

Sagar Parikarma Phase IX initiative would help to meet fishermen at their doorsteps, hear their difficulties and grievances, witness village level ground realities, encourage sustainable fishing, and ensure that government initiatives reach fishermen at the last mile

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: Parshottam Rupala led the second day of Sagar Parikrama Phase-IX along with Dr L Murugan, Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in the presence of Joint Secretary, DoF, Smt. Neetu Kumari Prasad, Chief Executive, National Fisheries Development Board, Dr L.N Murthy and Fishermen Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Union Territory of Puducherry, Coast Guards etc. Second day programme of Sagar Parikrama Phase IX began with warm welcome of Ministers and other senior dignitaries by fishermen and women at Tharangambadi Fish Landing Centre.

Shri Parshottam Rupala addressed that necessary steps will be taken on the challenges being faced by fishermen. Further, he informed that due to high demand of fishermen from all over the country to support them in improving their livelihood, Prime Minister established separate Department of Fisheries. An investment of more than Rs 30,000 crore has been done in fisheries sector for the development by understanding the ground realities. He also appreciated the contribution of the villagers in the fisheries sector and talked in detail about eliminating the critical gaps in the value chain of fisheries. Also, He informed that pre-Saturation Sagar Parikrama Phase-IX has been conducted for more than 5 days from 30th Oct 2023 to 6th Oct 2023. About 11 districts covering 64 locations in Tamil Nadu coast and 2 districts in Puducherry covering 21 locations campaigning on KCC, PMMSY & FIDF and other outreach activities were carried and approx. 3084 fishermen, fish farmers have participated in the campaign. During the activities have been performed such as grievances, issues, KCC application distribution and receiving. As a result, KCC applications sanction worth of Rs 531.30 lakhs has been achieved, covering 8 districts from Tamil Nadu and Puducherry benefiting 1599 Nos of fishermen, fish farmers, fisher societies etc.

Dr L Murugan enlightened on recent eight phases of Sagar Parikrama which was received well by the fishermen and women & other stakeholders. Further, he highlighted



Tamil Nadu holds enormous potential for the marine fisheries in the country as well as being a leader in appropriate marine fishing regulations, maintenance of the proper hygiene and sanitation in the marine fish landings and technology infusion.

The goal Sagar Parikrama is to "fish for a better tomorrow," and this is where livelihood meets sustainability. Sagar Parikrama is a one-of-a-kind mega fisher's outreach initiative led by Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala. This initiative would help to meet fishers at their doorsteps, hear their difficulties and grievances, witness village level ground realities, encourage sustainable fishing, and

ensure that government initiatives reach the fishermen at the last mile.

The Sagar Parikrama Phase-IX, first day program started on 7th October 2023, from Thiruvandana, Ramanathapuram District of Tamil Nadu and ended at Karaikal Fish Landing Center, Union Territory of Puducherry. Shri Parshottam Rupala along with Minister of State (FAHD), Dr. L. Murugan in the presence of Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, Dr. (Tmt.) Tamilisai Soundararajan and other public authorities interacted with fishermen, fisherwomen and highlighted the benefits of PMMSY & KCC. Also, discussed regarding the development of domestic fish consumption strategy. In addition, beneficiaries were felicitated with Kisan Credit Card, Scooty with Icebox etc. during the event.

The Parikrama continued from Tharangambadi Fish Landing Centre, Mayiladuthurai District of Puducherry witnessed the collaborative efforts of fishermen, fish farmers and representatives from the fishing community. Shri Parshottam Rupala recognizes the critical role of fish farmers in meeting the growing demand, also recognizes the invaluable contributions of our fishermen and fish farmers who tirelessly work to provide us with a vital source of food and sustenance. Beneficiaries like fishermen, fish farmers were felicitated with

sanction of Kisan Credit Card (KCC). Following are the beneficiaries i) Devaraj, ii) Chinnadurai M, iii) Ponnambalam. R, iv) Sudharman K, v) Vijaykumar M, vi) Veeramani V, vii) Ravi A, viii) Selvamani T, ix) Suthakar V, x) Arumugam K. Further, Shri Rupala requested the beneficiaries to come forward and use the benefits of KCC for fish farmers and for allied activities. He also requested volunteers to help in creating awareness of the schemes such as PMMSY, KCC so that the beneficiaries can take benefit of the same.

Shri Parshottam Rupala along with Dr. L. Murugan and other dignitaries interacted with beneficiaries virtually as well as in person during the event, discussed the challenges & opportunities in the fisheries sector and disseminated the government initiatives. Beneficiaries actively participated and discussed regarding the technologies such as Biofloc, RAS, shrimp production,

development of cold storages etc. Shri Parshottam Rupala was extremely pleased that an interactive session helped fishermen, fish farmers to share their ground realities, experiences and to come out with their challenges being faced, i.e., standardization of rules and regulations related to fishing. Through interactive session, fish farmers apprised about their mode of fish farming and quantum of income. Further, he felicitated the beneficiaries like fishermen, fish farmers and other stakeholders with Kisan Credit Card. Following are the beneficiaries i) Kadal Pukal Women Self Help Group, ii) Jashmin Women Self Help Group, iii) Elakiyavani, iv) Kalvi Ramalingam, v) Chandra Sivalingam, vi) Murugeswari, vii) B. Vijaya, viii) Abhisha, ix) Sathees Kumar. During the Sagar Parikrama Phase-IX program, the said "Matsya Sampada Jagrukta Abhiyan" has been undertaken parallelly.

Taking forward, Sagar Parikrama Phase-

IX reached Cuddalore Fishing Harbour, Cuddalore District of Tamil Nadu. The stage programme commenced with warm welcome of Ministers and senior dignitaries by fishermen and fisherwomen. Shri Parshottam Rupala along with Dr L Murugan in the presence of Secretary, DoF, Dr Abhilaksh Likhi, Joint Secretary, DoF, Smt. Neetu Kumari Prasad and other senior authorities interacted virtually with following fishermen i) Shri Senthil Kumar, ii) Smt Pallavi, iii) Shri Sathya Keerthi, as well as in person interaction with following fishermen i) Shri Pradeep, ii) Shri Pavendhan, iii) Shri Kandhans to gain insights into their way of life and livelihood. In subsequent interactions at the coastal village's fishermen urged the Ministers on various demands.

On the sidelines of the program, Dr Abhilaksh Likhi visited Athur Fish Seed Rearing Centre, Chengalpattu District, Tamil Nadu today and interacted with fish farmers, FCS members and informed that the modernization of this Centre is funded under FIDF Scheme of GoI.

In all around approx. 10,700 fishermen, various fisheries stakeholders, and scholars attended physically the Sagar Parikrama Phase IX program from various places of which approx. 4,200 fisherwomen participated, and the program was live streamed on various

social media platforms such as YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook.

Later in the day, program shall remain continued and stage program is planned at Puducherry where Shri Parshottam Rupala, with other dignitaries would interact with beneficiaries, distribute numerous benefits, B h u m i Pujan/Inauguration of Projects and will address the gathering. Sagar Parikrama will make an impact in improving the quality of life of the people in rural areas and shall create more livelihood opportunities. Sagar Parikrama would support in resolving the issues of fishers, other stakeholders and facilitate their economic upliftment through various fisheries schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), Matsya Sampada Jagrukta Abhiyan (MSJA) and Kisan Credit Card (KCC), implemented by Government of India.

Moving forward, Sagar Parikrama Phase-IX reached Poompuhar Fishing Harbour. An introductory address was given by Smt. Neetu Kumari Prasad, enlightening on Sagar Parikrama Phase IX who recognized the critical role of fishermen, women, fish farmers and other stakeholders. Beneficiaries such as fishermen, fish farmers were happy after listening and can relate the importance & impact that will bring in their lives.

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World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day Celebrations highlight role of Hydrogen in building a Sustainable and Prosperous Future

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: On the eve of World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day, celebrated annually on October 8th, the Government of India held a half-day event to explore and leverage the boundless possibilities of hydrogen as a source of green and sustainable energy. The event, organized in New Delhi on October 7, 2023, by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, in association with Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited, brought together hydrogen experts from the industry, academia and government.

On the occasion, the R&D Roadmap for the National Green Hydrogen Mission was unveiled by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy. The roadmap, which provides for a budget of Rs. 400 crores, seeks to provide guidance for developing a vibrant research and development ecosystem which can help commercialize Green Hydrogen and contribute to India's ambitious climate and energy goals. It focuses on developing new materials, technologies, and infrastructure to improve the efficiency, reliability, and cost-effectiveness of green hydrogen production, storage, and transportation. The R&D program will also prioritize safety and address technical barriers and challenges in developing a hydrogen economy.

"Let us reiterate our commitment to research, development and deployment of hydrogen solutions"

In a video message, the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, Shri R. K. Singh, said, that World Hydrogen and Cell Day is a day when we celebrate a transformative element in the universe which holds the promise for a brighter and more sustainable future. "Hydrogen is the most abundant element and it has the potential to revolutionize our energy landscape, mitigate climate change, and power our economies with clean energy. On this World Hydrogen Day, let us reiterate our commitment to research, development and deployment of hydrogen solutions. Let us inspire our industries and communities to embrace hydrogen as a key player in the energy transition. Together, we can ensure that hydrogen becomes a cornerstone of a sustainable and prosperous future for our Planet Earth."

"First priority is mission-mode projects which will yield results in 2-3 years"

Delivering the keynote speech, renowned scientist and Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India, Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood opined that green hydrogen is the Swiss



knife for decarbonization. Speaking about the R&D Roadmap, the PSA said that the goal in the first phase is to focus on mission mode projects which can yield results in 2-3 years. "The R&D budget announced in this Mission is Rs. 400 crores in just 2-3 years. If we are able to demonstrate that this R&D can make a difference at the ground level, then I am confident that more will come. Our first priority should be mission-mode projects which will yield results in 2-3 years; then, we can address grand challenges which will be rather long-term and also blue sky projects which will take disruptive pathways."

The PSA underscored the need for augmenting domestic capacity for production of electrolyzers in a very short time scale. He said that this is one goal the SIGHT programme addresses. Prof. Sood emphasized the immediate need for coming out with standards for Type IV cylinders for storing hydrogen. "Our standards are for Type III cylinders. Around the world, it is Type IV cylinders. So India has to come out with standards for Type IV cylinders; with these cylinders, we can triple mileage and filling time is also one tenth or so."

"Research awarded under R&D Roadmap will allow India to be absolutely at the cutting edge in the field"

Addressing the stakeholders, New and Renewable Energy Secretary, Shri Bhupinder Singh Bhalla, said that India has entered the green hydrogen space at the right time and that the country is poised to become one of the leaders in the green hydrogen sector. The Secretary said that the R&D Roadmap aims to leverage research to ensure that India is at the cutting edge of the sector in the world. "If you really want to succeed, we need to produce green hydrogen at the least cost, in the best possible way. For this, we want to be the leader in technology as well, at par or ahead of the rest of the world. The R&D Roadmap for National Green Hydrogen Mission aims for all of this. It covers all aspects of production, transportation, storage and safety. We will issue call for proposals based on this roadmap and we will start awarding specific projects under the Mission. The research awarded will allow India to be absolutely on par with the cutting edge in

the field."

Launch of National Single Window System page for Approvals under National Green Hydrogen Mission

Besides the R&D roadmap, the Green Hydrogen page on The National Single Window System (NSWS) of Government of India was unveiled, which will provide a single window to industry for obtaining all approvals related to projects under the National Green Hydrogen Mission. The page can be accessed here: <https://www.nsws.gov.in/portal/scheme/greenhydrogenpolicy>.

Shri Bhalla said that we have to reach Net Zero by 2070, for which there is no option other than decarbonizing our major sectors fully. He shed light on India's hydrogen-powered future and said that hydrogen is not just a fuel, but a game changer and a key to a cleaner and more sustainable future. The Secretary urged everyone to embrace the versatility of hydrogen, ranging from fuelling vehicles to storing renewable energy. He acknowledged the potential of hydrogen and fuel cells in addressing the pressing challenges of climate change, energy security and environmental sustainability. He highlighted the objectives of the Mission leading to a cleaner, prosperous India powered by hydrogen.

CMD, Solar Energy Corporation of India, Shri R. P. Gupta said that storage cost of energy is a key issue which needs to be sorted out and that this is where hydrogen fits in. "Hydrogen along with green ammonia could be one solution for long-term storage. Challenges become opportunities. Cost of finance has to be reduced, technology should reduce cost and this has to be done at each stage of value chain."

Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Shri Abhay Bakre shared the details of the Draft Accreditation Procedure and Eligibility for Accredited Carbon Verification Agencies, which he said is being released for public and stakeholder comments. In his presentation on 'Carbon Credit Trading Scheme,' which has been announced by the government to address the issue of GHG emissions, the DG BEE underlined the necessary framework and the roles of diverse stakeholders for the development and

functioning of the Indian Carbon Market.

Joint Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Shri Ajay Yadav, informed that all schemes under the National Green Hydrogen Mission have been finalized and that the scheme for hydrogen hubs is ready to be rolled out. He said that pilot projects are being undertaken in steel, shipping and road transport sectors and that implementation of National Green Hydrogen Mission is steering the nation towards a hydrogen-powered future that promises to revolutionize the energy landscape.

The winners of the National Hydrogen Maha Quiz were announced at the event.

President, Hydrogen Association of India, Shri R.K. Malhotra spoke on the latest status of green hydrogen development in the country. Dr. Rochan Sinha of startup Newtrace spoke about the development of membrane-less electrolyzers for green hydrogen production. Renowned scientist Dr. C. Gopinath from National Chemical Laboratory, Pune spoke on the latest scientific developments in the field of Artificial Photosynthesis and Negative Carbon Electrolysis. Representative of Sustainable Projects Development Association, Shri Prashant spoke on the challenges being faced by green hydrogen developers.

A roundtable meeting was organised by the Ministry in association with Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, to create synergy between banking system and green hydrogen developers in order to facilitate access to low-cost finance and thus to lower the cost of green hydrogen. The meeting was attended by officials of MNRE, DFS, SECI, IREDA, NITI Aayog, members of Indian Banks' Association, leading nationalised and private sector Banks, Financial Institutions and leading developers in green hydrogen sector, among others.

World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day is a global initiative aimed at promoting awareness and understanding of hydrogen as a clean and sustainable energy source, along with the versatile technology of fuel cells. This day serves as a platform to acknowledge the potential of hydrogen and fuel cells in addressing the pressing challenges of climate change, energy security, and environmental sustainability. We delve into the significance of World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day, the role of hydrogen in the energy transition, and the promising developments in fuel cell technology.

India and Saudi Arabia sign MoU in Electrical Inter connections, Green / Clean Hydrogen and Supply Chains

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: India and Saudi Arabia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Riyadh today afternoon, in the fields of Electrical Interconnections, Green / Clean Hydrogen and Supply Chains. The MoU was signed between the visiting Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Government of India, Shri R.K. Singh and the Minister of Energy, Government of Saudi Arabia, Mr. Abdulaziz bin Salman Al-Saud on the sidelines of the MENA Climate Week in Riyadh today.

This MoU aims to establish a general framework for cooperation between the two countries in the field of electrical interconnection; exchange of electricity during peak times and emergencies; co-development of projects; co-production of green / clean hydrogen and renewable energy; and also establishing secure, reliable and resilient supply chains of materials used in green / clean hydrogen and the renewable energy sector.

It was also decided between the two energy ministers that B2B Business Summits and regular B2B interactions between the two countries will be conducted to establish complete supply and value chains in the above-mentioned areas of energy sector cooperation.

Earlier, an Indian delegation led by the Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Government of India, Shri R.K. Singh participated in the High-Level Segment of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Climate Week 2023, which is being held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia during October 8 - 12, 2023. MENA Climate Week 2023 will discuss climate solutions ahead of COP28 and is being hosted by the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This important event brings together a diverse group of stakeholders to discuss many topics, including the Global Stocktake, and the economic and energy security aspects



of climate action in the context of the Paris Agreement. It provides a valuable opportunity to share insights and best practices, and to develop ambitious climate strategies for the rest of this critical decade.

Addressing a session on "Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement (GST) Regional Dialogue: Highlighting enablers and technologies for ambition and just and inclusive transitions" on the first day of the MENA Climate Week in Riyadh today, the Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy said that MENA Climate Week is extremely important in exploring and sharing opportunities to shape the future of energy production, consumption and sustainability on a global scale. He said that the gathering at MENA CW holds great significance for the MENA region and collectively possesses immense potential in influencing the current and future narrative of energy transition.

The Minister told the global community that India today is one of the world's most vital voices in the energy landscape, and has emerged as a leader in energy transition. "India having almost 17% of the world population and being the world's fifth largest economy, is taking significant steps to reduce emission intensity of its GDP by 45% by the year 2030 and to achieve the goal of Net Zero by the year 2070." He recalled that India's energy sector has undergone a remarkable transformation, aimed at providing reliable, affordable and sustainable energy to its people. "The country has made significant strides in enhancing power generation capacity from non-fossil fuels, established a unified national grid and has strengthened distribution network,

Global Stocktake of Paris Agreement

The high-level GST (Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement) regional dialogue at the Middle-East and North Africa (MENA) Climate Week will bring together policy makers, key stakeholders and partners in the intergovernmental process to discuss key messages from the region with a view to shaping the GST outcome. The dialogue will further serve as a platform to discuss the challenges, barriers, solutions and opportunities for enhancing climate action and support within the context of MENA and for enhancing international cooperation.

The GST allows countries to periodically take stock of the implementation of the Paris Agreement to assess the collective progress towards achieving the purpose of the Agreement and its long-term goals. It is done in a comprehensive and facilitative manner, considering mitigation, adaptation and the means of implementation and support, and in the light of equity and the best available science. The first GST started in Glasgow in 2021 and will conclude at the climate change conference in Dubai, UAE (at COP 28). The outcome of the GST shall inform Parties in updating and enhancing, in a nationally determined manner, their action and support, as well as in enhancing international cooperation for climate action.

The conclusion of the first global stocktake is an important political moment to highlight collective progress made globally towards the achievement of the Paris Agreement provisions and goals. It is an important moment to underscore challenges, but also the plenitude of opportunities to accelerate climate action including various regional priorities. It will also be critical to signal a positive message of unity and cooperation to the world, to enable ownership of the outcome and subsequent buy-in for effective implementation.

The opening ceremony of MENA Climate Week can be watched here.

Audi India registers robust growth of 88% in the first nine months of 2023

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, today announced it has retailed 5,530 units registering a growth of 88% in the first nine months of this year.



The launch of the new Audi Q8 e-tron, Audi Q8 Sportback e-tron, Audi Q3 and Audi Q3 Sportback coupled with continued demand for the Audi A4, Audi A6, Audi Q5 and the top-of-the-line cars Audi Q7, Audi Q8, Audi A8 L, Audi S5 Sportback, Audi RS5 Sportback, Audi RS Q8, Audi e-tron GT and Audi RS e-tron GT, has led to positive growth.

The SUV range has grown by a staggering 187% and the Performance and Lifestyle cars including

The e-tron range has witnessed a 42% growth in the same period.

Mr. Balbir Singh Dhillon, Head of Audi India said, "Audi India retailed 5,530 units witnessing a strong

88% growth; our SUVs have witnessed a growth of 187%. With the upcoming festive season, we are expecting this growth to continue on the back of sustained demand for our best-sellers including the Audi A4, Audi A6, Audi Q3, Audi Q3 Sportback, Q5, Audi Q7 and Audi Q8. With our recent launches, Audi Q8 e-tron and Audi Q8 Sportback e-tron (offered with an impressive 114 kWh battery which is industry best), we now have the widest EV portfolio in the segment. We are confident of good demand during the festive season for our electric range which

also includes India's first EV supercars - Audi e-tron GT and Audi RS e-tron GT."

Mr. Dhillon further added, "Robust sales performance owing to strong demand, expansion in the luxury car segment, evolving demographics and favorable economic conditions are leading to growth. Today, one in every four customers is a repeat Audi customer - this tells us that our customers are happy. We are on a growth path - sustainable, profitable business is our strategy and we expect to close the year with high double-digit growth."

Audi Approved: plus (the pre-owned car business) witnessed a growth of 63% in the period January to September 2023. Audi India continues the expansion of its pre-owned car business, Audi Approved: plus in India. Currently operating with 25 Audi Approved: plus facilities across all major hubs in the country, the brand is expanding and will have 27 pre-owned car facilities by the end of 2023.

Taking forward the electrification strategy, Audi India recently announced an industry-first initiative for EV owners - 'Charge my Audi' on the 'myAudiConnect' app. It is a one-stop solution that gives Audi e-tron customers access to multiple electric vehicles charging partners on one app. 1000+ charge points are currently available to Audi e-tron owners on 'Charge my Audi' with more to be added in the next few months.

The 12th Edition IRIS Face of Chennai 2023 Beauty Pageant organized in collaboration with Radisson Blu GRT and Page 3 (Spa) Manikandan won the Title Mr IRIS Face Of Chennai Niharika won the Title Ms IRIS Face Of Chennai Drutina won the Title Mrs IRIS Face Of Chennai



Chennai, Oct 09 2023: The 12th Edition of IRIS Face of Chennai 2023 beauty pageant was held at the Radisson blu GRT Chennai star hotel in Meenambakkam, Chennai.

IRIS Face of Chennai 2023 beauty pageant was attended by men and women between the ages of 18 to 28 years and married women below the age of 50. Held in three categories namely men, women and married women, 14 men and 7 married women and 11 young women participated in this beauty pageant.

Earlier, 500 people participated in the

audition for face of chennai 2023, out of which 50 were selected for the second stage and finally 32 participated in the final.

At the end, all the participants of the competition walked comfortably, showed their skills in various stages including ramp walk, styling, communication, Among them, the winners of IRIS Face of Chennai 2023 announced are Duruthina won the title of Mrs IRIS Face Of Chennai in the married women category, Niharika won the title of Ms IRIS Face Of Chennai in the young women category, and

Mr. Manikandan won the Title of Mr IRIS Face Of Chennai in the Men category.

Special guests in this beauty pageant attended are Rapper, singer and Actress Ms. Iykki Berry, Actress, Model, Makeup artist Ms. Sophia, Actress, Model, Singer, Anchor Ms. Sujatha Panchu, Actress Sanam Shetty, Actor Murali Radhakrishnan, Model, Actor Sanjay Asrani and Actress Neelima Isai.

The special guests of the third session were Mr. C.K. Kumaravel (Founder Page 3) Dr. Kamala Selvaraj, Mr. Vikram Kota (COO GRT Group of Hotels)

Dr. Latha A Krishna (CEO IRIS Events) and various social activists and celebrities participated in this IRIS Face Of Chennai beauty pageant and congratulated the winners.

Several other titles such as Tubelight production Ms, Mr & Mrs Talent, Slam Ms, Mr & Mrs Fitness, Fashiyana Ms, Mr & Mrs Style Icon, Helios Advanced Skin & Hair Care Ms, Mr & Mrs Incredible Skin, Hi-Auraa Ms, Mr & Mrs Wellness, Iris Glam Ms & Mr Catwalk and Hair Pro 16 Ms & Mr Healthy Hair were also announced.

30 persons were arrested for illegally selling tickets for a Cricket match in Triplicane. 42 Tickets and Cash Rs.55,100/- were seized

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: On 08.10.2023 "World Cup cricket match" between India and Australia cricket team was held as a day and night match at MA Chidambaram Cricket Stadium, Chepauk in Chennai. As per the orders of Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai Police Tr. Sandeep Rai Rathore, IPS under the direct supervision of higher authorities, the police team led by police inspectors were engaged in intensive surveillance and monitoring arrest those who illegally sell tickets for the above cricket match in the black market.

The Police team led by inspector of Police D-1 Triplicane Police Station Surveillance duty at the Chepauk Cricket Ground and its surrounding areas viz. Pattabiram Gate, Walaja Road, Bells Road, Walaja Road Junction, Victoria Hostel Road Junction, Chepauk Railway Station in 6 locations where illegal Cricket match tickets were sold in Black Market. A total of 17 cases have been registered for the offense of overselling of overselling, 1. Surenkumar, M/Age-29, S/o. Karunanidhi, Mylapore, Chennai 2. Balakrishnan, M/Age-31, S/o. Anjaneyar,

Andhra State 3. Prasad, Madipakkam, Chennai 11. Jayasuriya, M/Age-23, S/o. Dilliraja, Thiruvannamalai District 12. Godwin DSouza, M/Age-34, S/o. Valerian DSouza, Mumbai, 13. Dharmender, M/Age-27, S/o. Jagadish, Tambaram Chennai S/o. Sumantraj, 14. Arul Murthy, M/Age-42, S/o. Thangavel, Hosur including 30 were arrested, 42 cricket match tickets and Cash Rs.55,100/- were seized from them, which they kept for sale in the Black market.

Appropriate legal action was taken against the above 30 persons who were arrested after investigation.

An absconding HS accused was arrested in the V-3 JJ Nagar police station Murder case

Chennai, Oct 09 2023 : Alagumurugan, M/Age - 27, S/o. Ramakrishnan, belonging to Padipudhunagar in Chennai was murdered on 28.10.2019 in V-3 J Nagar Police Station limit due to previous enmity.

Daniel, the accused involved in the above case, was arrested and sent to judicial custody as per the court order. Daniel, who was released on bail, absconded without appearing for the court hearing, so a court warrant was issued against him by the Poonamalli Fast Track Court on 21.03.2023.

On the orders of the



investigation from various angles and arrested the accused Daniel, M/Age-26, S/o. Hemanth Kumar, Periyar Nagar, Padikuppam Road, Thirumangalam, Chennai for whom a warrant was issued.

Further investigation revealed that the arrested Daniel was V-3 JJ Nagar police station HS Offender and there are 8 criminal cases against him including 2 cases of murder.

The arrested accused Daniel was produced before the court today (08.10.2023) after interrogation and was sent to judicial custody as per the court order.

PATA and India to jointly promote Travel for LiFE in Asia-Pacific region

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), has committed to work with India to expand Travel for LiFE initiative across Asia Pacific region.

India hosted 46th edition of Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2023 from Oct 4 to Oct 6 at the International Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC), Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi. PATA Mart saw the participation of around 1000 delegates, is one of the major international trade exhibitions catering to the tourism sector and it serves

as a platform for trade interactions between global buyers and sellers. Besides facilitating trade interactions between Buyer Sellers meet, the PTM 2023 also included thought provoking knowledge sessions at PATA Forum and youth engagement at PATA Youth Symposium. Travel for LiFE initiative was showcased by the Ministry across all the events and it generated huge interest from international travel trade community

Ministry of Tourism will set up a PATA desk to strengthen engagement

with PATA on Travel for LiFE and other areas of cooperation in tourism sector. This is the first major international partnership for Travel for Life program after its global launch on September 27, 2023, world tourism day. Ministry of Tourism is already working with UNEP and UNWTO on strengthening the TFL program.

Going a step further, Travel for LiFE Program also aims to inspire the Tourism Businesses to deepen their sustainability practices by observing adherence to Travel for LiFE- Signed up badge.

Subsequently the tourism businesses can go for the Travel for LiFE certification in bronze, silver and gold.

Ministry of Tourism is working with all the stakeholders in tourism ecosystem including the State Governments, Industry, Destinations and Tourists to make Travel for LiFE a mass movement.

Travel for LiFE Program will position India as leader in promoting sustainable and responsible tourism and using tourism as a vehicle for achieving Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Citizens Flock to Form a Human Spectacle at Dr. Agarwals and IVI's World Sight Day Event in Chennai

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: Over five hundred people, including foreign diplomats, eye doctors, students, people with visual impairment, children, and the general public, formed a visually-stunning human image of a pair of eyeglasses at an event organised here today by Dr. Agarwals Institute of Optometry of Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital, in association with India Vision Institute (IVI), an eye care NGO, to commemorate the World Sight Day 2023. This first-of-its-kind human formation representing a spectacle, held at Elliotts Beach, is one of the largest created anywhere in the world.

Mr. Samay Singh Meena IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police - Traffic Chennai East, took part as the chief guest of the event, which also featured a walk with blindfolded eyes by hundreds of citizens. The blindfold walk was led by dozens of individuals and children with visual impairment. The initiative was supported by Lawrence and Mayo. World Sight Day,



endorsed by The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, is observed on the second Thursday of October. This year's theme focuses on 'Love your eyes at work', emphasising the need to take care of vision health at workplaces.

In her comments, Dr. D. Karpagam, Dean, Dr. Agarwals Institute of Optometry, said, "An estimated 2.2 billion people worldwide are living with vision impairment or blindness. The two main causes are uncorrected refractive errors and cataracts, accounting for over 40% and 30% of vision impairment cases respectively. But over 80% of vision impairment conditions are preventable or treatable with timely intervention. Vision health is a fundamental human right. It mostly

depends on how well people take care of their eyes when they are at the workplace. We organised these activities to raise awareness about the magnitude of the issue and encourage individuals, organisations, and governments to take concrete steps toward improving vision health at work."

In his comments, Mr. Vinod Daniel, CEO, IVI, said, "It is well established that clear vision helps people to be more productive at work, secure their livelihoods, become more confident, reduce accidents and falls, in addition to help boost the nation's economy. Living with poor vision leads to the disadvantaged becoming poorer and going below the poverty line. The spectacle formation on the sand by the participants at the event

will serve to remind everyone of the importance of getting eyes checked for refractive error correction. A pair of glasses is all that is required for many to have a clear vision. I thank Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital for joining forces with IVI. I am also grateful to Lawrence and Mayo for supporting us in the initiative."

Dr. Ramya Sampath, Cornea and Refractive Surgeon, Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital, pointed out that the usage of digital screen-based devices, be it mobiles, computers or laptops, have led to a high number of eyesight complaints among the employees. "The 20-20-20 rule - to take a break every 20 minutes; look at an object 20 feet away for 20 seconds, can reduce the eye strains to a very large extent. One should also blink 12 to 14 times a minute to avoid dry eyes. Spending some time outdoors and wearing sunglasses on sunny days are important. Regular exercise, healthy diets and quitting smoking will promote overall health, including vision health."

Third Season of Chennai Kaalpandhu League to kick off on October 9

-An exclusive Football league for U-13 Government and Corporation School children-

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: After two successful seasons, LatentView Analytics is all ready to hold its third edition of Chennai Kaalpandhu League (CKL) from October 09th to October 14th at YMCA Grounds, Nandanam, Chennai.

Boys and girls from government and corporation schools in the city will be part of the tournament. The objective of the league is to provide an opportunity for the students to channelize their inner talent and become high-performing footballers.

CKL Season 3 will have 12 boys teams and 6 girls teams making it 18 teams in all, with 15 players in each team. 18 matches in the group

phase and 24 matches overall matches would be played in this third season. The round robin format will start from October 9 and the tournament would go on till October 14.

Government schools from Chennai district - Lady Wellington school, Triplicane, Government Model Higher Secondary School, Nandanam, Chennai Boys Higher Secondary School, Saidapet, Government Higher Secondary School, KK Nagar, PCKG School, Kodambakkam, Government Higher Secondary School, West Mambalam, Government Model Higher Secondary School, Saidapet, Government Model Higher Secondary School Arumbakkam,

Government Higher Secondary School Perungudi, Government Higher Secondary School Thuraipakkam, Madarsha Asam Government School, Annasalai and Presidency girls School, Egmore would be participating in the league matches.

Sharing details about the event, Ms. Pramad Jandhyala, Co-Founder, LatentView Analytics, said, "CKL has been receiving warm response from underprivileged children ever since its conception. We have been able to assess the performance of students by following a regulated coaching pattern since last year. Training has been planned in two phases. While the Pre-

league structure includes training in skill development camps for the students selected in the assessments, the post-league training for over a month will be for the top talents. We want to nurture talent, find relevant opportunities and help them excel in the sport."

The first and second editions of Chennai Kaalpandhu League was conducted in 2019 and 2022 respectively. Since 2019, Chennai Kaalpandhu League has reached out to more than 400 children studying in Government and Corporation Schools and has provided formal football training and league match exposure to them.

Arrested Chain snatching person in Thuraipakkam 1 Sov. Gold Chain and 1 two wheeler seized

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: Monika, M/Age-22, D/o. Anthony Sami Pusbaraj, residing at No.26, VPG Avenue, 3rd Extension Road, Thuraipakkam, Chennai, on 06.10.2023 at 1.30 pm, while standing on 3rd Extension Road, Thuraipakkam, an unidentified person who came in the motor cycle pretended to ask the above Monika for her address and snatched Gold chain from her neck and escaped. A case was registered and investigation was carried out based on the complaint lodged by Monika at J-9 Thuraipakkam Police Station.



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The police team led by the Inspector of Police, Crime, J-9 Thuraipakkam Police Station conducted a thorough investigation using the CCTV camera records installed at the incident place and arrested Rajadurai, M/Age-19, S/o. Kumar, Pillayar Koil Street, Thuraipakkam, Chennai who was involved in the above Chain snatching incident. Accordingly, 1 Sov. Gold chain and 1 two wheeler were seized from the accused.

The arrested accused Rajadurai produced before the court and due legal action was taken.

Over 35 Colleges Unite for a Vibrant Cultural Celebration: Sardar Euphoria 2K23 Hosted by A.M. Jain College

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: A.M. Jain College in Meenambakkam, Chennai proudly hosted their Annual Inter-Collegiate cultural fest, Sardar Euphoria 2K23 on October 06th and 07th, 2023. The two day inter-collegiate cultural event witnessed active participation from over 35 prominent colleges across Chennai engaging in 16+ diverse on-stage and off-stage activities including dance, music, fashion walk, photography and more.

The highly sought-after overall trophy was clinched by Madras Christian College. The campus buzzed with excitement as events unfolded across various venues, fostering an atmosphere of artistic enthusiasm and unity among participants.

Sardar Euphoria 2K23 also attracted a



galaxy of celebrities who graced the occasion as judges and chief guests. The star-studded lineup included actors Arjun Das, Mirna Menon, Robo Shankar, Soundara Raja, and singer Shalini Singh, added glamour and charisma to this cultural extravaganza.

Udhan Kumar Chordia, Secretary of A.M. Jain College expressed, "Sardar Euphoria 2K23 exemplifies our commitment to fostering talent and cultural diversity among our youth. We firmly believe that such platforms empower our

students to showcase distinctive talents and broaden their horizons, ultimately preparing them for a future where creativity and diversity shine. The experiences gained during this event will undoubtedly serve as stepping stones for their personal and professional growth, enabling them to navigate the complexities of the modern world with confidence and creativity".

Hemant P Chordia, Associate Secretary, A.M. Jain College remarked, "We are immensely proud of our students and the

participating colleges for their outstanding performances. Their dedication and enthusiasm have made this cultural fest a resounding success. The cultural fest also emphasized the importance of holistic development, encouraging students to not only excel academically but also to nurture their artistic and creative talents".

As the echoes of Sardar Euphoria 2K23 continue to resonate in the memories of our participants, A.M. Jain College stands resolute in its commitment to cultivate an empowering environment. We are dedicated to enabling our students to unlock their full potential, nurturing a new generation of well-rounded individuals poised to create a positive and lasting impact on society.

Nissan Motor India reaffirms commitment to make railway stations in India more accessible

Chennai, Oct 09 2023: Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. (NMIPL) today announced the completion of phase 2 of its partnership with Indian Railways and NGO Anuprayaas to make railway stations more accessible for people with visual, hearing, or other impairments and those using wheelchairs. The third phase of the partnership covering 17 more stations in Chennai and other locations were announced by Rakesh Srivastava, MD, NMIPL and Shri Eerya Bhukya Vishwanath, DRM, Chennai Division, Southern Railway at a media briefing session.

Nissan India's accessibility project, which started in 2022, aims to transform over 15 stations every year for a three-year period, to empower people with visual and hearing disabilities, and people using wheelchairs, to travel independently and with dignity by reducing their dependency on others while travelling.

Commenting on the initiative, Rakesh Srivastava, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India, said, "As a brand



that considers Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) as part of its core ethos, Nissan is committed to promoting social inclusivity and strengthening community welfare. We believe that mobility should be for all and transcend limitations. Railways are a key lifeline for travel and mobility in our country and we are honoured to be working with Indian Railways on this project to enhance accessibility at railway stations. We are proud to have completed work on 30 railway stations across India and to continue this initiative at 17 more stations."

Under the first phase of Nissan's accessibility project, which commenced on August 1, 2022, the company installed across 15 railway stations in Tamil Nadu

and Maharashtra including Chennai Central, Ghatkopar, Bombay Sion, Erode, Yeshwanthpur, Tambaram, Chengalpattu, and Madurai. The second stage of the project commenced on August 1, 2023, across 15 railway stations in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra including Chennai Fort, Chennai Beach, Chrompet and St. Thomas Mount. With this completion of the second phase, Nissan Motor India started working on phase 3 of the project, which will cover 17 more stations in Chennai division, which includes:

For people with visual disabilities, the initiative provides guiding braille indicators at platforms and railings to identify platform numbers, a braille station map and information booklet,

and braille signs for facilities. Other accessibility features include reflective strips at stairs for people with low vision, sign language videos about the station (linked to a QR code), a portable ramp and wheelchair for the divyang coach, and disability awareness sessions for railway staff.

Though over 26.8 million people in India are differently abled, only three percent of public spaces are accessible to them. Many are highly dependent on public transport, including the railways. Yet, there is a lack of public facilities to assist PWDs to travel independently. Through the programme, Nissan Motor India is making journeys and transportation more inclusive, convenient, and accessible for all.