

A Raja dares Amit Shah for a public debate on Sanatana Dharma

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: The ruling DMK got its lieutenants to up its ante on the Sanatana Dharma issue unfazed by the ruling BJP's extraordinary interest on the Sanatana Dharma issue. Rushing to the defence of his youth wing secretary Udhayanidhi Stalin, DMK deputy general secretary cum Nilgiris MP A Raja on Wednesday dared the union home Amit Shah for a public debate on Sanatana Dharma. Speaking at the condemnation protest organized by Secular Progressive Alliance against the Vishwakarma Yojana scheme launched by the BJP regime here, Raja said, "Bring anyone from the BJP. I am ready for a public debate on Sanathana Dharma. The vishwakarma Yojana scheme is a manifestation of Sanatana Dharma." "Udhayanidhi has



spoken softly. I would go hard at Sanatana Dharma," he added. His statement comes a day after he dared the BJP for a debate on the issue and said, "I dare Amit Shah from Puduvai (Puducherry). Let it be anyone from the BJP, or yourself (Amit Shah). Let us have an open debate in Delhi. Let one lakh people gather. Let us debate Sanatana Dharma. Let the people of the country decide who is right? I am ready. DMK is ready. Are you ready?" Raja was

speaking at the meeting organized by his party in Puducherry ruled by BJP ally NR Congress. Remarking that Amit Shah became a minister and he became a minister only because of the destruction of Sanatana Dharma, Raja added; "Only because of that you are home minister, otherwise you would have been doing something else. Only because we fought Sanatana Dharma, Tamizhisai Soundararajan is Governor now, Vanathi Srinivasan is an advocate. Only because we destroyed

it, Annamalai is IPS, instead of rearing cattle. Are you not ashamed of speaking in support of Sanatana Dharma after securing the positions (of power) through the Sanatana Dharma we destroyed. Don't you have conscience?" Quoting BR Ambedkar who said that if the education of a person is detrimental to the society he is more dangerous than the beast, A Raja said, "Mr Modi, Amit Shah and Tamizhisai, what Ambedkar said would apply to you."

1000th temple consecration on Sept 10 under DMK regime: Sekarbabu

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: Coming Sunday, the DMK's Dravidian Model government would create history by conducting consecration for the 1000th temple in the state, according to Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments P K Sekarbabu. The consecration of Kasi Viswanathar temple in West Mambalam would be held in a grand manner on September 10. "It is a milestone in the history of the department," said the minister in a statement. Since the DMK government returned to power, the



department has taken up various war footing measures to renovate and restore the ancient temples in dilapidated conditions. The state government had given Rs 100 crore each in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 respectively as subsidy for the

renovation works, he noted. Experts' committees have been constituted to review the conditions of temples and suggest renovation works. The state level experts' committee gave its nod to works in 7,142 temples. Of them, renovation works have been taken up in 2,235

temples at Rs 1,120 crores, the minister said. The state government had given Rs 100 crore each in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 respectively as subsidy for the renovation works, he noted. Of this, the department carried out consecration at 999 temples.

Northern Railway notifies diversion of train services: check deets

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: Northern Railway has notified diversion of train services due to pre-non interlocking work for remodelling of Varanasi Yard over Lucknow division. Train No. 12669 Dr MGR Chennai Central - Chhapra Bi- Weekly Superfast Express leaving Dr MGR Chennai Central at 17.40 hrs on 11th, 16th, 18th, 23rd, 25th, 30th September, 2nd, 7th, 9th and 14th October, 2023 will be diverted to run via Prayagraj Jn, Prayagraj Rambag, Varanasi Jn and Varanasi City (10 Services). Train no 12670 Chhapra - Dr MGR Chennai Central Bi- Weekly Superfast Express leaving Chhapra at 21.00 hrs on 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 25th, 27th September, 2nd, 4th, 9th and 11th October, 2023 will be



diverted to run via Varanasi City, Varanasi Jn., Prayagraj Rambag and Prayagraj Jn. (10 Services), a statement issued by Southern Railway said. Train cancellation In view of the corridor block for facilitating maintenance and safety works in various divisions over Southern Railway, several trains would be fully cancelled and diverted. Train no 06802 Coimbatore -

Salem MEMU Express Special leaving Coimbatore at 09.05 hrs and train no 06803 Salem - Coimbatore MEMU Express Special leaving Salem at 13.40 hrs with effect from 9th September will be fully cancelled. Train no 06829 Tiruchchirappalli - Manamadurai Unreserved Express Special will be short terminated at Karaikudi with effect from 9th September. There will be no service between Manamadurai and Karaikudi stations, another statement from SR said. There will be no

service between Karaikudi and Manamadurai station. Train no 06830 Manamadurai - Tiruchchirappalli Unreserved Express Special will short originate from Manamadurai with effect from 9th September. There will be no service between Manamadurai and Karaikudi stations, another statement from SR said. There will be no

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Tamil Kudimagan - Esakki Karvannan's directorial throws light on the evils of caste

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: The story, which seems to have been inspired by a real-life instance, presents the issue from an angle that is rarely discussed.

Director Esakki Karvannan's 'Tamil Kudimagan' presents caste issues in a different angle. Director Esakki Karvannan delivers a hard-hitting drama that raises a pertinent point on the caste system and strives to shine a light on why it still exists.

Tamil Kudimagan, the story of which seems to have been inspired by a real-life instance, approaches the issue of caste from an angle that has seldom been discussed.

Chinnasamy (Cheran), an enterprising youngster from an oppressed class, lives in a small village. For generations, the men in his family have been performing the last rites of those who pass away in the village.

However, hurt by the way the villagers look down on him and his family members because of their traditional profession, Chinnasamy aspires to become a Village Administrative Officer (VAO).

Therefore, he studies hard and looks to clear the VAO exam.

His younger sister is a medical student and is well on her way to becoming a doctor.

However, the villagers, especially those from the upper castes, are not too pleased with Chinnasamy's attempts to change his family profession.

Sudalaiyandi (Lal) and his son-in-law Esakki (Aruldass), in particular, look down upon Chinnasamy as the



lower caste people and want them to remain that way.

Things take a turn for the worse when it comes to light that Chinnasamy's sister Valli (Deepshika) is in love with a boy from Sudalaiyandi's upper-caste family.

An enraged Sudalaiyandi and Esakki thrash the poor girl and warn her of dire consequences.

The incident leaves Chinnasamy's family rattled. The man sends his sister to a hostel far away from the village but is outraged at the humiliation they have been subjected to.

He realises that the villagers will continue to ill-treat him because of his family's profession and makes a decision that he will no longer continue his family's profession.

Six months later, Sudalaiyandi's father passes away. When the villagers summon Chinnasamy to perform the last rites, he flatly refuses saying he has changed professions.

This enrages the villagers and they look to insist that he perform the last rites.

Without none to perform the last rites, the body of the village elder has to be moved to a morgue. What happens

then forms the rest of the story.

Tamil Kudimagan reminds us that caste and traditional professions are closely interlinked.

While caste has been discussed with regard to some sought-after professions (like priests in temples) and how these professions have to be made accessible to people of all communities, there has seldom been discussion about the other end of the spectrum — which is jobs that nobody wants to do.

The film also throws light on the fact that people from the oppressed classes are — to this day — forced or compelled to perform certain tasks that nobody else wants to perform.

Further, it highlights the fact that even an attempt by those from the oppressed classes to practise professions of their choice and move away from their traditional professions invites the wrath of those who consider themselves to be from the upper castes.

Just for the facts that it showcases and the points that it puts across, Tamil Kudimagan can be declared a winner.

Director Esakki Karvannan's 'Tamil Kudimagan' raises a pertinent point on the

caste system. (Supplied)

Director Cheran delivers a fine performance in this film, too. He keeps intact the reputation that if he is a part of a film, one can expect it to be a meaningful and satisfying one.

Tamil Kudimagan also has excellent performances coming from Lal (who plays Sudalaiyandi) and Aruldass.

Director SA Chandrashekar, the father of actor Vijay, appears in a small but substantial role in this movie.

Strangely and sadly, Sam CS's music does not impress this time around. For some reason, the background score does not work well with the story.

In fact, it is kind of distressing and distracts you from the developments happening on screen.

Cinematographer Rajesh Yadav's visuals are captivating and keep you hooked.

Sudarshan's neat editing keeps the film crisp and short.

Director Esakki Karvannan deserves a round of applause for the story he has sought to tell and the manner in which he has told it.

Shaping Sonic Terror in "Pizza 3"

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: In the realm of film music, Arun Raj shines as a visionary who challenges conventions. His latest work, "Pizza 3," featuring Ashwin Kakkamanu and Kali Venkat, demonstrates his unmatched ability to transform sound into an unforgettable experience.

Musical score from a broken 200 year old piano

For "Pizza 3," Arun Raj embarked on an extraordinary sonic journey, Seeking unprecedented sounds. The search led him to the historic 'Musée Musicals (Est.1842),' the country's oldest musical store, where he



found a 200 year old broken piano. Determined to breathe new life into this forgotten instrument, Arun Raj and his team embarked on an intensive endeavor and transported it to a huge hall, recorded the sounds with various techniques, and the resulting sounds formed a unique sonic palette.

Harmonizing the

Unknown

Arun Raj's ingenuity extends to assembling a choir of strangers, who were not well-trained vocalists. This unconventional harmony of singers who were new to group recordings, brought forth a very unique horror sound that he used throughout the film to infuse an unsettling dimension that

resonates with the horror genre's essence. He also used an orchestra and recorded different types of sound effects from them rather than the usual melodies undertones that strings are known for.

A Sonic Masterpiece

Arun Raj's work in "Pizza 3" showcases his knack for pushing boundaries. Through the integration of unconventional instruments, unexpected vibrations, and uncoordinated harmonies, he redefines the sonic landscape of horror cinema. Arun Raj cements his reputation as an avant-garde composer, forever altering the landscape of film music.

Noodles movie an emotional thriller about power and common people Actor Madhan Dhakshinamoorthy turns director

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: Actor Madhan Dhakshinamoorthy turns director with this gripping emotional thriller that revolves around a simple incident involving a couple and two cops.

Noodles starts on a slow note but soon turns into a gripping drama as a confrontation erupts between an arrogant cop drunk on power and a husband determined to protect his wife and daughter.

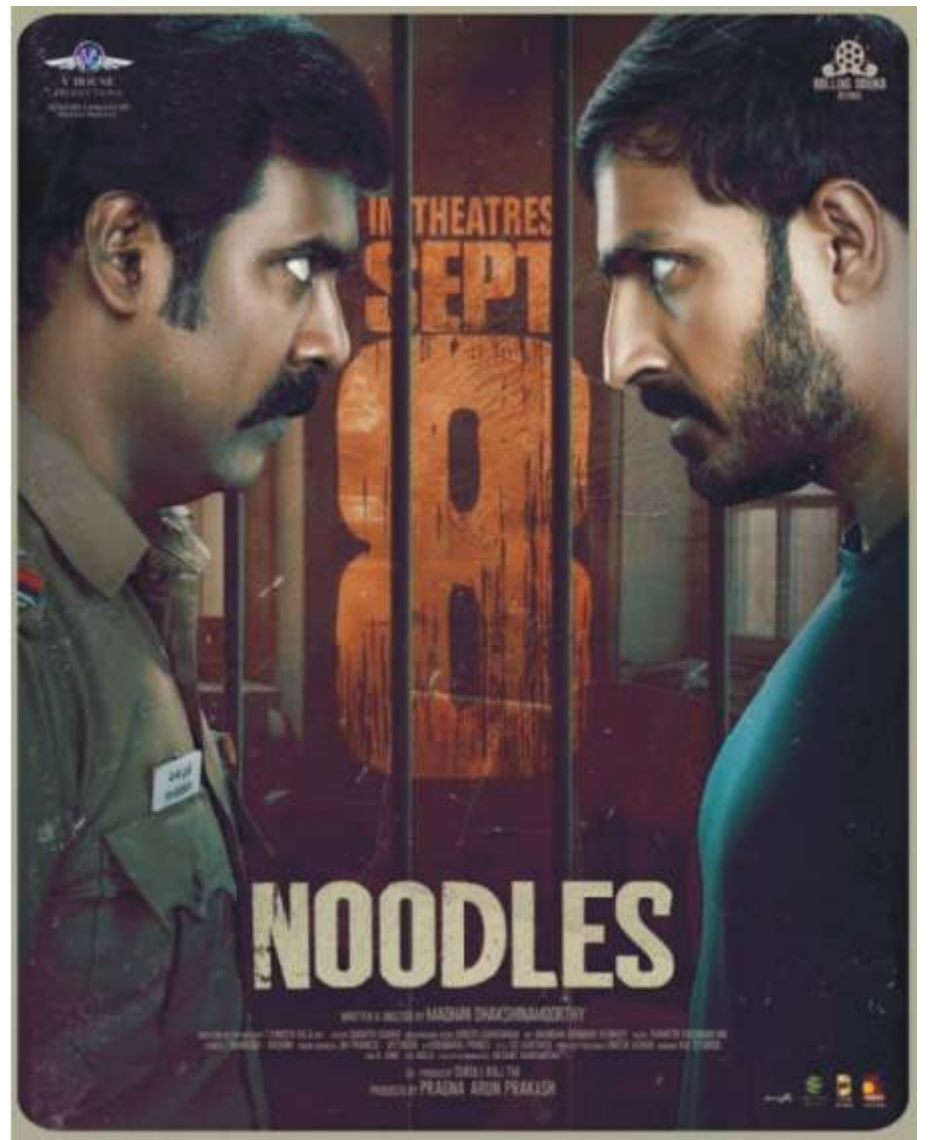
It is a neatly made film that clearly strikes a chord with the audience as it shows how cops consider themselves to be the masters of the public and expect to be treated that way.

Saravanan (Harish Uthaman) and his wife Shakti (Sheela Rajkumar) lead a happy, content life with their young daughter Priyu (Aazhiya) in a residential complex.

One such night, as the residents are having fun by singing songs, the relative of a senior cop residing nearby calls up the police station and instructs them to get the crowd on the terrace cleared.

The instruction is passed on to Elango (Madhan Dhakshinamoorthy), the inspector of the area police station who is on rounds along with his subordinates.

Already drunk on power, Elango is of the opinion that the public has started developing a spine and is not showing the respect the cops deserve.



So, when he gets information about the din being caused by residents, he sends a constable to clear the crowd. However, the constable talks in an arrogant tone and in a disrespectful manner to the women, forcing Saravanan to respond.

Elango, hearing the residents protesting, arrives at the scene and tries to throw his weight. But Saravanan does not back down. Eventually, Elango has to leave but not before his fragile ego gets bruised.

Seething with rage and seeking vengeance, he leaves the place that night. What happens next is what Noodles is

all about.

Madhan Dhakshinamoorthy, who played several characters with negative shades, shows a completely new skill in this movie.

He not only plays to perfection the role of the antagonist Elango but also delivers a fine film that has you on tenterhooks for the most part.

Don't let the film's slow start fool you into thinking that this is just another run-of-the-mill kind. The second half is the better of the two halves and keeps you both engaged and entertained.

Harish Uthaman and

Sheela Rajkumar deliver fine performances.

But it is a relatively unknown actor who actually steals the show. Vasanth Marimuthu, who plays the character of a lawyer named Thiru, takes Noodles to another level altogether with his brilliant acting.

Until the lawyer arrives on the scene, the movie is just an intense action thriller. As soon as he arrives, it also turns into a comedy.

Robert Sargunam's music and Vinoth Raja's visuals are both big strengths of the film which pleasantly surprises you with its stinging content.

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Brahmarishi Guruvananda Maharishi, who is doing spiritual service based in Tirupati, is going to hold a Mahasatsangam in Chennai on the 9th, according to his main disciple Prakash Jain

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: Prakash Jain, Acharya srinivas srimali, and Jagadish Kadavul who met the journalists at the Chennai Press club said that Brahmarishi Guruvananda Maharishi has been traveling the world and doing spiritual work for world peace and mental health and all the great leaders have gained clarity by listening to his Mahasad Sangha.

They informed that a kosalai has been set up in his peedam based in



Tirupati, more than 500 cows are reared and puja is performed daily, and food is given daily in the main peedam. They said that on the 9th September 2023 at Sri Ramakrishna Convention Center in Tiruvanmiyur, Chennai, Sidhguru Darshan and Mahasat Sangam will be held. Admission and prasad will be provided

free of cost to all who attend the event, and more than 60 buses will be plying across Chennai for free.

Devotees, political leaders and dignitaries from not only Tamil Nadu but also from various states are expected to participate in this program which will start at 6 pm. Prakash Jain and Jagadish Guru said that the famous music composer and Shiva devotee Drums Shivamani will perform as a special event.

KRAFTON India Announces Bollywood Superstar Ranveer Singh as BGMI's Brand Ambassador

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: In a landmark move, KRAFTON India is thrilled to announce an exciting collaboration that is set to redefine the gaming landscape in India. Bollywood's powerhouse and youth icon, Ranveer Singh, has been named the official Brand Ambassador for BATTLEGROUND MOBILE INDIA (BGMI). This strategic partnership aims to bring together the thrill of gaming and the charisma of Superstar Ranveer Singh to engage and deliver elevated experiences for millions of gamers across the country.

The collaboration between BGMI and Superstar Ranveer Singh is a monumental stride towards celebrating gaming as a medium for immersive entertainment and community engagement. BGMI,



royale title, has found its perfect partner in Superstar Ranveer Singh, who resonates with the energy and passion that gamers bring to the battlegrounds. This first-of-its-kind alliance marks a remarkable synergy of two forces that thrive on pushing boundaries, poised to bring gaming and BGMI to the masses in an unprecedented manner.

With this collaboration, KRAFTON will launch the Play Pure campaign that celebrates the pureness in players through the lens of superstar

of the campaign, BGMI players will be urged to be bold and celebrate their authenticity in the Battlegrounds!

Sean Hyunil Sohn - CEO, KRAFTON India, expressed his enthusiasm about this landmark partnership, stating, "We are elated to welcome Superstar Ranveer Singh to the BGMI family. His magnetic persona and unrelenting spirit align seamlessly with the essence of BGMI. KRAFTON has always been committed to providing immersive and captivating experiences for our

users. This collaboration opens up a new avenue to bring exciting and engaging content that will resonate with gaming enthusiasts across the nation. Stay tuned as we embark on a new era of gaming entertainment."

Ranveer Singh, equally excited about this new venture, shared his thoughts, "As an artist, I find gaming to be an extension of my creative expression. The dedication, the competitiveness, the camaraderie and the team spirit in the gaming world resonate with me deeply. BGMI has evolved into a cultural phenomenon by bringing together individuals from diverse backgrounds, transcending borders through their shared passion for gaming. I am thrilled to be part of this journey and look forward to exciting interactions with the Indian gaming

Global Edtech Leader PowerSchool Acquires Neverskip, a Best-in-Class Education Technology Platform Serving 1.2+ Million Students in India

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: In line with their robust growth strategy for the India market, PowerSchool, a global leader of cloud-based software for K-12 education, announced their acquisition of Chennai-based enterprise resource planning (ERP) software company Neverskip. The acquisition combines the power of Neverskip's best-in-class ERP with PowerSchool's industry-leading unified technology platform for schools in India that optimizes student and staff success, and increases overall family engagement. With this acquisition, PowerSchool will immediately expand its reach to over 900 schools and 1.2 million students in India and sets a foundation for growth to support the larger Indian education market.

Over the last two decades, PowerSchool has established itself as one of the front runners in the global edtech ecosystem, catering to over 50 million students in over 90 countries. PowerSchool reported \$630 million revenue in 2022, with a valuation of \$4.3 billion, and forecasts a revenue target of approximately

\$690 million for 2023. The brand's user-friendly Learning Management System (LMS), Schoology Learning, supports over 60,000 schools globally. Combining the prowess of the Neverskip ERP with PowerSchool's full suite of solutions, including its data analytics, student support tools, and teacher effectiveness offerings as well as the LMS, will bring about a paradigm shift by providing schools with one trusted partner for end-to-end administrative and academic functions. With this acquisition, PowerSchool and Neverskip will now support some of India's most renowned schools including, D.A.V Group of Schools, Ekya, Maxford, Future Kids, Manipal School and SBOA Group of Schools with its products.

Sharing his views, Mr. Hardeep Gulati, Chief Executive Officer of PowerSchool, said, "We are excited about the opportunity to make an immediate impact in the Indian education system and improve outcomes for nearly 250 million school-aged students. PowerSchool has extensive experience helping many international and private schools in India technology in learning elevate teacher has witnessed effectiveness and accelerated growth student outcomes. during and after the recent pandemic. In fact, Since its establishment in 2017, our Bengaluru office and its 1,300+ local employees have committed to bringing our global technology solutions to Indian educators and learners. Our acquisition of Neverskip is an ERP market to reach US\$1.04 billion by 2028. All of this is expected to increase the need and demand for tech-powered learning solutions. As a leader in education innovation, PowerSchool will continue to provide cloud-based technologies to enable schools in their digitization journey aligned with India's New Education Policy (2020)", Mr. Apoorav Nischal, Managing Director and Country Head, PowerSchool India.

"As demonstrated by their globally renowned products, especially Schoology Learning, PowerSchool has truly redefined personalized education. We are excited about this new chapter in our journey. This step enables us to expand our solution suite and value to customers and dramatically expand our scale and reach." added Mr. Shankar Jambulingam, Founder & Chief Executive Officer at Neverskip.

"We understand the unique needs of school leaders, families, and students in India. India has a dynamic and ever-evolving education ecosystem comprised of one of the largest student populations globally. Additionally, integration of

Namami Gange Signs Agreement for Development of Sewage Treatment Infrastructure in Meerut

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: The tripartite Concession Agreement between National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam and M/s. Meerut STP Pvt. Ltd. for development of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and other infrastructure in Meerut was signed in the presence of Director General, NMCG in New Delhi. The project, under Hybrid Annuity PPP mode, was awarded at the total cost of Rs. 369.74 crores and is scheduled to be completed by December, 2025.

NMCG has approved the project for construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) of



total capacity of 220 MLD, among other works such as developing Interception & Diversion (I&D) structures, I&D network laying, Sewage Pumping Stations including Operation and Maintenance for 15 years etc. This project also aims to take care of the existing sewerage problems in the Meerut city and the resultant sewage pollution in River Kali. After the

completion of this project, there will be no discharge of untreated sewage from Meerut city into River Kali (East) thereby reducing the pollution load. Kali (East) meets Ganga near Kannauj and the completion of this project will ultimately help reduce pollution in River Ganga.

The agreement was signed between Shri S.K. Barman, Superintending

Engineer, UP Jal Nigam (Rural), Shri Mayank Agarwal, Authorized Signatory, M/s. Meerut STP Pvt. Ltd. (SPV formed by M/s G.A. Infra Private Limited-in JV with M/s SSG Infratech Pvt. Ltd.) and Shri Binod Kumar, Director (Projects), NMCG in the presence of Shri G. Asok Kumar, Director General, NMCG, who expressed his happiness on completing the process of award. Shri Nalin Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Director General, NMCG was also present along with other representatives of state agencies and concessionaire during the signing ceremony.



Managing Director of #GopuramCinemas, Daughter of Producer G. N. Anbuhezhan Sushmita Sharan celebrated her birthday! Celebrities and producers wished her for the future projects! Prominent film personalities Actor R. Sarathkumar, Producer Kalaipuli S. Thanu, Actor Vijay Antony, Producer S. Kathiresan, Cinematographer Ravivarman, Romeo Pictures Rahul, Director Subramania Siva, Gatta Kusthi Director Chella, and Rajkamal Films Disney attended the birthday event at Gopuram Cinema corporate office.

Air India Express unveils vision and differentiators, charting the path ahead in the run up to its brand launch

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: Air India Express today unveiled the vision for the organisation that would be formed with the merger and integration with AIX Connect, currently operating as AirAsia India. The airline also charted the path forward, building on the key milestones already achieved as part of the Air India Group's ongoing 5-year transformation journey, Vihaan.AI.

The vision and key differentiators build on the shared brand purpose of Air India and Air India Express, 'to transform a national institution into national inspiration'. Alok Singh, Managing Director, Air India Express and AIX Connect, articulated the airline's Vision 'to inspire new possibilities and make meaningful connections with unmatched warmth' in a town hall to employees of both airlines, elaborating on the focus areas of integration, growth and transformation, the inflection point that the airline is on, and the aspirations and ambitions for growth.

Talking about the vision, differentiators and path ahead, Alok Singh, Managing Director, Air India Express and AIX Connect, said, "Our resolute vision



encapsulates our key differentiators - making meaningful connections, delivering unique experiences and providing best-in-class value with Indian warmth. Our ambitions will ride upon our huge fleet and network expansion, in the domestic India market as well as short-haul international region - Unlocking synergies with the merger of the two entities, and network integration with Air India; Growth and expansion, for a meaningful market presence as well as cost-efficiencies; and Achieving excellence in all areas, becoming a preferred brand for a confident new India."

The differentiators detail the airline's business model and brand promise in the run up to the brand launch of Air India Express, expected to be unveiled within the next couple of months:

Meaningful Connections: Nurture 'meaningful connections' that transcend borders, bringing people,

Specific projects have been identified to achieve these aspirations, focussing on enhancing the guest experience, optimising the network for market dominance, streamlining operations with a digital-first approach, fostering talent with an innovative and winning culture, and creating value for all stakeholders through sustainable practices, transparent decision-making, and prudent governance.

Earlier this year, AIX Connect and Air India Express launched the unified website, airindiaexpress.com, allowing users to book and manage services from both airlines on domestic and international sectors; common social media handles ([airindiaexpress](https://www.facebook.com/airindiaexpress)) and support channels; and an integrated Passenger Service System. Both airlines have also synergized a host of other ancillary add-on services and sub-brands, including Gourmair in-flight dining, Xpress Prime seats, and Xpress Ahead priority services. The airlines also recently announced the harmonisation of new grades, compensation, and benefits with Air India, enabling a unified structure and streamlining career paths across the Air India group.

Unique Experiences: Curate and deliver 'unique experiences' with unmatched Indian warmth, leveraging technology to make journeys frictionless and personalised. The product offerings and service experience will embody the warmth of Indian hospitality, with services like Gourmair, the airline's award-winning in-flight dining brand, curated to cater to diverse culinary preferences with a wide range of regional and healthy hot meals and lite bites.

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REC Limited holds 54th AGM, announces commitment to increase loan portfolio of green projects by more than 10 times by year 2030

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: REC Limited held its 54th Annual General Meeting (AGM) today through Video Conferencing.

Chairman & Managing Director Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan chaired the meeting, which was attended by all Directors on the Board of the Company. Many shareholders were present at the meeting through Video Conferencing.

Addressing the meeting, the CMD said: "REC is committed to increase its present loan portfolio of Green Projects to the extent of more than ten times by the year 2030 amounting to ₹ 3 lakh crore. REC has been known for its rural electrification efforts; now it would be known for its Renewable Energy (RE) focused initiatives including solar, wind, hybrid and e-mobility projects, as well as new areas like Green Hydrogen, Green Ammonia Projects, round the clock projects involving bundling of RE



with thermal power and ethanol manufacturing."

The CMD said that while reposing faith in REC, Ministry of Power has also allowed the Company to lend to non-power infrastructure & logistics sectors to contribute to the accelerated development of the nation. "I ecstatically report that during the first year itself, we have sanctioned more than ₹ 85,700 crore towards various projects spanning Metro, Ports, Airports, Oil Refineries, Highways, Steel Infra to Healthcare, Educational Institutions and also in sectors of IT Infra/ Fiber Optics, etc. that constitute about 32% of overall sanctions of the

Company, in the last financial year."

Regarding bond issue and dividend, Shri Dewangan said: "In August 2022, the Company issued bonus shares to shareholders in a 1:3 ratio, issuing 65,83,06,000 new fully paid-up equity shares of ₹ 10/- each. This increased the issued and paid-up share capital to ₹ 2,633.22 Crore, comprising 2,63,32,24,000 equity shares of ₹ 10/- each. In terms of dividends, REC is among the highest dividend-paying companies in its category. During FY23, the Board proposed a final dividend of ₹ 4.35 per share for the approval

of shareholders in this AGM and the same has been approved by the shareholders. This is in addition to the 1st Interim Dividend of ₹ 5 per share and 2nd Interim Dividend of ₹ 3.25 per share which has already been paid. The total dividend for the FY23, including the proposed final dividend, is ₹ 12.60 per share. The total dividend pay-out for FY23, including the proposed final dividend, is ₹ 3,318 Crore."

Pursuant to Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 and Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules 2014, REC had offered remote e-voting facility to its members to exercise their right to vote by electronic means from Sunday, September 3, 2023 (0900 hours) to Tuesday, September 5, 2023 (1700 hours).

Awareness needed to bridge the gap in eye donation and requirement : Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: The National Eye Donation Fortnight observed annually from August 25th to September 8th, highlights the urgent need for eye donations in India. To mark National Eye Donation Fortnight 2023, Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital, Chennai organised an eye donation awareness event at its hospital premises today. The esteemed Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Samay Singh Meena, IPS Deputy Commissioner of Police - Traffic, Chennai East. Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital has consistently ranked among the top 5 eye banks in India and is the second-highest performing eye bank in Tamil Nadu.

Dr. Athiya Agarwal, Director of Dr. Agarwals Group of Eye Hospitals delivered an impassioned speech during the event, stating, "The gift of sight is unparalleled. Eye donation has the power to transform the lives of individuals suffering from corneal blindness, and it represents a lasting legacy of compassion and generosity. Donating one's eyes isn't just a procedure; it's a gift of eternal vision."

She also informed that Dr. Agarwal's Eye Bank



has been committed to promoting eye donation and collecting corneas since its inception in 1957. However, it is crucial to raise awareness about eye donation and expand the infrastructure of eye banks and research centers to facilitate more donations. Additionally, when eye donations cannot be used for transplantation, they are channeled towards research and education, contributing to advancements in understanding various eye conditions.

"To date, the hospital has successfully transplanted over 40,000 corneas to individuals in need, with 40% of recipients belonging to economically deprived backgrounds. This represents a small yet significant step in the fight against corneal blindness", Dr. Athiya added.

Dr. Preethi Naveen,

Senior Cornea Consultant and Medical Director of Dr. Agarwals Eye Bank emphasised the significance of eye donation. She explained, "All over the world, there are about 40 million people who suffer from visual impairments. A massive 8 million of them live in India out of which 1.3 million of them have lost sight due to corneal blindness. To prevent this loss of vision, hospitals require about 1.3 lakh corneas per year."

Talking about recent advances she explained, "Through the advanced surgical technique that are available, one cornea can be separated into multiple layers by which one pair of eyes can give vision to four people thus restoring vision in many needy patients."

Additionally, she conveyed that Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital stands as a leading institution providing the

exceptional Pre-Descemet's endothelial keratoplasty (PDEK) procedure, wherein 25 microns of a single corneal tissue is transplanted in the patient, which propels visual recovery, in an individual within a short period post-procedure transforming their life, she added.

Chief Guest Mr. Samay Singh Meena, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police - Traffic, Chennai East, expressed his support for the cause, stating, "I am honored to be part of this significant event, raising awareness about eye donation. It's our collective responsibility to pledge our eyes and bring light into the lives of those in need. Let's work together to eliminate corneal blindness from our society."

The event also featured the heartfelt gratitude of a recipient's family, who emphasized the immeasurable impact of eye donation. Their loved one's corneal transplant had transformed their life, and they expressed eternal gratitude to the selfless donor and their family for this incredible act of kindness.

BGAUSS launches C12i EX premium e-scooter in India ~The feature loaded, smart, stylish and high-performance C12i EX comes at an ex-showroom price of INR 99,999 with a 5-year warranty

Chennai, Sep 06 2023: BGAUSS, a pioneering force in the electric scooter industry, proudly announces the launch of the BGAUSS C12i EX, an innovative scooter poised to revolutionize urban transportation. The C12i MAX, has already received an astounding 6000 customers in just three months of its launch. Following this tremendous success, the C12i EX emerges as a stellar addition to the C12 series. With a competitive introductory price of INR 99,999 (Ex-Showroom), the C12i EX invites riders to experience the future of mobility.

The BGAUSS C12i EX boasts a range of standout features meticulously designed to elevate the riding experience. This sub-1 lakh scooter offers an unbeatable combination of build quality, comfort, performance, style, safety, and ample storage space. With a swift 3-hour charging time, it ensures more time on the road. The convenience of a removable LITHIUM ION (LFP) battery guarantees hassle-free maintenance. Achieving an impressive, certified ARAI range of 85 Km, this scooter offers unparalleled freedom to navigate the city. The scooter comes equipped with CAN-enabled technology that keeps customers connected and in control. Notably, BG



C12i EX, like its predecessor, features a completely waterproof, IP 67 rated, electric motor and battery with protection against extreme heat and dust. Complementing this, the 2500-WATT (P) Rotor delivers powerful performance.

The C12i EX is more than just a scooter; it's a "perfect family scooter." Ideal for daily short commutes and family outings, it offers extra comfort, extra range, extra space, and much more. Now available in a vibrant palette of seven colors, the scooter allows its riders to express their personal style while enjoying a comfortable and efficient ride. Ensuring the safety of riders remains paramount, the scooter comes equipped with a suite of safety features. BGAUSS has invested in building a scooter that not

only appeals to the consumer for its modern design but also for its plethora of useful features, including a smart battery and motor controller, all developed and designed in-house at the Chakan plant.

Commenting on the launch, Hemant Kabra, Founder and CEO of BGAUSS, stated, "At BGAUSS, we are committed to our mission of providing high-performance, safe, and intelligent electric scooters to be at the forefront of the EV revolution in India. Our unwavering commitment to setting the highest standards in build quality, safety, and performance has brought us to this remarkable moment. The 100% Made in India C12i EX exemplifies our dedication to delivering top-tier electric scooters. The response to our C12i

MAX was impressive, and we are thankful to our customers who have shown trust in our green and sustainable mobility solutions. We are hopeful that our latest addition, the C12i EX will also get a positive response from our customers as well. The e-scooter will be available at the introductory price of INR 99,999 until September 19, 2023."

The C12i EX embodies BGAUSS' vision of providing top-quality mobility solutions. The C12i range sets an example in its category, emphasizing reduced consumption, lower emissions, increased quality and reliability. BGAUSS is committed to ensuring the longevity and peace of mind of its customers, and is offering a generous 5-year warranty for the C12i EX. Customers can book the latest BGAUSS C12i EX electric scooter from the company website by clicking on <https://www.bgauss.com/electric-scooter-booking/> or by visiting any of the brand's 125 dealerships across India. For those looking to make the C12i EX their own, the down payment is as low as Rs 6197, with an affordable EMI of just Rs 2437.

Price for C12i EX is Rs 99,999/- (ex-showroom)

Price for C12i MAX is Rs 1,26,153/- (ex-showroom)