

The Ayurveda medical system fabric is being woven at the global level through education, research, products and services: Union Ayush Minister National Ayush Mission review meeting of eight states of the country organized by the Ministry of Ayush

Chennai, Nov 10, 2023: An organized Ayurveda eco-system is being built by the Ministry of Ayush at the global level through education, research, products, and services. Union Ayush Minister Shri Sarbajit Sonowal said this in the inaugural session of the conference being held in the context of the eighth Ayurveda Day Mahaparva in Panchkula, Haryana. Ayurvedic medicine is part of a culture thousands of years old and has been present in the society, education, service, and lifestyle of India since ancient times. Shri Sonowal said that in the recent G20 meeting, India presented the message of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' to the

member countries, which received everyone's consent, and unprecedented success was achieved through the G20 Declaration. The spirit of constantly moving forward with new experiments, of which the development of Ayush is one, has transformed India from a developing country to the fifth-largest economy in the world. Youth and common people can create successful startups by commercially manufacturing Ayurvedic products related to agriculture, horticulture, and veterinary medicine. With the formation and growth of such startups, India's economy will become stronger by becoming a self-reliant economy.



Union Minister of State for Ayush, Shri Munjpara Mahendrabhai was also present as a special guest at the inauguration of the conference being held in the context of 'Ayurveda Day'. Shri Munjpara said that the development of 'health

service is the responsibility of the government and the special thing about Ayurveda medicine is that it emphasizes on public participation to stay healthy. By making Ayurveda a part of lifestyle, service delivery in the health sector can be further strengthened. Special guest of the function, Padmashree Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, said that Ayurveda is a never-ending treasure of knowledge that keeps moving forward according to time and culture. Today we have

come here with the sole purpose of seeing how we can take forward this culture of Ayurveda with the global thought of public health. A month-long global campaign organized by the Ministry of Ayush with the message 'Ayurveda for One Health' ended today. Crores of people from all over the world joined this campaign and understood how humans, animals, the environment, and plants can remain healthy through Ayurveda and create a unique Ayurveda system. Along with the conference, the 'Ayurveda Mahaparva' expo and review meeting of the National Ayush Mission (NAM) of eight states was also organized. Ayurveda product manufacturers, start-ups and Ayurveda professionals from across the country presented their products. In the meeting of the National Ayush Mission (NAM), the work and activities of all the eight states were reviewed and the Ministry of Ayush urged the representatives of all the states to make the National Ayush Mission successful and during the inauguration ceremony itself. The Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Ayush Smt. Kavita Garg gave a review presentation on various activities and the progress of the Ayush Mission in the eight states. Vaidya Manoj Nesari, Ayurveda Advisor, Ministry of Ayush, made introductory remarks on the objective and scope of the conference. Tomorrow on November 10, the main function of the eighth Ayurveda Day will be held at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula on the occasion of Dhanvantari Day.

Imposition of Emergency is the darkest period of our history, says Vice-President Role of the Governor is very important; they take oath to protect, preserve and defend the constitution-VP

Chennai, Nov 10, 2023: The Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar today asserted that no power on Earth can deprive our population

of Fundamental Rights and Human Rights. Describing the imposition of Emergency as "the darkest period in history" he called upon

everyone to move ahead, carrying the lessons learned from that period. Releasing the 200th book, "Vaman Vraksha Kala," by the Governor at Raj Bhawan today, Shri Dhankhar highlighted the Governor's important role. By emphasizing that the Governor oath



is to "protect, preserve, and defend the constitution," he underscored the Governor's responsibility in ensuring everyone act in accordance with the constitution, while serving the people of the country. The Vice-President noted that the book's launch comes at an opportune time, offering a way to find solace and peace to

people amid their hectic lifestyles. The book creates a "tranquil space to connect with nature", he added. He also stated that Bonsai is an art form originating in India, contrary to the common belief associating it with China and Japan. Describing the passage of the Nari Shakti Vandana as a 'glorious moment' in history after three decades of attempts, Shri Dhankhar attributed its success to a visionary, dedicated, and consensus-driven approach. Referring to humans as the "trustees of the planet," the Vice-President underlined that Earth is not exclusively for humans but for all living beings, each with the right to live on the planet. He stressed the importance of creating a balance for the optimal use of natural resources, emphasizing that decisions should be based on needs rather than fiscal capability. The Vice-President noted a significant transformation occurring on the country's beaches following initiatives such as Swaccha Bharat. This shift toward a cleaner environment presents a "soothing spectacle for humans and takes care of the ecosystem", he added. Expressing hope, the Vice-President said that these changes would lead to the preservation of the pristine beauty of these natural spaces. Shri P.S Sreedharan Pillai, Hon'ble Governor of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr.P.T. Usha, Member of Parliament and President - Indian Olympic Association, Shri Damodar Mauzo, Jananpith Awardee and other dignitaries attended the event.

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Amazon Launches All-Time Highest Reward Winning Opportunity for Sellers

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: As part of its commitment to make this festive season successful for sellers across the country, Amazon launched an all-time highest reward winning opportunity under the 'Amazon Seller Rewards 2023' program. Sellers now stand a chance to win a luxury car [Mercedes-Benz] in addition to rewards worth up to INR 10 lakh. For this, sellers need to participate in 'Amazon Seller Rewards 2023' promotion which is valid till 10th November 2023. Moreover, 20 sellers also stand a chance to win International Holidays to Europe/Thailand. Seller can win these rewards by participating in the promotion and achieving criteria as per the terms and conditions of the promotion.

Amazon also introduced the 'The Great Indian Referral Offer' for all its sellers from September 28 to

October 27, 2023. Under this program, sellers can now refer their friends to register and sell on Amazon.in and receive rewards worth up to INR 11500*. To participate, sellers need to register by clicking on the 'Participate Now' button on the Amazon Seller Central website. Once registered, sellers can share their invite link with their friends, colleagues, or business acquaintances who are interested in joining Amazon.in as a seller.

Amit Nanda, Director of Selling Partner Services at Amazon India, said, "We are excited to announce the launch of an all-time highest reward winning opportunity for our sellers. We believe that sellers are the backbone of our business, and we are committed to providing them with the tools and resources they need to succeed. These initiatives are our way of giving back

to our sellers and supporting them as they prepare for the busiest time of the year. We encourage all sellers to participate in the program and take advantage of the many rewards that are available."

Amazon also announced a 50% referral fee waiver for all new sellers who join between August 27 and November 4, 2023. This waiver, valid for 60 days, is designed to reduce upfront costs and support new sellers. The upcoming festive season is a great opportunity for local businesses and MSMEs to start or expand their businesses online. A recent collaborative study with Nielsen Media highlighted that 81% of consumers in India anticipate shopping during the festive season, indicating a significant opportunity for businesses and MSMEs. Amazon.in was identified as the

California Pistachios add a healthy twist to Genelia Deshmukh's Dhamakedaar Diwali celebrations!

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Bollywood actress Genelia Deshmukh is set to host a #DiwaliTaashParty where she will celebrate Diwali with nutritious California Pistachios. As a health-conscious individual, Genelia wants to promote the importance of making smarter snacking choices this festive season and has chosen California Pistachios as the star ingredient in her upcoming Diwali bash this year.

Genelia believes that the irresistibly crunchy and nutty flavor of California Pistachios will be a massive hit among her B-town friends and become the must-have snack of this festive season. The campaign showcases Genelia's nutty side as the host of an exuberant #DiwaliTaashParty, where she invites her vivacious friends for



an unforgettable celebration.

Speaking on the auspicious occasion of Diwali, Genelia Deshmukh said, "Diwali is the perfect time to indulge in celebration and create memorable experiences with your loved ones. While the

festival is known for indulging in sweets and rich foods, it is equally important to prioritize nutrition this festive season. I'm happy to add to the festive mood by serving perfectly roasted California Pistachios that are nutritious, tasty, and a

guilt-free option. We plan to enjoy the traditional games with friends and family while savoring the delicious California Pistachios at our dhamakedaar #DiwaliTaashParty."

Celebrate #PistaWaliDiwali with California Pistachios for a delightful twist to festive celebrations, being both fun to eat and providing the nutrition people need. Pistachios are a good source of protein, fiber, unsaturated fats, and vitamins and minerals that can be a smart snack choice. Enjoy festivities filled with laughter, entertainment, and a touch of nourishment with the most loved nut this season!

California Pistachios are available across dry fruit and retail stores, and all major e-commerce platforms in the country.

Airbnb 2023 Winter Release: Introducing Guest Favorites, a collection of the 2 million most-loved homes on Airbnb

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Plus revamped ratings & reviews, and the new Listings tab featuring a set of tools to help Hosts better showcase their homes

Airbnb has more than 7 million homes all over the world. Each home is one-of-a-kind, and this uniqueness is what sets Airbnb apart. But guests have told us that with so much variety, it can be hard to know what they're going to get. This is why many people prefer hotels, and it's the #1 obstacle preventing them from booking on Airbnb.

Today, we're introducing three major upgrades to help guests understand exactly what to expect before they book:

Guest Favorites – A collection of the 2 million most-loved homes on Airbnb based on ratings, reviews, and reliability.

Revamped ratings & reviews – A redesigned ratings page, with new features to help guests understand the quality of every home.

Listings tab – A set of new tools for Hosts to manage their listing and showcase the details guests care about most, including an AI-powered photo tour.

"People often describe checking into an Airbnb as a 'moment of truth'—when you find out if the home you booked meets your expectations," said Brian Chesky, Airbnb co-founder and CEO. "Too often, it doesn't. We're changing that today. With Guest Favorites, revamped ratings, and the new Listings tab, you'll now know exactly what to expect every time you book."

Introducing Guest Favorites

The best way to find a great place to stay is by knowing which homes guests love the most. That's why we created Guest Favorites — a collection of the 2

million most-loved homes on Airbnb based on ratings, reviews, and reliability data from over half a billion trips.

Great ratings and reviews — Guest Favorites have excellent reviews and are rated above 4.9 stars on average. These homes also receive high marks for ease of check-in, cleanliness, listing accuracy, Host communication, location, and value.

Outstanding reliability — Guest Favorites have a superb record of reliability, with Host cancellations and quality-related customer service issues of 1% on average.

Easy to discover on Airbnb — Guest Favorites are available around the world, and they're simple to find on Airbnb. Just look for the new badge in search results and on the listing page, or for Guest Favorites.

Nearly two-thirds of Guest Favorites come from Superhosts, who've been recognized for their track record of outstanding hospitality.

Revamped ratings and reviews

Guests have left over 371 million reviews about their stays on Airbnb. These ratings and reviews are the best way to understand the quality of a home. But today, there is limited information on the ratings page, and it's hard for guests to find reviews that are relevant to them. The redesigned ratings page includes three new features that make reviews easier to read and much more helpful.

Review sorting — Guests can now sort reviews by recency or rating, making it easy to find the reviews they care about the most.

Rating distribution — A new chart shows the distribution of reviews from 1 to 5 stars, so

guests can easily view the number of positive and negative reviews.

More review details — Reviews include more information about the reviewer and their trip — including where they're from, their length of their stay, and whether they traveled with family, pets, or in a group.

Introducing the Listings tab

Managing a listing is one of the most essential parts of hosting because it's how guests learn about a home. In fact, we've seen that listings with more details can get up to 20% more bookings. But many listings are missing the details guests care about because adding them has been too difficult.

That's why we're introducing the Listings tab—a set of new tools for Hosts to easily manage their listing and showcase the details of their home.

Listing editor — A redesigned interface makes it easy for Hosts to add details about their listing—including amenities, sleeping arrangements, and more. It's also simple for Hosts to edit their arrival guide with the information guests need before check-in.

AI-powered photo tour — Hosts can instantly create a photo tour, which organizes photos by rooms to help guests understand the layout of their home. The photo tour is powered by a custom-built Airbnb AI engine trained on over 100 million images that recognizes photos and assigns them to 19 rooms in seconds. Hosts can edit their photo tour at any time and add amenities to each room.

Smart Lock integration — Hosts can connect compatible smart locks to their Airbnb account and automatically generate a unique code for every reservation. Guests can view their entry

codes right in the Airbnb app before they arrive. Smart lock integration will begin rolling out in the US and Canada later this year with support for certain locks from Schlage, August, and Yale.

Even more upgrades for Hosts

In addition to the new Listings tab, the 2023 Winter Release includes even more upgrades for Hosts.

Pricing visibility — The prices Hosts set will include service fees, helping them better understand what guests pay.

Compare prices — Hosts will have the ability to compare their prices to those of similar listings right in the calendar, making it easy to track local pricing trends.

New earnings dashboard — A completely redesigned dashboard gives Hosts a clear view of their earnings, including a detailed breakdown of past and future payments, customizable reports, filters, and search.

New options for Co-Host payouts — Hosts have two new options for sharing payouts with Co-Hosts: share the cleaning fee or share the cleaning fee plus a percentage of the booking amount.

New Co-Host messaging — Hosts and their Co-Hosts can now communicate in the app with new Inbox features to help them discuss and coordinate upcoming reservations.

Worldwide rollout starting today

Guest Favorites, revamped ratings and reviews, the new Listings tab, and additional upgrades for Hosts will begin rolling out this week. Hosts can try new features today by enrolling in Airbnb Early Access. Smart lock integration will be coming to Early Access for listings in the US and Canada later this year. Pricing visibility and compare prices will be available next year.

Exciting Offers from Yamaha During Diwali Festivities

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Yamaha Motor India announced special offers in lieu of Diwali festivities. The exclusive offers are currently applicable on Yamaha's 150cc FZ model range and 125 FI Hybrid scooters.



Below are the offer details:

INR 5,000/- instant cashback on 150cc FZ-X

INR 3,000/- instant cashback on 150cc motorcycle models - FZS-V3 FI & FZS-V4 FI,

INR 3,000/- instant cashback on 125cc scooter models - Fascino 125 FI Hybrid & RayZR 125 FI Hybrid

Low down payment

and attractive finance schemes

Yamaha's current product portfolio includes YZF-R15 V4 (155cc), YZF-R15S V3

(155cc), MT-15 V2 (155cc); FZS-FI Version 4.0 (149cc), FZS-FI Version 3.0 (149cc), FZ-FI (149cc), FZ-X (149cc), and scooters like Aerox 155 (155cc), Fascino 125 FI Hybrid (125cc), Ray ZR 125 FI Hybrid (125cc) and Ray ZR Street Rally 125 FI Hybrid (125cc).

Note: Offers are product and state specific. Customers can get more information from Yamaha authorized dealerships in their respective locations.

RCMS announces foray into fintech with the acquisition of Acemoney; offers a unified platform for cash and digital banking services

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: The Board of Directors of Radiant Cash Management Services Limited (RCMS) today approved the signing of the definitive agreement to acquire a majority stake in Acemoney Fintech Services Private Limited (Acemoney), a leading Kochi-based fintech company.

Acemoney provides comprehensive and advanced digital banking solutions designed specifically for retail outlets, cooperative banks and cooperative societies in rural areas. Acemoney's tech expertise and digital capabilities position RCMS favourably to leverage the growth in digital transactions by offering an innovative phygital platform that combines cash and digital banking services to customers in Tier 3+ regions. RCMS will acquire

~57% of Acemoney in an all-cash deal.

Acemoney was founded by Mr Jimmin James Kurichiyil and Ms Nimisha J. Vadakkan to offer digital banking solutions to the large rural population newly integrated into the banking system. However, these people have yet to access the digital banking services their urban counterparts enjoy. Post the transaction, the founders will retain a significant minority stake in Acemoney and play a crucial role in driving the Company's rapid growth.

Col. David Devasahayam, Chairman and Managing Director of RCMS, said, "Acemoney is a strategic fit for RCMS, and the acquisition is expected to provide a significant fillip to our growth plans and allow us to capitalise on the strong growth in digital

transactions that the country is currently experiencing."

He added, "India has nearly 100,000 rural cooperatives, many of which have not yet adopted digital banking. Likewise, India has added over 400 million bank accounts in recent years, but most have yet to move from physical banking to digital banking. Additionally, although thousands of micro ATMs have been added in the country, there is currently no service provider to replenish cash at these locations. With Acemoney's digital solutions and RCMS' physical network in Tier 3+ cities, we are poised to play a critical role in financial inclusion of this large section of population and unlocking significant growth potential."

He further added that "this partnership will create a unique

phygital platform with significant synergies including (i) cash and digital payment options to rural retail outlets (ii) cash replenishment to micro ATMs, (iii) retail cash management services to end-customers of cooperative banks and cooperative societies and (iv) leveraging the wallet services of Acemoney for more efficient fulfilment of the cash management services."

Mr Jimmin James Kurichiyil, founder of Acemoney, said, "RCMS has a strong pan-India footprint and an excellent network in rural India that is the ideal target market for our products and services. We are excited to partner with Radiant to bring our products and services to rural retail customers and banks. We look forward to a period of strong growth and profitability."

Advisory from Greater Chennai Traffic Police for Public during Diwali festival



Chennai, Nov 10 2023: The Greater Chennai Traffic Police requests people to park their vehicles in designated public parking lots at important places in Chennai, such as T. Nagar, Purasaiwakkam, MC Road, Washermenpet and Koyambedu, and not to obstruct the traffic.

The firecracker shops in the Flower bazaar, where the people come to buy firecrackers for Diwali have been moved to the island considering the proximity of vehicles and safety. They are also warned that traveling on two-wheelers with

crackers that have been procured is unsafe.

Empty autos have been banned from the densely populated Purasaivakam and T. Nagar areas. So people are asked to cross at a less crowded place and take their own auto journey.

Goods vehicles are prohibited in the above densely populated areas. Advice has been given to load or unload goods only during night hours.

Vehicles going to T.Nagar via CIT Nagar will be allowed up to Kannammappet junction and then take a left turn and proceed via Muthurangan Road to

Usman Road. Motorists are advised to use these less congested road.

On the occasion of Diwali festival, traffic police have arranged Parking for the general public at Somasundaram Park Thiagaraya Road, Thanikasalam Road, Nachiyar Road at Mahalakshmi Street and Two Wheeler Parking at Mothilal Street in T. Nagar area, and they are requested to use the above places to avoid traffic jam.

Also, four-wheeler and two-wheeler parking spots in Purasaivakkam such as Municipal Corporation Ground on Narayana

Guru Road, Ewart School on Alagappa Road, ELM School Ground on Purasaivakkam Highway Road and GE Kovil Street have been arranged by the traffic police for the general public.

Bus passengers coming to Koyambedu are advised to travel by public transport such as Chennai Metro and Chennai city buses to reduce the traffic congestion and go to their hometowns by special buses arranged for them.

Public are requested to cooperate in the above transport arrangement.

Karaikal - Peralam New line project progresses at a brisk pace

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Karaikal - Peralam new line project (23.55 Km) is an important infrastructure project undertaken by the construction branch of Southern Railway. The branch line connects Karaikal in Puducherry (UT) with Peralam falling in the Tiruvallur district and served by 6 railway stations.

A metre gauge line, which existed between Karaikal and Peralam, during the French period, was closed in the mid-1980s. The old line was removed after Karaikal became part of the Indian Union. The new rail line will restore the rail link between Karaikal and Peralam after a gap of over three decades. Sanctioned at a cost of Rs.320.64 Crores including electrification, the section will be served by six stations with major bridge, 77 minor bridges, 1 ROB, 1 RUB and 21 Limited Use Subways planned in the section.

The railway stations in the stretch are



Peralam, Ambagarattur (Halt), Pattakudi (Halt), Tirunallar, Karaikal, Karaikal. The project is progressing at a steady pace. Works completed 80% construction of Peralam by 42 kilometers. Foundation for station building at Ambaharathur has been completed. 20% of earthwork completed between Peralam and Tirunallar. 75% of earthwork completed between Tirunallar and Karaikal. 50% of major bridge work (1 No.)

completed 75 out of 77 minor bridges completed. Benefits. The new railway line will reduce the total distance between Karaikal and Peralam by 42 kilometers. Currently, freight trains traveling to and from Mayiladuthurai/Puduchatram require an engine reversal at Tiruvallur. Presently, 3 loaded trains to Puduchatram are operated daily. The new Karaikal-Peralam railway line with Northern end port connectivity will improve operational

efficiency also significantly reducing the running time of freight trains. The revival of the rail link would provide connectivity to Thirunallar that houses the famous Saneeswarar temple which attracts devotees from various parts of the country. The new line will considerably save the journey time to Karaikal from Mayiladuthurai, as otherwise a circuitous route via Tiruvallur, Nagapattinam and Nagore has to be taken. Peralam station will become a railway junction once the new line is commissioned.

THIS DEEPAVALI, SOUTHERN RAILWAY TO RUN MORE THAN 60 SERVICES ON 12 SECTORS INCLUDING VANDE BHARAT SPECIAL SERVICES BETWEEN CHENNAI AND TIRUNELVELI OTHER ZONE TRAINS SERVE SR DESTINATIONS WITH 36 SERVICES

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Deepavali Season 2023 will see Southern Railway run more than 60 services of SPECIAL TRAINS on 12 sectors to clear extra rush and for the benefit of passengers travelling to different parts of the country to celebrate the festival occasion. The major destinations/routes connected will be the Chennai/Tambaram - Tirunelveli/Nagercoil sector, Chennai - Coimbatore/Mangaluru sector and the Kochuveli - SMVT Bengaluru, among others.

So far, 60 services of Special trains for Deepavali Festival have been earmarked by Southern Railway in the

following sectors:- Chennai - Nagercoil - Chennai (11 services) Chennai - Tirunelveli - Chennai (8 services) Kochuveli - SMVT - Kochuveli (4 services) Chennai - Santragachi - Chennai (6 services) Chennai - Bhubhaneshwar - Chennai (6 services) Nagercoil - SMVT - Nagercoil (6 services) Ernakulam - Dhanbad (1 service) Nagercoil - Mangaluru Jn (3 services) Mangaluru - Nagercoil (3 services) Chennai - Mangaluru - Chennai (6 services) Tirunelveli - Chennai (6 services)

These Deepavali special trains will provide enhanced connectivity

during the season for the Southern States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala as well as with other important destinations across the country. Some of the Services from Tambaram - Nagercoil - Mangalore and back from Mangalore to Tambaram via Nagercoil connect the states like seamlessly. Further, other zonal Railways have notified 36 services of Diwali special trains covering destinations in Southern Railway.

Deepavali Special Vande Bharat Services A pair of Vande Bharat Deepavali Special services will be operated in Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli - Chennai Egmore Sector on

09th November, 2023 (Thursday, ie., on the non-service day also) to cater to extra rush during Deepavali Festival. Accordingly, Train No. 06067 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli Vande Bharat Special will leave Chennai Egmore at 06.00 hrs on 09th November, 2023 (Thursday) and reach Tirunelveli at 14.15 hrs, the same day (1 Service) In the return direction, Train No. 06068 Tirunelveli - Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Special will leave Tirunelveli at 15.00 hrs on 09th November, 2023 (Thursday) and reach Chennai Egmore at 23.15 hrs, the same day. (1 Service).

HERO MOTOCORP MAKES A SPLASH AT EICMA 2023 WITH PRODUCTION READY VEHICLES IN NEW CATEGORIES & FUTURISTIC CONCEPTS

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: "In keeping with our vision "Be the Future of Mobility", Hero MotoCorp is driven by innovation and extensive research. Brand Hero is trusted by its 112 million customers across the world and is now transforming itself as a technology powerhouse that is ready to serve the evolving global customer.

"Through our eco-friendly, sustainable green manufacturing, fuel-efficient ICE products and technologically-advanced electric vehicles, developed at our world-class research and development facilities in India and Germany, we are committed to meeting the current and future mobility needs of customers in diverse geographies around the world.

"With this foray into Europe with our Electric Vehicles, I am confident that Hero MotoCorp will soon emerge as a trusted brand in key markets in



the region, just as it has done in other parts of the world. Our philosophy to have a clean, equitable and hospitable planet for future generations is enacted through our products, and services, and I am sure this philosophy resonates with all our stakeholders across the world."

Dr. Pawan Munjal
Executive Chairman,
HeroMotoCorp

Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, on Tuesday announced a slew of strategic initiatives here at the EICMA 2023, including extensive

Gupta, CEO, Hero MotoCorp said, "We are excited to showcase our latest products and technologies to our stakeholders here who have come from around the world. We are collaborating with highly credible partners in the UK, Spain, and France to start commercial operations in each of these markets by mid 2024.

"We will first introduce our electric scooter VIDA V1 in these countries and then expand our offerings with high-capacity premium ICE motorcycles and scooters, which are showcased here. With our expertise in providing high-quality personal mobility solutions at accessible prices, we are confident that our new range of products will be appreciated by customers across geographies. Our aim is to "Innovate and Manufacture in India for the world" and we are changing gears to swiftly move ahead towards this target."

growth plans to expand its footprint in electric mobility, enter new ICE vehicle categories and foray into Europe.

Delivering on its commitment to provide world-class experiences and products to its customers across the globe, the company unveiled three concept vehicles and three production-ready vehicles at EICMA - the world's largest two-wheeler expo. It also announced a road-map to enter the European markets such as Spain, France and the UK by mid-2024.

Addressing global media at the company's stall at EICMA, Niranjana

Two Indian Cities Shortlisted In the \$9 Million Global Sustainable Cities Challenge by Toyota Mobility Foundation

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: The Toyota Mobility Foundation (TMF) today announced that Bengaluru and Varanasi have been shortlisted amongst the top 10 cities in the \$9-million Sustainable Cities Challenge. The Toyota Mobility Foundation, with support from Challenge Works and World Resources Institute, launched the Challenge in June 2023, aimed at helping cities prepare for the future by supporting mobility focused innovation with the potential to transform the lives of millions of people around the world.

Over 200 entries were received during this entry period, from over 150 cities in 46 countries globally. They were assessed on four key criteria of 1) Challenge Impact 2) Innovation 3) Partner capacity. The shortlist includes cities in Brazil, Colombia, India, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States.

With over 50 entries from India, the two shortlisted cities - Bengaluru and Varanasi will be invited to capacity-building academy, where they will receive support to develop their solutions. They will also become part of a larger network of innovative city teams. Three cities from the ten shortlists will be selected to launch their own City Challenges and in mid-2024, the call will be launched for global innovators to work with the three winning cities. Innovators could be from anywhere around the

world residing both locally or anywhere else in the world, but the solutions must be applicable and tailored to the winning cities.

Innovators for each city will be selected in late 2024, and they will be supported over a 2-year period with up to \$9 million for testing and pilot running of solutions between 2024-2026. In 2026, winning innovators will be selected for further implementation at that time.

Speaking on the development Mr. Vikram Gulati, Executive Vice President, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said "We at TKM, are thrilled that Bengaluru and Varanasi from India, have made it to the shortlisted global cities in the Sustainable Cities Challenge. As "Mobility" is becoming a priority aspect in India, innovative approaches and solutions to the challenges are required and must be encouraged. The primary elements of Mobility Challenge being inclusivity, safety, and sustainability that go hand-in-hand with the themes underlying Bengaluru and Varanasi's urban development strategy.

As a mobility company, Toyota is committed to human centric mobility, beyond the realm of just automobile manufacturing. We at Toyota, envision a world where mobility isn't just about moving from one point to another; it's about cultivating sustainable, inclusive, and secure urban environments. The

Toyota Mobility Foundation's Sustainable Cities Challenge exemplifies our unwavering dedication to this vision as it serves a platform that unites cities and innovators with their residents to facilitate development of customized solutions for the real-world challenges through open innovation.

I am confident that this initiative will contribute in the creation of ever better cities across the globe in becoming a more beautiful & sustainable world"

Pras Ganesh, Executive Program Director of Toyota Mobility Foundation in Asia said, "The Sustainable Cities Challenge extends far beyond mere innovation; it's a pivotal endeavour in shaping the future of urban mobility, safety, and sustainability. We firmly believe that Indian cities like Bengaluru and Varanasi, each possessing unique strengths and potential, can serve as prime examples of sustainable and resilient urban development. Working with Challenge Works, World Resources Institute and even other like-minded partners like the UN Habitat and Deloitte Future of Mobility Solution Center, we are excited to support these visionary projects in the shortlisted cities that are already making efforts to improve their mobility systems, and we are very excited to begin and make a tangible difference to the residents of the cities."

Other shortlisted cities include Detroit and New Orleans (United States), Fortaleza (Brazil),

Medellín (Colombia), Mexico City (Mexico), Seberang Perai (Malaysia), Venice, Italy and York (UK)

The Sustainable Cities Challenge, funded by the Toyota Mobility Foundation, is a collaboration with Challenge Works and World Resources Institute. It aims to encourage innovative thinking and creative solutions to address urban challenges. With cities at the forefront of transformation, the Challenge embodies inclusivity, safety, and sustainability, aligning with the goals of urban development.

Entries were invited from across the world, including Indian cities, from June-September 2023 with entries to the first stage of the Challenge being opened to city leaders and municipal corporations, governments, transport departments and other related local and regional agencies.

Cities were invited to enter the Challenge by identifying areas in which innovation would help them expand access to safe, affordable, and inclusive modes of mobility; harness the power of data to create connected and resilient mobility ecosystems; and reduce environmental impact through low-carbon and renewable solutions.

For more information about the Sustainable Cities Challenge and the Toyota Mobility Foundation, please visit the official website at Sustainable Cities Challenge website.

Award-winning directors Anurag Kashyap and Gautham Vasudev Menon lend their voices to 'Creative Killers,' premiering on November 10th, 2023, on Animal Planet, Monday to Friday at 8:00 PM

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Warner Bros. Discovery unveils the latest instalment of "Mission Big Cat," an enthralling anthology dedicated to the captivating world of majestic felines. In this edition, director Anurag Kashyap narrates the Hindi version, while director Gautham Vasudev Menon takes the reins for the Tamil rendition of "Creative Killers." The show offers an intimate exploration of two of Africa's most iconic predators, delving into their lethal strategies in the northern Botswana region of Savuti.

Anurag Kashyap, reflecting on his role in voicing "Creative Killers" within the latest edition of Mission Big Cat anthology, expressed, "Collaborating with Warner Bros. Discovery for Mission Big Cat is a matter of immense pride for me. Tigers play a pivotal role in maintaining the balance of our ecosystem and their wellbeing should be the utmost priority of us as a society. I feel honoured to give my contribution towards this initiative of spreading awareness of the wild cats of the planet."

Set against the



backdrop of the prime territory in northern Botswana, "Creative Killers" focuses on Africa's apex predators, renowned for their impeccable hunting instincts. This extraordinary journey into the world of big cats' premieres on November 10, 2023, on Animal Planet. Viewers can catch the "Mission Big Cat" anthology from Monday to Friday at 8:00 PM, with a repeat telecast at 4:00 PM.

Sai Abishek, Head of Factual and Lifestyle Cluster, South Asia, Warner Bros. Discovery said, "We are thrilled to collaborate with both Anurag Kashyap and Gautham Vasudev

Menon for Mission Big Cat, a returning franchise that stands as one of Animal Planet's most prominent programming lineups. 'Creative Killers' will introduce audiences to the intricate web of family dynamics, behavioural traits, and challenges faced by these magnificent Big Cats. The upcoming edition will provide unique insights into their species and the livelihoods of animals. Having prominent faces lend their voices for the Hindi and Tamil versions will further enhance the fun that will soon unfold upon audiences in varied languages. Through these informative

series, we uphold our steadfast commitment to raising awareness and contributing to the conservation of wildlife and their natural habitats"

Gautham Vasudev Menon said, "Collaborating with Warner Bros. Discovery for 'Creative Killers' has been an extraordinary experience. It's not just about the incredible tigers and their hunting prowess; it's about introducing this captivating world to the Tamil-speaking audience. I am confident that they will gain profound insights into the wonders of nature through this show."

With this collaboration, Anurag Kashyap and Gautham Vasudev Menon join a list of notable celebrities who have partnered with Warner Bros. Discovery for Mission Big Cat in the past, including Tapsee Panu, Anushka Sharma, and Vidhut Jamwal, and others.

~Catch Anurag Kashyap and Gautham Vasudev Menon on Creative Killers, 10th November onwards, Mondays to Fridays at 8:00 PM with a repeat telecast at 4:00 PM on Animal Planet-.

Cummins India Limited - Results for the quarter and period ended September 30, 2023

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Cummins India Limited (NSE: CUMMINSIND, BSE: 500480) The Board of Directors of Cummins India Limited (CIL), at their meeting held today, reviewed, and approved the unaudited financial results for the quarter and period ended September 30, 2023.

Performance Highlights (based on standalone unaudited financial results) for the quarter ended September 30, 2023:

Total Sales for the quarter at Rs. 1,871 Cr. lower by 3% compared to the same quarter last year and lower by 14% compared to the previous quarter.

Domestic sales at Rs. 1,364 Cr. lower by 2% compared to the same quarter last year and lower by 19% compared to the previous quarter.

Exports Sales at Rs. 507 Cr. lower by 4% compared to the same

quarter last year and higher by 2% compared to the previous quarter.

Profit before tax at Rs. 426 Cr. is higher by 27% compared to the same quarter last year and higher by 3% compared to the previous quarter.

Profit after tax at Rs. 329 Cr. is higher by 30% compared to the same quarter last year and higher by 4% compared to the previous quarter.

Ashwath Ram, Managing Director, Cummins India Limited, said:

The Indian economy remains resilient to geopolitical events, softening demand in developing economies, and inflationary trends both in India and worldwide. GST collections continue to remain strong, indicating underlying trade activities. Index of Industrial Production (IIP), PMI, etc., are indicating a reasonably stable economic

outlook. The impact of deficient and uneven monsoons on the rural economy, is yet to play out fully. With the stable fiscal and monetary policies, the Govt's continued emphasis on infrastructure development, and PLI led capex is keeping the Indian economy on course for growth in the range of 6.3 to 6.8% based on various estimates. Geopolitical events, especially further escalation of conflict in the Middle East, fluctuations in crude oil prices, rising US Bond yields, and their impact on capital flow are a few key watchouts. Cummins India continues to execute its profitable growth strategy and is well-positioned to meet the demands of its end markets.

Future Outlook:

The Company successfully launched the CPCB IV+ emission

norms-compliant products in the market on time. The prior two quarters witnessed some demand shifts as both CPCB II and CPCB IV+ products are allowed to be sold till June 2024. We expect the demand to normalize and sustain for the rest of the year. With most of the developed market experiencing slowing demand, we are closely monitoring our end market conditions. Although the geopolitical events, ongoing conflicts, and their impact on supply chain conditions continue to be unpredictable, the Company is confident and well-prepared to tackle challenges. The company continues to have prudent capital allocation and cost management and has a strong balance sheet and cash position. We remain optimistic about the company's prospects for continued profitable growth.

AIR INDIA NOW PROVIDES AIR-RAIL CONNECTIONS ACROSS 5600 TRAIN STATIONS IN GERMANY ON DEUTSCHE BAHN

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Air India, India's leading global airline, has entered an intermodal interline agreement with WorldTicket, the exclusive distributor for Europe's largest railway operator, Deutsche Bahn.

The collaboration enables Air India guests to travel on a single intermodal ticket beyond Frankfurt with convenient train connections to or from other cities and towns across Germany, including those without airports, on Deutsche Bahn. This lets travellers to connect to and from over 5600 train stations in Germany on the Deutsche Bahn network. Travellers can also take train connections on Deutsche Bahn to and from Amsterdam,



Brussels, and Zurich via Air India's Frankfurt gateway. WorldTicket is an IATA travel partner with its own AOC-holding airline, FlexFlight, bearing designator code W2, thus making intermodal journeys on a single ticket possible.

The partnership with WorldTicket for Deutsche Bahn also allows Air India guests to enjoy the benefit of

the same baggage allowance on the rail routes as offered by Air India on its own flights.

Nipun Aggarwal, Chief Commercial & Transformation Officer, Air India, said, "While we continue to expand our own route network globally, such partnerships help us to provide an extended network to our guests, and make journeys to their final destinations

more convenient. We observe substantial passenger traffic on our Frankfurt flights that further connects to and from other German cities and towns, and this partnership addresses the needs of an increasing number of such guests. We are delighted to be working with WorldTicket and Deutsche Bahn in this effort."

Air India recently entered another similar intermodal partnership to provide guests easy access to an extensive network of rail and bus operators in the UK, Italy, Austria, Belgium, and the Netherlands.

Currently, intermodal tickets with Air India are available for booking through travel agents globally. The airline also plans to extend the facility to its own sales channels progressively.

Airbus bolsters MRO industry in India, partners with HAL to service A320 family aircraft

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Seeking to strengthen the aircraft Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) industry in India, Airbus is partnering with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to support their entry into servicing of commercial aircraft.

Supporting the growth of an indigenous MRO industry is part of Airbus' commitment to the holistic development of India's aviation ecosystem. Through this partnership, Airbus will support HAL to tap into the growing demand for MRO services for the country's expanding commercial fleet, especially the A320 family of aircraft that



have democratised air travel in India.

"HAL has a vision to establish an integrated MRO hub in the country and provide airlines with an effective MRO solution. This step by HAL Nashik is also aligned to civil-military convergence and the Make in India mission of the Government of India," said Saket Chaturvedi, CEO (MiG Complex), HAL.

"Airbus is committed to growing

the aviation ecosystem in India, and a key element of this ecosystem is the development of a strong MRO infrastructure," said Rémi Maillard, President and Managing Director, Airbus India and South Asia.

"An indigenous MRO infrastructure will not only help airlines streamline their aircraft operations, but also support the government's aim of making India a global

aviation hub. And HAL with its deep experience in the aerospace industry is well positioned to trigger the growth of this sector."

Under the agreement, Airbus will provide the A320 family tool package and offer specialised consulting services to HAL to set up an MRO. Airbus will also offer HAL access to AirbusWorld, a digital platform that offers support, technical data and training solutions.

HAL's Nashik division has capabilities in civil MRO, which include Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)-approved three hangars and skilled manpower from their defence activities.

RailMadad: Committed to Passenger Care Southern Railway maintains 8 minutes as First Response Time (FRT) 80902 grievances were redressed in current FY 2023-24 so far 14826 grievances were resolved in the month of October 2023

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: The RailMadad portal, lauded as the most preferred, "mobile application for desired assistance during travel" over Indian Railways consistently demonstrates its efficiency and commitment in addressing passenger concerns. Southern Railway places a strong emphasis on resolving grievances within predetermined timelines for each specific grievance type, thereby earning the trust of its passengers.

Various modes of lodging RailMadad grievances

Passengers have various channels available to lodge complaints through RailMadad, including the mobile application, web, SMS, email, and social media. However, the 24*7 RailMadad Helpline number 139 remains the preferred choice for registering grievances among passengers.

In Southern Railway, over 51% of the complaints are received through RailMadad Helpline 139, 25% through RailMadad website, 4.5% through social media forums, 19% through RailMadad App and the remaining through other means like SMS to 139, E-mail, CPGRAMS, Umang, etc.

RailMadad performance

In Southern Railway, during the current FY 2023-24 upto 9th November, a total of 80915 grievances were registered in RailMadad of which 80902 grievances were redressed, achieving an outstanding Average grievance disposal rate of 99.98% also maintaining an impressive First Response Time of 10 minutes.

A total of 14,826 grievances were registered in RailMadad during the month of October 2023 and Southern Railway

managed to resolve them within an average disposal time of 36 minutes. Notably, in cases of medical emergencies and security assistance, the average First Response Time (FRT) in October 2023 was an impressive 8 minutes.

Average Disposal

RailMadad's Integration with other Railway portals

The RailMadad portal stands out for its integration with other rail platforms for real time gathering of data that aids in quick redressal of complaints.

RailMadad is

and TTE lobby for checking the details of TTEs manning the coach and establishing communication with them. This integration ensures that complaints are promptly directed to the concerned controllers on ground for immediate

There's a particular focus on ensuring smooth operations of the Vande Bharat trains. Grievances related to these prestigious trains are scrutinized daily, and passenger feedback is carefully assessed to enhance the services and amenities

raised an SOS through Helpline 139 about a co-passenger having fallen down from T.No.12633 Chennai Egmore - Kannyakumari SF Express on 31st October 2023. The RailMadad team sprung into action and rescued the fallen passenger to safety. While the complaint was registered at 22.03 hrs of 31.10.2023, the First Response Time was only 6 minutes and the message was swiftly passed across various levels. The timely intervention by RPF and GRP helped in rescuing the fallen passenger at 00.15 hours from the spot and arranging immediate medical attention.

The complaint was registered at 19.49 hrs and by 20.06 hrs, i.e. within 17 minutes the airlock problem in the restroom was rectified. Moreover, watering of the train was also done at Palakkad, the following station.

In yet another swift action by the RailMadad team, the leftover luggage of Mr. Rajaraman*, a senior citizen, containing Govt ID cards, mobile, cash and valuables was promptly secured with the RailMadad team resolving the issue in 45 minutes. There are many such instances where the rail user received timely assistance through RailMadad.

REGISTER COMPLAINTS & GRIEVANCES

in a single Mobile App or Web

SALIENT FEATURES

- ▶ Registers complaints with minimum inputs for immediate action.
- ▶ Single portal for grievance, inquiry, assistance for all railway customers.
- ▶ Provisions of uploading Photographs while registering any complaints.
- ▶ Track your complaints.
- ▶ The action relayed to passenger through SMS.



RAIL MADAD

Mobile Application for Desired Assistance During travel

Time is the time taken for disposal of the complaint from the time of registration (maintained by the Control office).

First Response Time (FRT) is an indicator of efficiency in handling medical and security assistance during emergencies.

integrated with the Integrated Coaching Management System (ICMS) which is being monitored by the Mechanical Department of Railways, the National Train Enquiry System (NTES) for gathering real-time information about train schedules,

assistance. This streamlined process has significantly contributed to the Railway's ability to offer necessary support and resolve passenger grievances in minimal time.

Special focus on Vande Bharat grievance redressal

provided on Vande Bharat trains.

Swift action by RailMadad team

"Really good response from Railways! Back to back calls and quick action taken by them. Respect!", was an encouraging feedback Mr. Murugan* who

In another instance, a grievance was registered in RailMadad website by Ms. Saranya* stating that her mother travelling by T.No.16346 Trivandrum-Mumbai LTT Nethravathi Express complained of non-availability of

By diligently addressing concerns, Southern Railway is dedicated to delivering an efficient and responsive service to passengers while continually striving to improve the quality of travel experience on its trains.

Ravi K Chandran takes India to the 31st Edition of Energa Camerimage Festival!

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Veteran cinematographer Ravi K Chandran is the first Indian Jury Member of the renowned EnergaCamerimage Festival in Poland. With an experience of 40 years as a cinematographer he is known for his work in films like Kannathil Muthamittal, Black, My Name is Khan and many more. Camerimage is an internationally renowned festival that concentrates on the art of cinematography. The festival has a reputation for being extremely exclusive in its nomination and is considered on par, if not more prestigious than The Academy Awards by filmmakers around the world. Unlike the Oscars, Camerimage has very



specific award categories which proves its dedication to the art of film making. In 2010, Ravi K Chandran was the first Indian cinematographer to be nominated for the Golden Frog by EnergaCamerimage for his work in My Name is Khan. This year EnergaCamerimage is

being conducted in Torun, Poland from 11-18 November. The festival has previously invited the likes of Darren Aronofsky, Roger Deakins, Ralph Fiennes and more. Ravi K Chandran will also be representing the Indian Society of Cinematographers, ISC. It is a great honour for the ISC to have such an important member be invited to Camerimage. This invitation is a step forward towards including and recognising Indian Filmmaking on an international forum. Meanwhile, the teaser of 'Thug Life' directed by Mani Ratnam starring Kamal Haasan was released recently and its visuals by Ravi K Chandran have attracted a lot of attention.

'We've striven to use weaponry used by elite armies of the world in Tiger 3!' : Maneesh Sharma



Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Salman Khan is hands down the all-time biggest action superstar that India has ever produced. He is set to reprise his role as super agent Tiger in YRF Spy Universe's latest offering Tiger 3.

The edge of the seat action spectacle has used weaponry used by elite armies from across the world, reveals Maneesh Sharma! Yash Raj Films wanted to

achieve a scale that is spectacular for audiences with this film!

Maneesh Sharma reveals, "When we were making this film we had one thing in mind - scale. We have used so many tanks, choppers guns ballistic missile bazookas lakhs of bullets and more in a single action sequence. While enjoying this bombastic Tiger moment we've also

striven to use weaponry used by elite armies of the world. So it's crazy and big and fantastic but it's also very real."

The director further says, "We wanted to make action sequences that people can't stop talking about. When you see what Salman Khan aka Tiger is up against I think you'll understand just how high our ambitions were for the action! I hope sequences like these get

audiences riveted to their seats when they see our action spectacle on the big screen on Sunday."

Produced by Aditya Chopra, Tiger 3 is set to release this Sunday, Nov 12 in Hindi, Tamil & Telugu. This the fifth film from the YRF Spy Universe after Ek Tha Tiger, Tiger Zinda Hai, War and Pathaan, all of which have been blockbusters.

Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey launched the "Annual Capacity Building Plan (ACBP)"

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) under the aegis of Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) successfully organised "BHEL SAMVAAD 3.0 - " the third edition of its dialogue with domestic business partners, industry associations, academia and research institutes to promote local suppliers, at Bharat Mandapam today.



In this mega-event, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey, Union Minister for Heavy Industries launched the MHI's 'Annual Capacity Building Plan (ACBP)' for 2023-24 outlining key strategic areas with manufacturing capabilities but also helped in reducing our dependence on foreign goods, which is also important from the national securities' point of view.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Pandey said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today, we are moving towards building a New India. He further mentioned that five pillars of Aatmanirbhar Bharat (economy, infrastructure, systems, vibrant demography and demand) have not only strengthened our

Lauding the indigenization efforts of BHEL, he expressed happiness for the initiative taken by BHEL under the name BHEL SAMVAAD since Dec'2020.

In his address, Shri Kamran Rizvi, Secretary (HI) shared that the Ministry is working extensively towards providing an ecosystem for the growth of the heavy industry sector. He underlined the significant role of BHEL in shaping the industrial landscape in the country that has helped in reducing India's dependence on imports, and initiatives like BHEL SAMVAAD stand testimony to their commitment towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Talking about the

emergence of new technologies and the need to update the current technological capabilities, Shri Rizvi emphasized that newer technologies are being developed almost every day in today's world, and learning new skills and accumulating knowledge of current trends is a need of the hour. He also informed about the government platform, where more than 1000 courses are being offered for skill upgradation. He pointed out that the Annual Capacity Building Plan (ACBP) is the right step in this direction.

Shri Vijay Mittal, Joint Secretary (HI) informed about the efforts made by BHEL along with its successful partners in the indigenization of critical components. Mentioning the importance of each official's role down the line, he quoted "Any chain is as strong as its weakest link". Two

unique immersion programs have been conducted by the Ministry on "Industry 4.0" and "Electric Vehicles" as part of a knowledge addition program for Ministry officials. He added that after thorough discussions with all the stakeholders, various modules for training have been prepared and domain-specific knowledge has been created for MHI.

The star performers (suppliers/vendors) among BHEL success partners, who contributed towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat were felicitated by the Minister.

Senior officials from MHI, CMD & other Board members of BHEL, Sr. officials from Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Steel, DPIIT, representatives of local vendors, industry associations, academia and research institutes participated in the event.

Important Judgments by Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities to promote accessibility and rights of differently abled individuals

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: The Court of Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities today delivered two landmark judgments that are poised to significantly impact our society and reshape attitudes towards Divyangjan (persons with disabilities) on a large scale.

Case No. 14580/1101/2023: In a pivotal ruling, the Court mandated that any government office in the country, be it at the central, state, or local government level, operating from buildings or premises that are not accessible to Divyangjan, must relocate their services to

the ground floor or another accessible location within the same facility. This decision underscores the commitment to ensuring equitable access to government services for all citizens, including those with disabilities.

Case No. 14061/1141/2023: In response to a complaint by Ms. Smrithy Rajesh regarding the ill-treatment of her son, who has Autism, at Bangalore Airport by Sri Lankan Airlines, the Court took Suo moto cognizance. The Court's findings revealed a lack of awareness and sensitivity towards the needs of individuals with disabilities on the

part of airline employees and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Furthermore, the Court highlighted that Sri Lankan Airlines' policy, if it necessitates medical clearance for select categories of persons with disabilities before boarding a flight, is inconsistent with global Civil Aviation Requirements.

Additionally, the Court emphasized that all airlines, whether Indian or foreign, operating in the country are responsible for implementing the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, specifically outlined in

sections 40 and 41, along with relevant rules and instructions. This underscores the importance of adhering to both the letter and spirit of the law to ensure the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities are protected.

These two judgments mark a significant step towards promoting inclusivity and safeguarding the rights of Divyangjan in India. The decisions reflect the commitment of the Chief Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities to create a more accessible and equitable society for all.

G20 Thematic Workshop on Nari Shakti: Towards Women-Led Development organised by NITI Aayog

Chennai, Nov 10 2023: A workshop on the theme of Nari Shakti: Towards Women-led Development, emanating from the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration 2023 (NDLD 2023), was held on 8 November 2023 at New Delhi. The workshop was organized by NITI Aayog in collaboration with Institute of What Works to Advance Gender Equality (IWWAGE). This workshop was part of the series of thematic workshops steered and anchored by the NITI Aayog towards action items in the NDLD 2023.

The workshop focused on specific themes for enhancing the role of women in economy through economic and social empowerment. Discussions were held of topics of strengthening women's collectives like Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs); bridging gender skills gap and promoting women entrepreneurs; and strengthening legal safeguards for women's empowerment.

The Workshop commenced with inaugural remarks by Dr. V.K Paul, Member NITI Aayog, where he highlighted that

women-led development has been emphasized by our Hon'ble Prime Minister through various initiatives and programmes over the last few years. However, he underscored the challenge of low female labour force participation and stressed upon leveraging their social capital by providing them an enabling ecosystem. He called to synergize pathways of G20 priorities and national agendas, and create actionable strategies to achieve the same.

Dr. Preetam B Yashvant, Joint

Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, emphasized of the paradigm shift where women are no longer recipients but active participants in the development discourse. He further highlighted that G20 was truly a Peoples' Presidency where women-led development was showcased through 'Jan Bhagdari' activities.

Dr Sandhya Purecha, Chair W20 India, highlighted that Nari Shakti encapsulates the strength that women embody and women-led development is a moral obligation necessary for equitable society.