

Demolish old and dilapidated buildings in Chennai: Mayor Priya

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: With the monsoon season Kiran Sharmili, ward 107 councillor said, "A government and private buildings that are old. Chennai mayor R Priya on Thursday directed the civic officials to look out for old and dilapidated buildings in Chennai. The announcement from the Mayor comes in the back drop of recent building collapses in old pockets of Chennai including George Town and Perambur. To prevent mishaps, the mayor instructed the officials to demolish damaged buildings in the city limits and also directed the ward officials to monitor the



commissioner J Radhakrishnan said the damaged and old buildings in the corporation limit. Such a survey has been conducted regarding

demolished before the northeast monsoon. Meanwhile, the ward councillors raised



season and it remains stagnated for two to three days. The mayor stated that penalties would be charged against the concerned officials if they don't take steps to pump out stagnant rainwater.

TN govt declares Sept 18 as public holiday for Vinayakar Chaturthi

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: The Tamil Nadu government declared September 18 as a public holiday for Vinayakar Chaturthi festival. Following recommendation from the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments based on reports from various temple heads that Vinayakar Chaturthi would be celebrated on September 18 (Monday) instead of previous day, the government declared September 18 as the public holiday under the provision of Negotiable Instrument



Act 1881, said Chief Secretary Shiv Das Meena in an order. The notified public holiday shall also apply to all the state government

CMRL officials submit feasibility report for Tiruchy, Tirunelveli and Salem



Chennai, Aug 31 2023: As per CMRL press note, the proposed detailed feasibility report for introducing MRTS in Tiruchy is 45 km long, consisting of two corridors. The corridor I consists of 19 km from Samayapuram to Vayaloor, with proposed 19 stations and corridor II consists of 26 km from Thuvakudi to Panjapur with proposed 26 stations. In the case of Salem, the DFR has been made for introducing Rapid Transit Systems (RTS) for 35.19 km consisting of three corridors. Corridor I has been studied for 17.16 km from Karapuram to temple to Ayodhyapattinam railway station via A m m a p e t with proposed 19 stations. Corridor II consists of 18.03 km from Karuppur to Nalliikalapatty via Salem junction railway station with proposed 19 stations. Furthermore, for Tirunelveli, a proposed feasibility report for introducing Rapid Transit Systems (RTS) is studied for 39.07 km consisting of three corridors. "Corridor I consists of 12.39 km from Pettai to Sankanapuram with proposed 13 stations, corridor II for 12.03 km from Palayamkottai to Ponnakudi with proposed 12 stations and corridor 3 for 14.65 km from Sankaranagar to Vasanth Nagar with proposed 15 stations. Final number of stations will be decided during DPR," stated the press note. The total number of stations for all three districts will be finalised only during the detailed Project Report (DPR) stage, stated the press note. Meanwhile, as per the report published in DT NEXT on August 23, CMRL studies has found that Tirunelveli city is not being ideal for metro rail construction. The study found that Peak Hour Peak Direction (PHPD) traffic is lower than the required level. "The ideal PHPD standard is 12,000 passengers per hour. But, study in Tirunelveli yielded only 5,000 PHPD." CMRL officials said.

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Kalpathi S. Aghoram, Kalpathi S. Ganesh and Kalpathi S. Suresh of AGS Entertainment to produce 'Thani Oruvan 2' Mohan Raja to direct Jayam Ravi, Nayanthara once again

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: This announcement has been made on the occasion of the eighth anniversary of the hugely successful movie 'Thani Oruvan' which was released on August 28, 2015.

Shining siblings Director Mohan Raja and Actor Jayam Ravi, who set a record in India cinema with six successful films 'Jayam', 'M Kumaran S/o Mahalakshmi', 'Unakum Enakkum', 'Santosh Subramaniam', 'Thillalangadi' and 'Thani Oruvan', are coming together for the seventh time for 'Thani Oruvan 2'.

After the stupendous success of 'Thani Oruvan', Jayam Ravi and Nayanthara are reuniting for 'Thani



Oruvan 2' once again.

Mohan Raja, who continues to direct compelling films that leave a mark in people's hearts, and Jayam Ravi, who tirelessly plays challenging roles and has won the support of fans from all walks of life, reuniting after a gap has created expectations.

AGS Entertainment, which has carved a niche for itself by bankrolling

movies with great content and high-quality production values, informs that 'Thani Oruvan 2' will be another milestone in its journey.

The Creative Producer of the film is Archana Kalpathi and Executive Producer is SM Venkat Manickam.

Leading technicians are going to work in 'Thani Oruvan 2' which is going to be made of international standards.

Official announcements including details of cast and crew will be made by the production company in due course.

The shoot of 'Thani Oruvan 2', produced by AGS Entertainment's Kalpathi S. Agoram, Kalpathi S. Ganesh and Kalpathi S. Suresh as their 26th film, and directed by Mohan Raja with Jayam Ravi in the lead role, will start soon.

Arya's new Pan India movie

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: A Mission As Fierce As Thunder, A Force As Resolute As Lightning, Introducing Arya As Manas From Victory Venkatesh, Sailesh Kolanu, Venkat Boyanapalli, Niharika Entertainment's Prestigious Project Saindhav

A stellar cast and top-notch technicians are working for Saindhav to make it a memorable one for Victory Venkatesh, as it marks his milestone 75th film. The very talented HITverse fame filmmaker Sailesh Kolanu is directing and passionate producer Venkat Boyanapalli of

Niharika Entertainment banner is producing it. The story of the movie revolves around 8 key actors. They introduced 7 characters so far. Today, they unveiled another crucial character from the movie.

Kollywood star Arya who is familiar to the Telugu audience is playing another significant role. This character is introduced as Manas. Sporting a slick and stylish look in a formal outfit, Arya looks vicious in the first-look poster, as he walks ferociously with a machine gun in his hand.

Santosh Narayanan helms the music, while S

Manikandan cranks the camera. Garry BH is the editor and Avinash Kolla is the production designer. Kishore Thallur is the co-producer.

Saindhav is a Pan India movie that will be released in all southern languages and Hindi during Christmas on December 22nd.

Cast: Venkatesh, Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Arya, Shraddha Srinath, Ruhani Sharma, Andrea Jeremiah, Sara, Jayaprakash

Technical Crew: Writer-Director: Sailesh Kolanu, Producer: Venkat



Boyanapalli, Banner: Niharika Entertainment, Music: Santosh Narayanan, Co-Producer: Kishore Thallur, DOP: S.Manikandan, Music: Santosh Narayanan, Editor: Garry Bh, Production Designer: Avinash Kolla, PRO: Sathish Kumar.

LAUNCH OF 'DSC A 20 (YARD 325)' FIRST SHIP OF 05 x DIVING SUPPORT CRAFT

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: 'DSC A 20' (Yard 325), the first ship of Five (05) Diving Support Craft (DSC) project being built by M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Ltd (TRSL), Kolkata (formerly known as M/s Titagarh Wagons Ltd (TWL)) for Indian Navy, was launched on 31 Aug 23 at Titagarh, Kolkata (WB) onto Hooghly River. The Launch Ceremony was presided over by VAdm Sanjay Mahindru, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (DCNS). In keeping with Naval tradition, Mrs Aradhana Mahindru launched the ship with invocation from Atharva Veda.

Contract for building five (05) Diving Support Craft (DSC) was signed



between MoD and M/s Titagarh Wagons Ltd (TWL), Kolkata on 12 Feb 21. These ships are designed to undertake operational/ training diving operations in harbours and coastal waters. They are 30 m long catamaran hull ships, with a displacement of approx 300 tons. All five (05) DSC are anticipated to be delivered to Indian Navy in FY 2024-25.

DSC are being fitted with state of the art diving equipment and tools for performing diving operations. These ships are indigenously designed and built under relevant Naval Rules and Regulation of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS). The hydrodynamic analysis/model testing of the ships during design stage were undertaken at Naval Science and

Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam. With most of main and auxiliary equipment sourced from indigenous manufacturers, these ships are proud flag bearers of Make in India and Make for the World initiatives of Government of India (GoI)/ Ministry of the Defence (MoD).

Keel of the 5th and last Diving Support Craft (DSC), i.e. DSC A 24, was also laid along with launch of 1st DSC by the Chief Guest, VAdm Sanjay Mahindru, DCNS, signifying the simultaneous construction of all five DSC for Indian Navy.



Virudhunagar East District Congress SC department President is Rajkumar. He is from Virudhunagar municipal Council He is also a member of the 14th ward. Chief Minister M.K.Stalin announced that Rs 5000 will be given to the members of the Municipal council as a monthly bonus. Accordingly, his first monthly bonus will be Rs five thousand. For KCS Dhanushkodi Municipal Middle School Education Development Fund Counselor Rajkumar presented to the Headmaster.



Sivakasi RMJ Catering and Para Medical Science College celebrates all religious festivals and national festivals. College Founder Anandraj presided over the Onam festival held in the college campus. Principal Vanitha Bhuvaneshwari highlighted the specialness of Onam festival. They celebrated by decorating it with colorful flowers. The students of Catering College prepared more than twenty types of food and displayed it beautifully.

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'Proud of you', says PM after meeting chess prodigy Praggnanandhaa



Chennai, Aug 31 2023: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday met 18-year-old Grandmaster (GM) Ramesh Babu Praggnanandhaa, who recently made the country proud by finishing runner-up at the prestigious FIDE

Chess World Cup. The chess prodigy was accompanied by his parents as they called on the Prime Minister at the latter's residence. "Had very special visitors at 7, LKM (Lok Kalyan Marg) today. Delighted to meet you, Praggnanandhaa along

with your family," the Prime Minister wrote on X (formerly twitter) in response to a post by Praggnanandhaa. Praud in g Praggnanandhaa, Modi said, "You personify passion and perseverance. Your example shows how

India's youth can conquer any domain. Proud of you." "It was a great honour to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his residence. Thank you sir for all the words of encouragement to me and my parents," Praggnanandhaa had posted on X earlier.

SC Collegium recommends 5 judges as permanent judges of MHC

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: The Collegium of the Supreme Court recommended the names of five Additional Judges, for appointment as permanent Judges of the Madras High Court (MHC). Justice A A. Nakkiran, Justice Nidumolu Mala, Justice S. Sounthar, Justice Sunder Mohan, and Justice Kabali Kumaresh Babu are named as the permanent judges of the MHC by the Collegium. In a notification released by the Supreme Court on Thursday, said that the Chief Minister and the Governor of Tamil Nadu



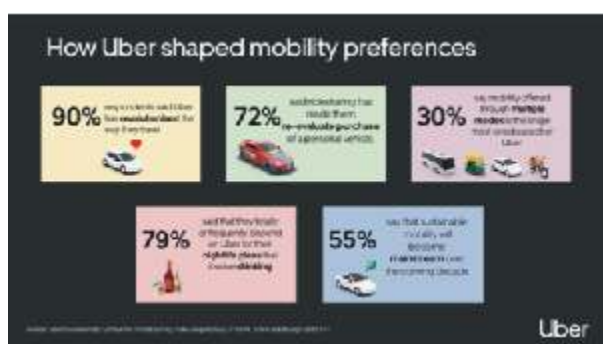
have concurred in the recommendation initiated by the Collegium for the appointment of permanent judges. The Committee of two judges (Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice Sanjiv Khanna) of the Supreme Court constituted by the Chief

Justice of India (D Y Chandrachud has assessed the judgments of the named five additional Judges, read the notification. "We have consulted a judge of the Supreme Court conversant with the functioning of the Madras High Court with a view to ascertain the

suitability of the above Additional Judges for being appointed as permanent judges", said the notification. We have scrutinized the material placed on record and having considered all aspects of the matter and on an overall consideration the Collegium has come to the view that the five judges are fit and suitable for being appointed as permanent judges, read the notification. The Collegium also said that the five judges will be appointed as permanent judges of the Madras High Court against the existing vacancies.

10 Years of being #IndiaKiRide, here is how Uber is transforming mobility in India

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: Ten years ago today, the first Indian rider hailed an Uber on the streets of Bengaluru, beginning a journey that would quickly see the app become the country's most preferred platforms for riders and drivers alike. Since then, Uber has transformed the mobility landscape in India. A safe, reliable and affordable car, auto, moto or bus ride via the app is now available in 125 cities across India.



unlock greater value for all. With the secular trend towards digitisation and India's focus on growth, Uber has relentlessly focussed on transforming mobility for millions.

liveliness over the last decade. With a vibrant demography and expanding digital economy, the future is exciting and we look forward to doing our bit to accelerate progress towards India's envisioned techade."

has introduced several India-first innovations, tailored to meet the specific demands of Indian riders and drivers. From the introduction of cash payments and regional language support to the implementation of several industry-first safety features, Uber has consistently strived to provide a seamless experience for its users.

To celebrate this milestone, here is a look back at the impact Uber has made.

Reflecting on Uber's ten year milestone, Prabhjeet Singh, President, Uber India and South Asia, said, "Uber has become a part of India's social fabric and we are proud and privileged to have been able to make a difference by enabling access and movement to riders while enabling

Starting with a few cities, Uber now operates in over 125 cities across India, making it possible for millions of people to book a ride within minutes and helping over 800,000 drivers earn a sustainable income. The company

With ten years of Uber, here are some significant consumer trends that tell the story of how Uber is shaping mobility preferences of Indians.

On this momentous milestone of ten years, Uber India has released a short digital film to remind everyone of the magic of Uber that has touched the lives of millions and transformed mobility for the masses.

Schaeffler India acquires fast-growing automotive aftersales B-to-B e-commerce platform Koovers

SCHAEFFLER

Pune, Aug 31 2023: Schaeffler India Limited (BSE: 505790, NSE: SCHAEFFLER) today announced that the Board of Directors has approved the acquisition of 100 percent of the shares of KRSV Innovative Auto Solutions Private Limited (in the following "Koovers"), a Bengaluru-based private limited company offering spare parts solutions to Indian aftermarket workshops via a B-to-B e-commerce platform. This acquisition presents an ideal synergy for Schaeffler's future aftersales activities in India. It will be a key enabler for the aftermarket ecosystem, including distribution partners and help to play an important role in the fast growing and evolving aftermarket digital landscape.

Schaeffler's Automotive Aftermarket division supplies components and holistic repair solutions for the automobile spare parts business worldwide and sees itself as an

enabler of garages. With an overarching understanding of systems and comprehensive services, Schaeffler supports garages in complex repairs and at the same time extending the operating life of vehicles.

Founded in 2015, Koovers has established a B-to-B e-commerce platform offering spare parts solutions to aftermarket workshops in India. With revenues of INR 777 million in the financial year 2022-23, the company has a compelling growth story and is one of the fast-growing players in the Indian B-to-B e-commerce market. Koovers supplies to over 7,000 plus workshops and has a portfolio of around 1.8 million parts from various manufacturers. The platform will continue to operate under Koovers brand name.

"We are happy to announce the acquisition of Koovers, a milestone moment for

Schaeffler in India. This will be a strategic step to maximize value creation through our repair solutions for all customers. Schaeffler Automotive Aftermarket's ambition has always been to contribute to simplifying workshop operations with plug and play solutions, while building consumer the Koovers team to the connect. Koovers strongly supports this ambition with its innovative digital offering," said Mr. Harsha Kadam, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer at Schaeffler India.

"This acquisition is in line with Schaeffler India's strategic initiatives for growth and provides a compelling synergy potential. With its digital offering, the Koovers B-to-B e-commerce platform enables workshops to easily order spare parts solutions. We welcome the Koovers team to the Schaeffler Group," commented Mr. Debasish Satpathy, President Automotive Aftermarket Schaeffler India.

Mr. Sandeep Begur Sheshadri, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder at Koovers said: "Since our foundation eight years ago, we have scaled our business through innovative solutions and offerings. Koovers will expand its market coverage and depth, as well as extend product portfolio across the automotive aftermarket under the ownership of Schaeffler India. We are delighted to be an integral part of Schaeffler India and are committed to create value for all stakeholders."

Under the share purchase agreement, Schaeffler India Limited will acquire 100 percent shares of KRSV Innovative Auto Solutions Private Limited for a consideration of approximately INR 1,424 million. The transaction would be completed in third quarter of CY 2023, subject to customary closing conditions. This acquisition will be fully funded by own cash generation.

VP-26 Concludes Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Training with India

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: The "Tridents" of Patrol Squadron (VP) 26 completed a week-long combined anti-submarine warfare (ASW) subject matter expert exchange with the "Albatross" of Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 312 at India Naval Air Station Rajali, Tamil Nadu India, Aug. 28, 2023.



The subject matter expert exchange focused on improving interoperability between the two navies' maritime patrol and reconnaissance forces. It included training on ASW and information sharing on specific maritime challenges in the Indian Ocean. One VP 26 P-8A Poseidon aircraft and one INAS 312 P-8I Poseidon aircraft participated in the exchange. INAS 312 is one of two Indian Navy squadrons operating the P-8I Poseidon.

"This is a great opportunity to strengthen our partnership with India and improve our ability to work together to protect the maritime commons," said Lt. Ryan Speir, VP-26's detachment officer in charge. "The P-8A is a highly capable aircraft which plays a vital role in ASW operations, and this professional exchange will ensure that we are able to effectively use this asset in a combined environment."

The two squadrons participated in flying and non-flying activities, which included discussions

on operational planning, maintenance training and logistical support. VP-26 and INAS 312 also coordinated flying events with Indian Navy surface ships.

The exchange is the latest in a series of interactions between the U.S. and Indian navies, reflecting their shared commitment to building interoperability and collaborating in support of maritime security in the Indo-Pacific region.

The P-8A is a long-range, multi-mission maritime patrol aircraft that is capable of

conducting ASW, anti-surface warfare, search and rescue, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions. The P-8I, the Indian variant of the P-8A, is equipped with additional sensors and weapons that are tailored to the Indian Navy's requirements.

The VP-26 "Tridents" are based in Jacksonville, Florida, and are currently forward deployed to Misawa Air Base, Japan. The squadron conducts maritime patrol and reconnaissance as part of a rotational deployment to the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

U.S. 7th Fleet is the U.S. Navy's largest forward-deployed numbered fleet, and routinely interacts and operates with allies and partners in preserving a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

SHELL ANNOUNCES NEW INDIA CHAIR

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: Shell India today announced the appointment of Mansi Madan Tripathy as the new Country Chair of Shell India, effective from October 1, 2023. Mansi will succeed Nitin Prasad who has been Country Chair since 2016.



As Country Chair of Shell India, Mansi will oversee Shell Group of companies in India, in addition to her role as Vice President, Shell Lubricants for Asia Pacific. Mansi will relocate from Singapore to New Delhi, her home

city, to take up the role. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Technology from the National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra and has a MBA in Marketing from S.P. Jain Institute of Management and

Research.

Prior to commencement as Country Chair, Mansi was Vice President of Shell Lubricants Asia Pacific, and has held other roles in Shell including Managing Director of Shell

Lubricants India and Country Marketing Officer. Mansi joined Shell from Procter & Gamble in 2012, where she held several regional and global Director-level positions.

Shell India extends its sincere thanks and gratitude to Nitin for his leadership through many contributions towards the company's presence and reputation in India while firmly positioning the company as a trusted partner and contributor to the country's energy system.

DP WORLD SIGNS CONCESSION TO DEVELOP TUNA-TEKRA MEGA-CONTAINER TERMINAL IN INDIA

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: DP World, a leading global provider of smart end-to-end logistics, signed the concession agreement on Friday with the Deendayal Port Authority to develop, operate and maintain a new 2.19 million TEU per annum mega-container terminal at Kandla in Gujarat on India's western coast.



The concession agreement was signed between Shri S. K. Mehta, Chairman of Deendayal Port Authority and Shri Rizwan Soomar, MD & CEO, India Subcontinent, Middle East and North Africa, DP World, in the august presence of Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Honourable Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, His Excellency Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO of DP World, Shri Shantanu Thakur, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, along with other dignitaries in New Delhi on 25 August, 2023.

The concession to develop the mega-container terminal at Tuna-Tekra was awarded to Hindustan Infralog Private Limited (a joint venture between DP World and National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, India's collaborative investment platform anchored by the Government of India) in January 2023 by the Deendayal Port Authority, under a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis for a period of 30 years with an extension option of further 20 years.

The project involves the construction of a mega-container terminal at Tuna-Tekra near the existing Deendayal Port, at a cost of Rs 4,243.64 crore (~\$510 million) through a Public Private Partnership (PPP). Once complete in February 2027, the terminal will have state of the art equipment and annual

capacity of 2.19 million TEUs and will include a 1,100 m berth capable of handling next-generation vessels carrying more than 18,000 TEUs. As part of this concession agreement the berth can be further extended to 1375 m.

It will connect to the hinterland through the network of roads, highways, railways and Dedicated Freight Corridors, supporting the growing demand for logistics solutions from across Northern, Western and Central India, connecting businesses in the regions to global markets.

The project is part of the National Infrastructure Pipeline and will complement initiatives of the Government of India, such as the PM Gati Shakti Master Plan and National Logistics Policy. The container terminal will be fully compliant with the green port guidelines ensuring sustainability in port operations by adopting best practices of port environment management contributing towards the long-term sustainability goals set out by the Government of India.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal said, "The signing of the concession agreement between Deendayal Port Authority and DP World is a momentous event indeed as it marks yet another significant breakthrough in building best-in-class infrastructure in India under the Public-Private

Partnership model. The Project aligns with our Hon'ble Prime Minister's Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 and would quadruple port handling capacity and develop multimodal logistics infrastructure to promote economic growth. Once operational, the terminal will play an important role in the government's ambitious vision to make India an 'Exports Hub' as also support the creation of direct and indirect employment in various sectors such as transportation, distribution and supply chain".

Shri S.K. Mehta Chairman, Deendayal Port Authority commented, "We are delighted to partner with DP World in developing one of our pathbreaking projects at the Deendayal Port. The Tuna-Tekra mega-terminal will be one of the largest container terminals to be set up in the country. It will help increase the productivity and cargo handling capacity of the port. As one of India's busiest ports, we are committed to enhancing our capacity to serve the nation and businesses by reducing congestion and driving trade efficiencies. The Indian Railways have recently approved the quadrupling of Samakhiali - Gandhidham line, which will be a big boost for the upcoming container terminal at Tuna Tekra. In addition, we are in discussion to implement various other initiatives to enhance connectivity of Kandla and Tuna Tekra along with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Indian Railways."

HE Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO of DP World, said, "We are honoured to partner with Deendayal Port Authority in developing this new mega-container terminal at Tuna-Tekra. It will enable DP World to deliver trade opportunities, by connecting Northern, Western and Central India with global markets, thereby driving value for all our stakeholders. India represents a significant landscape for opportunity. The signing of this concession agreement marks another milestone in our collective efforts with the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund to leverage DP World's expertise in logistics infrastructure and local knowledge to further strengthen India's supply chain to support the growth of trade and industry."

Shri Rajiv Dhar, CEO and Managing Director, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, added: "We are excited to collaborate with Deendayal Port Authority and DP World to develop one of the largest greenfield infrastructure projects in India's ports sector on a Public-Private Partnership basis. This project will create significant value for end-users and help the government achieve its goal of reducing logistics costs for trade. This project is a testament to our ability to drive large-scale infrastructure development by partnering with strategic players."

DP World currently operates five container terminals in India - two in Mumbai, one each in Mundra, Cochin and Chennai - with a combined capacity of approximately 6 million TEUs. With the addition of Tuna Tekra, DP World will have a combined capacity of 8.19 million TEUs

Nissan and Sony Pictures join forces to unleash the 'Gran Turismo' movie campaign in India

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: Gran Turismo, the most popular racing video games in the world released under the Sony Play station banner since 1997. Sony Pictures Entertainment India in collaboration with Nissan Motors, have joined hands for a unique marketing partnership for 'Gran Turismo' a film highly awaited by movie enthusiasts and gamers. The film, which premieres in India on August 25, 2023, showcases the remarkable true story of a group of underdogs who dared to challenge the elite world of motorsports, forever changing the landscape of racing.

In 2008, Nissan introduced the groundbreaking GT Academy, a gamer-to-racer competition that shattered conventions by transforming video game racers into real world racing champions. Teaming up with Sony PlayStation, this audacious partnership defied expectations and



paved the way for aspiring talents worldwide to live out their dreams on the track.

Mr. Mohan Wilson, Director - Marketing, Product & Customer Experience, Nissan Motors India Pvt Ltd (NMIPL), said, "Gran Turismo' captures the essence of Nissan's 'dare to do what others don't' spirit, where boldness knows no limits. It is a perfect connect with today's bold and ambitious young generation in India who thrive on the mindset of outdoing expectations and go

beyond what seems to be possible to fulfill their aspirations. We believe that by sharing this remarkable story together with Sony we inspire others to chase their dreams fearlessly in a time when Nissan is also embarking on a new journey for the brand in India.

Gran Turismo is based on the unbelievable true story of a team of unlikely underdogs - a struggling working-class gamer (Archie Madekwe), a failed former racecar driver (David Harbour), and an idealistic motorsport

executive (Orlando Bloom). Together, they risk it all to take on the most elite sport in the world. Gran Turismo is an inspiring, thrilling, and action-packed story that proves that nothing is impossible when you're fuelled from within.

The film not only celebrates the legacy of GT Academy but also underscores Nissan's mindset of a progressive challenger but also Nissan's legacy and passion in motorsports. It shines a spotlight on Nissan's bold "dare to do" DNA, showcasing how the brand empowers young talents achieve aspirations and believe in themselves.

Directed by? Neill Blomkamp, the ensemble cast includes David Harbour, Orlando Bloom, Archie Madekwe, Darren Barnett, Geri Halliwell Horner, and Djimon Hounsou. Sony Pictures Entertainment India releases 'Gran Turismo' in theatres on August 25 in English and Hindi.

BAYER ANNOUNCES KEY LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Chennai, Aug 31 2023: Bayer today announced, that after more than 25 years of service, D Narain (D), the current President of Bayer South Asia; Vice Chairman, Managing Director & CEO of Bayer CropScience Limited (BCSL) and the Global Head of Smallholder Farming for Bayer, will retire by end of November 2023. Simon-Thorsten Wiebusch (Simon) will take over as President, Bayer South Asia and as Vice Chairman, Managing Director & CEO of Bayer CropScience Ltd (BCSL) on November 1st, 2023. Simon will take on these new responsibilities, in addition to his current role as Country Division Head (CDH) of India, Bangladesh & Sri Lanka (IBSL) cluster in Crop Science.

Simon moved to India in December 2018 as Chief Operating Officer of IBSL cluster and in partnership with D established the cluster as a strong growth engine for smallholders before being appointed



the Country Division Head (CDH) at the beginning of 2022. Simon started his career with Bayer in 1998 from the company's headquarters in Germany. He built his professional experience by working in multiple divisions of the company across various geographies like Germany, Eastern Europe, and Asia. Before taking over his current role in India, he was the Chief Executive Officer for Bayer's Crop Science Division in South-East Asia. Simon holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Applied Sciences in Essen, Germany, and an MBA from the University of Bradford. He has more than two decades of experience in the agriculture industry. He

currently lives in Mumbai with his wife Tanja and their children and will continue to operate out of Bayer's office in Thane, Maharashtra.

D Narain (D), with a career spanning nearly three and half decades in global agriculture, has passionately strived to bring innovative solutions for the upliftment of smallholder farmers globally and with the efforts over the last 5 years, has established the global smallholder business as integral to the long-term growth of the company with a commitment of delivering outcomes of improving smallholder incomes and livelihoods. Over his entire global career, D has also played a pioneering role in bringing financing and risk management

models to farmers across the world. In his most recent role, D led the successful integration of Monsanto and has positioned Bayer South Asia as one of the fastest growing regions for the company, a major global talent hub, and expanded 'Centres of Excellence' to support multiple global teams. D also with his outstanding ability to lead external engagement and thought leadership to shape the industry, leaves behind a strong network of external relationships and partners for Bayer globally.

Over the coming months, D Narain will work with his successors in India and Germany to facilitate a seamless transition before he retires from Bayer. Even after retirement, D will continue to collaborate with Bayer to expand its partnerships and thought leadership engagements with stakeholders, aimed at improving smallholder incomes and sustainability.