of the 6 WHO declared public health emergencies of international concern were of animal origin. Consequently, it has become evident that any pandemic preparedness and response (PPR) needs a One Health approach with a focus on animal health security.

The G20 Pandemic Fund has approved the \$25 million proposal submitted by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government



of India on "Animal Health Security Strengthening in India for Pandemic Preparedness and Response". Established under Indonesia's G20 Presidency, the Pandemic Fund finances critical investments to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response capacities at national, regional, and global levels, focusing on low- and middle-income countries.

The Pandemic Fund received around 350 Expressions of Interest (EoI) and 180 full proposals in the first call with grant requests totalling more than \$2.5 billion against an envelope of only \$338 million. The Pandemic Fund's Governing

Board has approved 19 grants under its first round of funding allocations aimed to boost resilience to future pandemics in 37 countries across six regions on 20th July 2023.

The major interventions under the proposal are strengthening and integrating disease surveillance and early warning system, upgrading, and expanding the laboratory network, improving the interoperable data systems and building capacity for data analytics for risk analysis and risk communication, strengthening health security for transboundary animal diseases and India's role in regional cooperation through

cross border collaboration.

The Pandemic Fund will not only bring additional, dedicated resources for pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response. It will also incentivize increased investments, enhance coordination among partners, and serve as a platform for advocacy. The impact of the project would be to reduce the risk that a pathogen will emerge from animals (domesticated and wildlife) to be transmitted into the human population endangering the health, nutritional security, and livelihoods of vulnerable populations. The project will be implemented in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) as the lead implementing entity with The World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES ASMITA - INSPIRATIONAL STORIES BY ARMY WIVES

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced 'ASMITA - Inspirational Stories by Army Wives', organised by the Army Wives Association (AWWA), in New Delhi today (August 21, 2023).

Speaking on the occasion, the President expressed gratitude towards the 'Veer Naris' on behalf of all Indians. She praised 'Veer Naris' who have been honoured as ASMITA Icons. She also appreciated AWWA for its efforts



for the welfare of Veer Naris.

The President said that dignity of a society and nation is based on the self-pride of women. She highlighted the need to

leave some old ideas and adopt new ideas. She referred to the old saying 'Behind every successful man, there is a woman'. She added that the new saying should be 'Beside every

successful man, there is a woman'. She shared that the identity and self-confidence of women could be strengthened by adopting progressive ideas.

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank and Jocata selects to transform its MSME lending business.

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Private sector lender Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) has collaborated with Jocata, India's leading FinTech platform provider, to offer digital-first lending products to its growing customer base. TMB will leverage Jocata's low-code Digital Lending Platform (DLP) to drive its digital transformation strategy, providing MSMEs with an end-to-end digital, personalized, and experience-led value proposition.

The Retail, Agri, and MSME (RAM) segment of TMB contributed around 90% of the overall advanced portfolio, of which MSMEs constituted around 36%, a significant contribution as reported in the Bank's Q1 results. To cater to the growing MSME segment, the Bank is



committed to digitizing its comprehensive MSME Financing Program offering both secured and unsecured products covering funded and non-funded facilities. Implementing Jocata's DLP aims to improve the current process and reduce the total time-to-credit for MSMEs, addressing a key improvement area in servicing the customer while enabling operational ease for the Bank.

Mr. S. Krishnan, MD

& CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd, said, "We are happy to partner with Jocata, and this alliance is a step forward in our efforts to become a preferred digital bank for our customers. TMB has embarked on a large-scale digital transformation agenda along with business process re-engineering, and one of the key milestones for us will be to bring digital credit products to our MSME customers through

technology. By harnessing the potential to scale digital lending with Jocata's platform, we aim to grow our presence pan India by delivering a seamless and hassle-free borrowing experience for MSMEs."

Mr. Shailesh Deshpande, Director of Growth at Jocata, said, "We are delighted to partner with the Tamilnad Mercantile Bank in their digital transformation journey. Their commitment to digitizing their operations, coupled with our state-of-the-art digital lending platform, will boost credit access for MSMEs while aiding in rapid loan book growth for the Bank. Jocata's future-ready technology platform and credit expertise align seamlessly with TMB's vision of driving digital inclusion and innovation."

EPFO adds 17.89 lakh net members during the month of June 2023, highest in the last 11 months

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: EPFO's provisional payroll data released on 20th August, 2023 highlights that EPFO has added 17.89 lakh net members in the month of June, 2023. The data reveals that 3,491 establishments have extended social security cover of EPFO to their employees by remitting their first ECR during the month. Month-on month comparison of payroll data shows a growing trend in enrollment with an increase of around 9.71% net members over the previous month of May, 2023. The overall remittance also testifies the highest numbers in the last eleven months, since August, 2022.

The data indicates that around 10.14 lakh new members have enrolled during June, 2023 which is highest since August, 2022. Among the newly joined members, the age-group of 18-25 years constitutes 57.87% of total

new members added during the month. This demonstrates an increasing trend in youth enrollment, who are mostly first-time job seekers joining the organized sector workforce of the country.

Payroll data suggests that approximately 12.65 lakh members exited but rejoined EPFO. These members switched their jobs and re-joined the establishments covered under EPFO and opted to transfer their accumulations instead of applying for final settlement thus, extending their social security protection.

Gender-wise analysis of payroll data represents that out of the total 10.14 lakh new members added during the month, around 2.81 lakh are new female members, joining EPFO for the first time. The percentage of new female members joining the organized workforce has been highest in the last 11

months. Also, the net female member addition during the month stood at around 3.93 lakh, which is also the highest since August, 2022.

State-wise analysis of payroll data denote that net member addition is highest in the 5 states of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Gujarat and Haryana. These states constitute around 60.40% of net member addition, adding a total of 10.80 lakh members during the month. Of all the states, Maharashtra is leading by adding 20.54% of net members during the month.

Month-on-month comparison of industry-wise data displays significant growth in the members working in Trading-Commercial Establishments, Building & Construction Industry, Electrical, Mechanical and General Engineering Products. This was followed by Textiles,

Financing Establishment, Schools, Hospitals etc. Of the total net membership, around 40.36% addition is from expert services (consisting of manpower suppliers, normal contractors, security services, miscellaneous activities etc.).

The above payroll data is provisional since the data generation is a continuous exercise, as updating employee record is a continuous process. The previous data hence gets updated every month. From the month of April-2018, EPFO has been releasing payroll data covering the period September, 2017 onwards. In monthly payroll data, the count of members joining EPFO for the first time through Aadhaar validated Universal Account Number (UAN), existing members exiting from coverage of EPFO and those who exited but re-joining as members, is taken to arrive at net monthly payroll.



Kanyakumari District Karungal Town Panchayat ADMK Secretary Vinothdaniel and administrators enthusiastically participated in the Golden Jubilee Conference of AIADMK heroic history held in Madurai.

RED.Health Partners with Vijaya Group of Hospitals to manage their Emergency Response in Chennai Ambulance Arrival in Under 10 Minutes

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: RED.Health, India's largest emergency response network has partnered with Vijaya Group of Hospitals, introducing its 10-minute ambulance network in Chennai. This partnership brings a strong coverage of 650 beds, introducing a range of specialties including multi-specialty ICU beds, as well as specialised units such as ICCU, NICU, and PICU.

Chennai, India's Health Capital is experiencing rapid population growth, highlighting the potential for further development. While it has highlighted the urgent need for better healthcare accessibility, RED.Health has introduced cutting-edge technology to enhance Emergency Response and the overall betterment of patient care.

Commenting on the announcement, Smt B Bharathi Reddy, Managing Trustee and CEO of Vijaya Group of Hospitals emphasised, "At Vijaya Group of



Hospitals, our foremost priority is the safety and well-being of our patients. In alignment with our unwavering values, we are pleased to announce our partnership with RED.Health and exceptional emergency response network. This partnership empowers us to ensure quick ambulance services and immediate medical assistance, reflecting our steadfast commitment to patient care".

RED.Health operates across 550+ cities and has partnered with 100+ hospitals and 200+ enterprises, forming an extensive network for ambulance services. It offers Bed-to-Bed transfers using both road and air ambulances, reiterating

its position as the country's premier ambulance network.

Commenting on the announcement, Shalabh Dang, Chief Business Officer said, "We at RED.Health are thrilled to partner with Vijaya Group of Hospitals and embark on an exciting journey into the heart of Chennai, India's Health Capital. Our initial exploration has illuminated a pressing need for advanced ambulance services right at the core of Chennai. With the city's growing population and a heightened emphasis on accessible healthcare, we are well-equipped with cutting-edge technology to enhance efficiency and elevate the quality of medical emergency responses. Chennai

stands as a hub for medical tourism in India, and our focus is on rapidly expanding our network for medical emergency response. At RED.Health, with advanced technology, rigorous team training, and an unwavering patient-centric approach, we're committed to setting new standards of excellence in emergency services, expanding our network, and strengthening our successful presence within the city."

RED.Health, in a bid to redefine excellence, has recently unveiled an array of dynamic business verticals within the overarching RED Ambulances division. This multifaceted venture encompasses four distinct pillars: RED Air Guardian, RED Assist, RED Priority Clinics, and RED Academy. A visionary step forward comes in the form of the pioneering RED Edge technology centre, aimed at fortifying prevailing technical support infrastructure and spearheading novel product advancements across all verticals.

Chairman KVIC inaugurates several KVI activities in Tamil Nadu

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Chairman, KVIC Shri Manoj Kumar inaugurated several KVI activities during Tamil Nadu visit and interacted with Khadi workers during this visit. Presiding over a Khadi Karigar Sammelan held on August 19, 2023, at SITRA, Coimbatore, he expressed gratitude for the love and care extended by the Tamil people over the last 2 days. He emphasized that this event is not only a Khadi Karigar Sammelan but also a heartfelt interaction ("Man Ki Baat") between him and the rural artisans. He said Khadi serves as a weapon against poverty, starvation, and unemployment, while also contributing to development in villages and promoting women's empowerment.

The Chairman honored the best-performing spinners and weavers by presenting them with certificates and momentum awards, in addition to distributing tool kits and equipment to around 40 Wood Craft artisans who have successfully completed the Training Programme on Waste Wood Craft which was attended by 800 rural artisans. During the event, a booklet showcasing success stories of the PMEGP beneficiaries was unveiled by the Chairman.

In his address Shri Kumar said according to



data released by Niti Ayog, 13.05 Crore people have been lifted from poverty, and the dreams of the people are turning into reality under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

While Khadi was the pride of the national movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi, it now stands as the symbol of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' under the guidance of Prime Minister, Shri Kumar said. "Like Gandhiji who used Khadi as a powerful weapon against the British rule, Prime Minister Modi has transformed Khadi into a potent and successful weapon for eradicating poverty, empowering artisans, ensuring food security, uplifting social status of women, and overcoming unemployment," he said.

The Chairman said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has called on many occasions from national and international forums to buy Khadi and

unit at Kalapet, the newly Renovated Sales outlet at Gandhigram Khadi Village Industries Public Charitable Trust at Gandhigram, Dindigul and a Common Facility Centre (CFC) of Yarn dying unit under KRDP Scheme of KVIC at the newly constructed workshop of Ramanathapuram District Sarvodaya Sangh, Srivilliputhur. He distributed tool kits and equipment to 25 Waste Wood Craft artisans and Pedal Operated Agarbathi Machines to 10 artisans under Gramodyog Vikas Yojana on 17th August 2023 and 18th August, 2023 respectively. The Chairman interacted with Khadi spinners and weavers during the Khadi Artisans' meet, and visited Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan of Madurai District Sarvodaya Sangh at Madurai.

The Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme is a flagship scheme of Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, providing sustainable employment both in Rural and Urban areas in setting up of micro and small units. The Scheme provides subsidy ranging from 15% to 35% depending upon the social category of the applicant and location of the unit with total project cost of Rs.50.00 Lakhs for manufacturing activity and Rs.20.00 Lakhs for Service activity.

Earlier in his visit Chairman, KVIC inaugurated the PMEGP

Sreepathy-Sathyaraj starrer Angaaragan worldwide theatrical release on September 8



Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Jomon Philip & Geena Jomon of Julien and Jerome International are producing the film 'Angaaragan', The film features Sreepathy in the lead role, who has written screenplay and has worked as creative director of this movie as well. Actor Sathyaraj, after a long hiatus, appears as an antagonist in the role of a police officer. Niya Sankarathil is playing the female lead role, and the others in the star cast include Appukutty, Angadi Three Mahesh, Reina Karad, Neha Rose, Guru Chandran, KCB Prasad and many others perform important roles. Mohan Dachu, a former associate of Ram Gopal Varma is directing this movie, scheduled for worldwide theatrical release on September 8. The Pre-Release event of this movie was held in Chennai, and here are some excerpts from this occasion. Actor Sathyaraj said, "Even before narrating the film's script, producer Sreepathy told me that I am hero, and you're the villain. It kindled the memories of SS Rajamouli approaching me with the script of Baahubali, where he told me the same thing. When he narrated the complete script of Angaaragan, I was completely enthralled about the intensity of script and the scope to perform a lot in my character." "When I signed 'Love Today' movie, I had some doubt whether it would benefit me, but then I completely surrendered to the director. And finally, the film became a great hit. So I have started getting casual, and nothing being more concerned with



assumptions. During the years of Walter Vetrivel and Amaithipadai, I was dominating cinema, and now cinema is dominating me. So I will have to accept the fact and move ahead." "Many have been asking me how come I am attending this event despite the demise of my mother before one week. We have a culture of not stepping out of the house for 16 days after the demise, but then my mother two years ago called all our family members and relatives saying, "After my demise, my son shouldn't be asked to perform any such rituals." We have been inclined to the ideology of 'Periyar'. So I am here for this occasion without being confined to the rituals." "I am currently working in 20 movies including Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi cinema. I openly tell everyone from the other regional industries that I am fluent only with Tamil and half-baked English. I am feeling little bored to be acting in cliched father roles. I would like to have some villainous shade. I am acting as antagonist after a long time, but I can't guarantee that I would continue appearing in the same role. Directors should confine villains, and leading heroes

must encourage the actors playing that characters. When I entered Tamil film industry, I was blessed to be working with Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan as villain. Manivannan would create characters keeping me in mind, which is completely missing these days. It is because he was a guru, who wanted to see me in such shades." "Starting a political party is more like stocking up vote banks. On the other hand, the individuals voicing out their opinions for social cause are also politics. I am doing it.

I am so proud to see Prakash Raj openly speaking his views without any fear. When a famous artist is coward, we tend to create a cowardice in the society." "I keep sharing my views and opinions now and then. When it comes to deciding between actor and Periyarism, I firmly stick to the latter one, and I have been following it wholeheartedly. I believe that there is no discrimination of high and low by birthday. I follow the principle of there are two groups - Man and Woman. When we say 'Superstar', it's Rajinikanth who comes to my mind. We shouldn't change it. According to me, 'Rajinikanth sir' is the only superstar. Ezhisai

Mannar, Makkal Thilagam, Nadigar Thilagam are the titles that are given to the stars out of love and respect, and no one can replace them. Will anyone call Rajini sir as Makkal Thilagam or ennobel Kamal Haasan sir as 'Nadigar Thilagam' as he had performed 10 roles in Dasavatharam. Similarly, every actor has their own title. It's Superstar Rajinikanth, Ulaga Nayagan Kamal Haasan, Thalopathy Vijay, Thala Ajith." By saying so, he brought to an end about the ongoing debates and confrontations pertaining to 'Superstar' title over the past few days. Banner Name : Julien & Jeroma International Producer Name: Jomon Philip & Geena Jomon Directed by: Mohan Dachu Lyrics: Ku Karthik Music Director: Ku Karthik Cinematography & Direction: Mohan Dachu Screenplay & Creative Direction: Sreepathy Dialogues: Karundhel Rajesh Editing: Valar Pandi 2nd Cinematographer: Kalaivaanan Stunts: Jockey Johnson Choreography: Vasu Navadeepan Art Director: K Madhan Executive Producer: S. Christy Production Design: L. Vivek (Primerose Entertainment) PRO: A. John.

Agurchand Manmull Jain College Empowers Students with Anti-Ragging Orientation Programme

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Agurchand Manmull Jain College took a decisive stance against ragging by hosting an impactful Anti-Ragging Orientation Programme. The event, jointly organized by the Anti-Ragging and Discipline Committees, aimed to raise awareness among new students about the dangers of ragging.

The event featured Dr. P. Shakthivel, Director of Tamilnadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, as the esteemed chief guest. Dr. Shakthivel's insightful discourse shed light on legal



aspects and legislations, empowering students with knowledge to counter ragging. College Principal Dr. N. Venkataramanan and Dean Dr. M. M. Ramya graced the event, while college seniors staged a street play under the theme "Don't rag, Don't getragged."

A series of creative competitions throughout the week under the theme "SAY NO TO RAGGING" further raised awareness. Prizes were awarded by Dr. Shakthivel, reinforcing the institution's commitment to a safe

educational environment. Notably, this initiative was a part of the Anti-Ragging Week, celebrated from August 12 to August 18, a dedicated annual observance aimed at eradicating the menace of ragging from educational institutions.

Agurchand Manmull Jain College's Anti-Ragging Orientation Programme stood as a firm commitment towards creating an environment of respect, empathy, and collaboration, where students can pursue education without fear of harassment.

Music and trailer launch of 'Tamilkudimagan' produced by Lakshmi Creations and directed by Esakki Karvannan starring Cheran in the lead

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: 'Tamilkudimagan' is a film produced by Lakshmi Creations. Directed by Esakki Karvannan, who made movies like 'Petikadai' and 'Pagiri', this film has director Cheran in the lead role. Lal, S.A. Chandrasekhar, Vela Ramamurthy, Dhruva, Sri Priyanka of 'Migamiga Avasaram' fame, Deepiksha, Aruldoss, Ravi Maria and others have played key roles. Sam CS of 'Vikram Veda' fame has composed the music for this film. Rajesh Yadav is in charge of the cinematography and Karthik is the editor. The music and trailer launch event of 'Tamilkudimagan' was held in Chennai today. Following are its highlights: Director of the film Esakki Karvannan said... In this film, we have thrown light on caste-based life. I have narrated my experiences. All are equal at birth. The disparity of caste comes only after growing up. We have discussed caste-based vocations in this movie. Lyricist Viveka said... From birth to death, music comes along in everyone's life. I have written an 'oppari' song for this film. Sam C.S. has delivered emotional music. Esakki Karvannan has made an interesting movie. It has been a pleasure to work with them. Actress



Deepiksha said... The film is a story about caste, and speaks about equality. I am a huge fan of Cheran sir and Sam sir. It was a pleasure to work with them. Actor Dhruva said... I am very happy for the opportunity I got to perform with veteran artists. Thank you all for the love and support. Writer Ramaswami said... When director Esakki Karvannan narrated the story for the first time, I understood it differently. But I realised this director is a great writer after watching his work. I have few dialogues in this film, since I have acted as a corpse in many scenes. Actor and director Ravi Maria said... All films can be made into art and social movies. There is no doubt that 'Tamilkudimagan' will be a good film. This is a movie that talks about the pride of the Tamil land. Actor Aruldoss said... Director Esakki Karvannan has made this film to create an impact on the audience. I wish the film all success. Actor Ponvannan said... I have known Esakki

Karvannan for many years. We talk about cinema. One day he called me and said 'there is a story I want to tell you'. After that he chose the right actors like Cheran and Lal to act in this movie. The most important thing for a director is to select right actors for the story. Then the music composer is important. There are very few songs in this film, but background score is very crucial. It is very important to keep the audience engrossed in the story from the first frame to the last frame. I think it has worked perfectly in this film. As a viewer, I enjoyed this movie. Actor and writer Vela Ramamurthy said... The title 'Tamilkudimagan' itself creates expectations. The film talks about caste in the political environment of Tamil Nadu. I wish the team all success. Actor Sarathkumar said... 'Tamilkudimagan' starring my dear brother Cheran is a must watch movie for everyone. 'Tamilkudimagan' is a film that tells the truth. They are talking about

caste-based vocation. 'Tamilkudimagan' is going to be a movie that breaks that pattern. I wish this movie will be a super hit. Music composer Sam C.S. said... I have composed music for many films. But I am very proud for scoring music for this film. A good story should be reach everyone and I am sure everyone will like this movie. Director Mari Selvaraj said... 'Tamilkudimagan' is going to be a good movie and my best wishes to all those who have worked on it. This film will definitely be talked about in a big way. Director Ameer said... If this film creates a change in your thoughts, it will definitely contribute to eradicating caste system. I would like to reiterate that I will always live as a human being. Director and the film's protagonist Cheran said... Everyone should come to theaters and watch the movie. It is a brilliant film. We have narrated a lot of good things in this film including abolishing castes.

Traffic diversion at Gandhi mandapam

Chennai, Aug 21 2023: Due to heavy traffic congestion from Taluk office road to Raj Bhavan during peak hours due to high volume of vehicles flowing from the Incoming Direction towards OMR & Adayar near Gandhi Mandapam Flyover located in Sardar Patel Road which comes under the jurisdiction of J4 Kotturpuram Traffic

Police Station, the following diversions are proposed on trial basis for 3 days which will come into effect from 21.08.2023. If successful, the diversion will continue. The diversions are as follows:

1. Vehicles coming from Guindy heading towards OMR & Adayar will be allowed as one way in Gandhi Mandapam Flyover

from morning 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs.

2. Vehicles from OMR & Adayar will not be allowed in Gandhi Mandapam Flyover and it will be diverted via Gandhi Mandapam service road from morning 0900 hrs to 1100 hrs.

Motorist are requested to Co-operate and valuable suggestions are

welcomed through following phone numbers and Social media websites.

044-23452362

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