

All party meet ahead of Parliament's Winter session begins

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: Leaders of political parties in Parliament are meeting in Delhi on December 2 to discuss the agenda of the Winter session of Parliament beginning Monday.



Jairam Ramesh, Trinamool leader Sudip and RSP leader N. K. Gaurav Gogoi, and Bandyopadhyay, NCP Premachandran among others. The Winter session of Parliament begins on

December 4 and will have 15 sittings till December 22, during which it is expected to consider key draft legislations, including three bills to replace the colonial era criminal laws.

Lok Sabha panel recommending the expulsion of Trinamool leader Mahua Moitra from the lower house over a "cash-for-query" complaint is also listed for tabling in the House on Monday, the first day of the session.

CM greets Vaishali on becoming Grand Master

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: Indian chess player Vaishali Rameshbabu earned her grandmaster title by crossing 2,500 International Chess Federation (FIDE) ranking points at the IV El Llobregat Open in

Spain on Friday, becoming only third Indian female player to do so. Chief Minister Stalin congratulated Vaishali for becoming the third female Grandmaster from India and the first from Tamil Nadu



Stalin said, 'Huge congrats, Vaishali, on becoming the third female Grandmaster from India and the first from Tamil Nadu! 2023 has been splendid for you. Alongside your brother Pragnanandhaa, you

have made history as the first sister-brother duo to qualify for the Candidates tournament. Adding to the glory, you are now the first-ever Grandmaster siblings. We are immensely proud of your achievements, and your remarkable journey is an inspiration to aspiring chess enthusiasts and a testament to women's empowerment in our state.'

PM proposes to host COP33 in 2028 Modi announces Green Credit Initiative at COP28

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: Asserting that the world does not have much time to correct the mistakes of the last century, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday announced a 'Green Credit Initiative' focussed on creating carbon sinks through people's participation and also proposed to host the UN climate conference in 2028, or COP33, in India.

of state and governments during the UN climate conference (COP28) here, Modi called for a pro-planet proactive and positive initiative and said the Green Credits Initiative goes beyond the commercial mindset associated with carbon credits. "It focuses on creating carbon sinks through people's participation and I invite all of you to join this initiative," he said, stressing that the world does not have much time to correct the mistakes of the last century. This initiative is similar to the Green Credit Programme, notified domestically in October. It is an innovative market-based mechanism designed to reward voluntary environmental actions in different sectors by individuals, communities and the private sector.

Asserting that India has presented a great example to the world of striking balance between development and environment conservation, the Prime Minister said, India is among the only few countries in the world on track to achieve its Nationally Determined Contributions or the national action plans to restrict global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, the guardrail to avoid worsening of the impact of the changing climate.



Modi was the only leader to join COP28 President Sultan Al Jaber on the stage along with the UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Steill at the opening plenary. "Over the past century, a small section of humanity has indiscriminately exploited nature. However, the entire humanity is paying the price for this, especially people living in the Global South," he said.

called for maintaining a balance between mitigation and adaptation and said that energy transition across the world must be "just and inclusive." He also called rich countries to transfer technologies to help developing nations combat climate change.

"This approach (LiFE) can reduce carbon emissions by 2 billion tonnes." He called on the countries to work together and be decisive against the climate crisis. "We shall cooperate with each other and shall support each other. We need to give all developing countries our fair share in the global carbon budget," Modi said.

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Modi's statement came in the context that the poor and developing nations bear the brunt of extreme climate events such as floods, droughts, heat/cold waves as a result of changing climate due to historic carbon emissions by the richer countries that have led to increased global warming.

Modi has been championing the Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE movement), which he had announced at the Glasgow COP in 2021, urging countries to adopt planet-friendly living practices and move away from deeply consumerist behaviour. Citing a study by the International Energy Agency, Modi said,

where countries adopted the Delhi Ministerial Declaration which called for efforts by developed countries to transfer technology and minimise the impact of climate change on developing countries. "India is one of the very few economies in the world that is on track to achieve its NDC targets," he said. India achieved its emissions intensity-related targets 11 years ahead of the committed time frame and non-fossil fuel targets nine years ahead of schedule. "And India did not just stop there, we remain ambitious," he said.

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IMDb Reveals the Most Popular Indian Movies and Web Series of 2023

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: IMDb (www.imdb.com), the world's most popular and authoritative source for information on movies, TV shows, and celebrities, announced the 10 Indian movies released theatrically, the 10 movies which premiered on streaming services, and the 10 web series that were the most popular with IMDb users worldwide in 2023. IMDb year-end lists are based on the actual page views of the more than 200 million monthly visitors to IMDb worldwide, who rely on IMDb to discover and decide what to watch.

Atlee, director of *Jawan*, the No. 1 ranking theatrical release of 2023, said, "Jawan is a captivating, emotional, action-entertainer that intricately portrays the profound emotional odyssey of a man who is determined to rectify societal injustices. This film holds a significant place in our hearts. Its reception and love from the audience worldwide is overwhelming. Throughout my formative years, my knowledge and appreciation of world cinema has been greatly enriched by IMDb. Being honored by IMDb is truly a dream come true for me. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Shah Rukh Khan sir, Red Chillies Entertainment, my wife, my team, and the esteemed audience for their invaluable contributions in making this achievement possible. My heartfelt appreciation goes out to each and every one of you."

Karan Johar, director



of *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani*, the No. 3 ranking theatrical release of the year, shared, "The team and I are overwhelmed with the love and warmth we have received for *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani*. To be on the top 10 list of IMDb is a massive validation of the film's reception. I am grateful and even more energized as a filmmaker."

"How absolutely thrilling to see both the series we released this year being loved so much," said Farzi and *Guns & Gulaabs* (ranked the No. 1 and No. 2 web series of 2023) directors Raj & DK. "Both are such distinctly different worlds that we created for Prime Video and for Netflix. It's quite something to have a win for both popular streaming services. Thank you, IMDb, for being consistently there for all the film lovers."

IMDb Top 10 Most Popular Indian Movies of 2023 (Theatrical)

1. *Jawan*
2. *Pathaan*
3. *Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani*
4. *Leo*
5. *OMG 2*
6. *Jailer*
7. *Gadar 2*
8. *The Kerala Story*
9. *Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar*
10. *Bholaa*

*Of all the movies first released theatrically in India between January 1 and November 6, 2023, that have an average IMDb user rating of 5 or higher, these 10 titles were consistently the most popular with IMDb users, as determined by the actual page views of the more than 200 million monthly visitors to IMDb worldwide.

IMDb Top 10 Most Popular Indian Movies of 2023 (Streaming)

1. *Lust Stories 2*
2. *Jaane Jaan*
3. *Mission Majnu*

4. *Bawaal*
5. *Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga*
6. *Bloody Daddy*
7. *Sirf Ek Banda Kaafi Hai*
8. *Gaslight*
9. *Kathal: A Jackfruit Mystery*
10. *Mrs Undercover*

*Of all the movies first released direct-to-streaming in India between January 1 and November 6, 2023, that have an average IMDb user rating of 5 or higher, these 10 titles were consistently the most popular with IMDb users, as determined by the actual page views of the more than 200 million monthly visitors to IMDb worldwide.

IMDb Top 10 Most Popular Indian Web Series of 2023

1. *Farzi*
2. *Guns & Gulaabs*
3. *The Night Manager*
4. *Kohrra*
5. *Asur 2*
6. *Rana Naidu*
7. *Dahaad*
8. *Saas, Bahu Aur Flamingo*
9. *Scoop*
10. *Jubilee*

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HARMAN AND FINAU SHARE THE LEAD AT HERO WORLD CHALLENGE, WOODS HOLDS ON DESPITE LATE STRUGGLE

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: The Open champion, Brian Harman, made a strong debut at the Hero World Challenge. First off the blocks he came back with a 5-under 67, which was matched by Tony Finau. The two were co-leaders after the first day.

Playing for the first time in almost eight months since the end of the second round of the Augusta National, Woods admitted to 'soreness' all over after his 3-over 75. For the first 14 holes, he was still in red numbers at 1-under. Then came trouble and he crashed to 3-over. Yet, he seemed to have seen a few things to work on and get better with each step, which at times indicated a limp.

Considering all he has been through, he showed enough to suggest a good meaningful comeback. Jostling for attention with the flashes of class was lot of rust and signs that the mind and the body were not in sync. He seemed to tire and struggle in the closing stages, but still smiled and hugged Justin Thomas at the end of 18 holes in conditions that were not very easy.

Harman may not have found many greens, but he scrambled really well. He said, "Yeah, I think it's a really tough golf course. The wind was blowing. I got out of position a few times, made some really nice up-and-downs. I'm going to go hit a few, see if I can tighten my iron game up a little bit. Puted nicely other than the bogey on the last, pretty good."

On his scrambling, he said, "Last time I played the RSM, my short game wasn't very good, so I worked a little bit on it in the couple weeks. Glad that I chipped a couple close."

Finau made gains on the first and the third holes, but gave one of



them on the tenth. Then in a span of five holes, he picked four birdies to surge to the top.

He said, "That was a nice start. I made some crucial par saves, I would say. I made a lot of six, seven footers whether it was after a chip or a bad first putt. That just kind of kept the momentum throughout the round."

Jordan Spieth rode a roller-coaster with two eagles, six birdies, four bogeys and a double bogey. His final tally of 4-under put him one behind Harman and Finau.

Woods was doing fine, but following up on each of his birdies with an immediate bogey. That happened three times but a fourth birdie on the 14th had him at 1-under for the fourth time. He was never better than 1-under, but still under par after 14. Then a double bogey on the Par-5 15th and two more bogeys on the next two holes. He closed with a birdie try from 25 feet and then tapped for par.

Woods gave away four shots in a span of three holes, starting the 15th. A wayward left tee shot landed under a large clump of bushes. He stabbed at it and moved it only a foot and lost a shot. He even toyed with the idea of a left-handed attempt but then punched it backwards into the fairway.

The third shot, a 3-wood, came short and an average pitch left him a 12-foot bogey putt, which he missed for a double-bogey. From one-under he went to 1-over. On 16 he missed the green in regulation

and missed a 20-footer for par and on the Par-3 17th, he found the green, but was 50-plus feet away for. He went six feet past and missed the comeback putt.

The obvious question was about how he felt after the round? And, where did he feel sore? Woods shot back, "Everywhere".

The persistent question, Where is the most? "My leg, my back, my neck. Just from playing, hitting shots and trying to hold off shots. It's just different at game speed, too."

He said, "I'm sore, there's no doubt about that. We've got some work to do tonight. Tomorrow (we) get back in the gym and activate and get ready for it. Hopefully hit some better shots. And now I know mentally what I need to do better. I think that's something that physically I knew I was going to be OK. Mentally, I was really rusty and made a lot of errors in the mind that normally I don't make."

Overall, summing up, he said, "Yeah, you know, I got off to a decent start. I didn't play the par 5s particularly well all day. I had really a lack of commitment through most of the middle part of my round and finishing. I just didn't quite commit to what I was doing and feeling." Woods' playing partner and friend, Justin Thomas, got a big hug at the end of the round, in which Thomas rallied from 3-over after four to finish 2-under. Spieth describing his round said, "Yeah, it was an electric factory out

there, for sure. Some rusty putting, a couple toe balls and then a lot of really, really good stuff. So all in all I would have probably signed for 4 under when I was warming up today, I just didn't think I'd get there this way." He had just five pars in 18 holes.

Cameron Young, Scottie Scheffler, Collin Morikawa and max Homa brought in 3-under 69 each for tied fourth. Both had eventful rounds. Young had six birdies against one bogey and one double, while Scheffler, trying to better his second place finishes in the last two editions, had six birdies and three bogeys, as did Homa and Morikawa.

Two-time defending champion Viktor Hovland had three birdies in a row from fifth and a fourth one on 14th, but he also gave away three bogeys and a double on Par-3 17th for a 73. It was his first round above 70 in the Hero World Challenge, which he has won in both his previous starts.

ROUND 2 PAIRINGS: From Tee 1:

10:51 am: Wyndham Clark (76) and Will Zalatoris (81)

11:02 am: Rickie Fowler (74) and Tiger Woods (75);

11:13 am: Justin Rose (72) and Viktor Hovland (73);

11:24 am: Sepp Straka (72) and Keegan Bradley (72);

11:35 am: Sam Burns (71) and Jason Day (71);

11:46 am: Justin Thomas (70) and Lucas Glover (71);

11:57 am: Max Homa (69) and Matt Fitzpatrick (70);

12:08 am: Scottie Scheffler (69) and Collin Morikawa (69);

12:19 am: Jordan Spieth (68) and Cameron Young (69);

12:30: Brian Harman (67) and Tony Finau (67).

Life Focus Society organizes grand Christmas event in city



Chennai, Dec 02 2023: Ushering in the festive mood and ambience on the very first day of December for the second consecutive year, the Life Focus Society hosted the Christmas

programme, *Love Came Down*, in the city. Dulcet-toned sopranos Shilvi Sharon and Roshni Sharon and the double quartet Octet Cantabile treated the audience to choice carols and popular

Christmas songs to set the stage for the speaker, Ram Gidoomal, the UK-based entrepreneur and author.

Mr Gidoomal shone the spotlight on the theme for the evening,

Love, and challenged the audience to go out and make a difference. The CEO of Covenant, Mr Joshua Madhan, proposed the vote of thanks to the show anchored by Leeza Harris.

SRM Arts and Science College, organized its Annual Alumni Meet

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: SRM Arts and Science College, Kattankulathur organized its Annual Alumni Meet on 2nd December 2023. Dr. C. Gopinath, Anchor Vijay TV Channel was the Chief Guest of the program. In his special address to the alumni, he advised them to live their lives for



themselves and not expectation. He look forward to anything with happy life by living in

the present. More than three thousand alumni attended the program and shared their old memories. Dr. R. Vasudevaraj, Principal of the College read out the alumni meet report. Dr. S. Ramachandran, Director-Academics, and Vice Principal, Prof. K. Mathiyalagan were also present.

ICICI Bank introduces UPI payments via RuPay Credit Cards

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: ICICI Bank today announced that it has integrated its RuPay Credit Cards with UPI transactions, enhancing the payment convenience for its customers. With this integration, ICICI Bank customers can simply link their RuPay Credit Cards to UPI to carry out Person-to-Merchant (P2M) transactions online—such as shopping, payment of utility bills—and offline—such as payments at a POS (point of sale) machine—in an effortless and secure manner. Further, they can earn reward points on their spends, improving their digital payment experience.

The Bank has collaborated with

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to enable UPI transactions on its RuPay Credit Cards. The customers can link ICICI Bank Coral RuPay Credit Card, ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver RuPay Credit Card and ICICI Bank Rubyx RuPay Credit Card to UPI. They can scan the merchant QR code and make the payment from their RuPay Credit Cards using any UPI payment app including iMobile Pay.

Mr. Bijith Bhaskar, Head – Cards, ICICI Bank said “We are delighted to announce our partnership with NPCI to embed our RuPay Credit Cards with UPI. This partnership is a significant step taken by

the Bank to offer improved convenience to customers on digital payments. The integration of RuPay Credit Cards with UPI provides customers with better financial liquidity by giving them interest-free credit for up to 50 days. We believe this feature will strengthen our commitment to offer simple yet convenient solutions to cater to the evolving needs of our customers.”

Commenting on the partnership, Ms. Praveena Rai, Chief Operating Officer, NPCI said “We are delighted to announce that ICICI Bank RuPay Credit Cards are now live on UPI. RuPay has steadily evolved into a modern, contemporary, and

vibrant brand, known for custom value propositions and cutting-edge technology, ensuring broader acceptance and security. By merging the versatility of UPI with the reliability of RuPay Credit Cards, we are reshaping the landscape of digital payments. With this game-changing integration, users will enjoy even more flexibility and convenience in making digital payments. Through our collaboration with ICICI Bank, our goal is to empower RuPay Credit Card customers with an enhanced digital payment experience and thereby further fuel India's economic growth.”

Milk yields from Compound feed better than Raw Material and Waste feeds

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: Cattle is a source of economic support for many families. Hence, with nutrition being the most crucial aspect of rearing healthy animals, better health of the cattle has an immense potential for better yields.

Unfortunately, in the state of Tamil Nadu which is home to 94.69 Lacs cattle, little attention is paid to cattle health.

With majority of the cattle farmers feeding Raw Material and Waste Feeds from hotels to their cattle, presence of heavy metals, pesticide residues, alkaloids and mycotoxins adversely impact the health of the animal.

Speaking about the importance of animal health in uplifting farming families in the region, Sandeep Singh, CEO – Animal Feed Business, Godrej Agrovet Limited (GAVL) said, “There is a myth that dairy farming is just about milking cows. However, if a farmer looks at it from the lens of cattle health, it will not only ensure better well-being of cattle but also aid farmer get better yields thereby increasing their profitability.”

To address this situation, GAVL continues to drive awareness campaigns and farmer meetings to educate farmers on the importance of cattle health - replacing raw

material and waste feeds with compound feed. Emphasizing the critical role of compound feed in dairy farming, farmers are also being educated on how proper arrangement of drinking water for cattle on the farms is also imperative to enhance the milk yield. The same follows the trend witnessed by company in Tamil Nadu wherein farmers believe that animals consume enough water when they are left to graze.

Addressing another advantage of compound feed over raw material and waste feeds, Singh added, “The success of dairy farmers depends on a variety of factors and reproductive efficiency is the most important one which is

largely dependent on the feed. With 70% of total cost of milk production dependent on feed, high-yielding animals can only reach their genetic extent if they receive sufficient nutrients in their daily ration. Hence our compound feed products Godrej Bypro and Godrej Bypass provide more nutrition for every gram of feed that helps dairy animals achieve their full productivity and improve their reproductive health.”

GAVL firmly believes that by collectively ensuring cattle's well-being, there is a potential to enhance milk yield which directly impacts the quality of life of farmers.

Axis Mutual Fund Launches 'Axis India Manufacturing Fund', Aims to enable investors leverage India's Manufacturing Renaissance

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: In an endeavour to harness the potential of India's growing manufacturing theme, Axis Mutual Fund, one among the fastest growing fund houses in India, has announced the launch of Axis India Manufacturing Fund. The latest offering is an open-ended equity scheme that represents the India manufacturing theme and will be benchmarked against the Nifty India Manufacturing TRI. The NFO, opens on 1st December 2023, and aims to enable investors to leverage the potential of India's manufacturing theme, that is expected to grow in the coming years. The NFO will remain open until 15th December 2023.

“The Axis India

Manufacturing Fund arrives at a critical juncture where India's economy is being fuelled by strategic initiatives like 'Make in India', and a spate of reforms,” explained Mr. B. Gop Kumar, MD & CEO, Axis AMC. “This thematic fund, is designed to capitalize on India's growing momentum, focusing on sectors that stand to redefine India's industrial contours. We invite investors to embrace the future with the Axis India Manufacturing Fund, a fund that's engineered to grow with India's manufacturing ambitions,” added Mr. B. Gopkumar.

Why the ‘Manufacturing’ Theme?

India is pivoting towards an exciting

future, marked by the adoption of new-age technologies and an emphasis on sustainable development. Government initiatives and labour and tax reforms are making India a globally competitive manufacturing hub. Unlike other economies, the Indian economy is heavily dependent on consumption, which makes it less cyclical to global economic vagaries. Some of the key reasons for the accelerating growth have been improving economic sentiment that boosts demand for products, and high-capacity utilization that is enabling economies of scale. Therefore, it represents a three-pronged opportunity as seen below:

Source: Axis MF Research as on 30th Sep 2023

“India is transitioning rapidly, thanks to significant government impetus, favourable policy frameworks, and its improved cost competitiveness to global peers,” observed Mr. Ashish Gupta, Chief Investment Officer, Axis AMC. “With the Axis India Manufacturing Fund, we aim to curate a portfolio that not only reflects the theme's robust growth potential but also actively contributes to our investors' wealth creation opportunities, positioning them to benefit from the companies that are set to be the vanguards of this industrial renaissance.”

TIGER WOODS LEADS THE WORLD'S ELITE AT THE 2023 HERO WORLD CHALLENGE

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: Tiger Woods teed off in his first semi-competitive round at the Pro-Am ahead of the 2023 Hero World Challenge at Albany in the Bahamas. The field of 20 elite stars includes World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler, who wants to end his run of two successive second places behind the Norwegian star, Viktor Hovland, who bids to become the first player to win the Hero World Challenge three times in a row.

Woods returns to action for the first time since he withdrew after the second round of the Masters in Augusta this April.

Playing without a limp, that has often been seen in Woods' walk, the 15-time Major winning legend, played his Pro-Am round with Dr. Pawan Munjal, the Executive Chairman of Hero MotoCorp. It was clearly a moment to cherish as Woods plagued by injuries was teeing off at his own event for the first time since 2019. Woods is a five-time winner of the tournament.

Marking the tenth year of their association with the event, though the edition in 2020 was cancelled due to Covid, Hero MotoCorp have raised the prize pool to \$ 4.5 million from the



erstwhile \$ 3.5. The winner picks a cool \$ 1 million. The purse will swell to \$ 5 million in 2024.

It is one of the most star-studded fields in a non-Majors in the entire year and it included a dozen Major champions, who among them have won 3 Majors, including 15 by Woods, who feels he still has some more Majors in him. He won his 14th Major in 2008 and the 15th in 2019 at the Masters. The same year he added a 82nd PGA Tour title at Zozo Championships in Japan.

The field includes the current World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler and five others who at some stage have held World No.1 ranking. The club includes Woods, who has been World No. 1 for a record 683 weeks and the others are Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Justin Rose and Jason Day.

Hovland is coming off a great year. When he won his second HWC title, he was 10th in the world, now he is No. 4. He had a great Ryder Cup with the winning Europe team and won three times at the Memorial, the BMW and the Tour Championships. He was also the FedEx Cup champion for 2023.

Scottie won the Phoenix Open and the PLAYERS and was in Top-10 no less than 17 times and made cut in each of his 23 starts. His amazing consistency has been his hallmark.

Jordan Spieth recalling his debut at the HWC in 2014 and how well he played that week for 26-under, admitted that it was the “best week of his career”.

He said, “That was fun. I was 21, so I don't think flying across the world and playing a few days later was that big of a deal to be honest. But it was a cool two-week

stretch of Australia and then at the Hero World Challenge at Isleworth,” he recalled.

“That Isleworth week I would put that up there as maybe the best golf I've played in my life. I don't think I've ever played better for four days than I did there. I still think about how it felt swinging the club that week and how the ball was coming off and how easy the game was.”

Justin Thomas and Collin Morikawa, both two-time Major champions have fallen out of Top-10. Thomas is as low as 27th, but is hoping that this week's HWC will show him a better direction for 2024.

There are three debutants, including two major winners. They are the 2023 US Open champion Wyndham Clark and The Open champion, Brian Harman.

Then there is Will Zalatoris, who will also be making his first competitive start, since being forced to pull out 30 minutes before teeing off at Augusta this year.

The 2017 winner Rickie Fowler is another one looking to get set for 2024 after this week, as he resumes his walk to Top-10 in the world.

Jaipur Music Stage 2024's stellar line-up!

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: As Jaipur prepares for the 17th edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival, the Jaipur Music Stage, running concurrently with the 'greatest literary show on Earth,' has unveiled its incredible line-up of performers. JMS will present a diverse array of artists from the Indian subcontinent, offering a rich tapestry of musical genres that reflect a fusion of style, sound, and history.

Acclaimed singer, songwriter, and poet Alif (Mohammad Muneem) will be performing on the first evening. He is the recipient of multiple awards, including the Dada Saheb Phalke Film Festival Award for the single Lalnawat, IRAA Award for the single Like a Sufi, and the IIMA Award for 'Best Folk Song' - Ride Home. Alif recently featured in Coke Studio Bharat's Season 2 where he was the vocal composer for Kya Karie Korimol. The evening will also feature The Tapi Project,

comprising Yogendra Saniyawala (acoustic & bass guitar, lyrics, composition), Swati Minaxi (voice), Gaurav Kapadia (drums) and Biju Nambiar (keyboards, bass and drums). The band experiments with intricate genres like folk, trip-hop, jazz, and ambient textures and uses folk instruments as an essential part of their band.

The second evening of JMS will feature Prabh Deep, a Delhi-based multi-faceted artist, who has evolved into one of the region's brightest visionaries, making his mark as one of the best storytellers in the game today. While 'Class-Sikh' was a deeply autobiographical project, Deep showcased his ability to craft intricate and vivid narratives that spoke to larger audiences in subsequent releases. This can be seen on his 'K I N G' EP and his critically acclaimed 'Tabia.' The second evening will also feature a performance

by The Revisit Project, a group which unravels the complexity and rigour of jazz with a distinctive and characteristic twist. Their music combines a solid groove, old-school funk, and rhythmic jazz while offering pointed observations about life, love, and politics in India. Originating in 2014 as a tribute band, they sought to rediscover some of the lost treasures of Hindi film music, infusing contemporary Funk & Jazz fusion into their renditions.

The final evening will witness an incredible set featuring renowned singer-songwriters Harpreet and Salman Elahi. Harpreet is a versatile artist who sings original musical compositions in Hindi, Punjabi, Bengali, Assamese, Rajasthani and Haryanvi. He is best known for creating musical scores to epic works of humanist poets like Kabir and Bulleh Shah. Mumbai-based musician Salman Elahi's soothing voice has captured the hearts

of over 20 million people worldwide with his popular song Pahadon Mein. Writing and singing primarily in Urdu/Hindi, Elahi believes in using his music to express his thoughts about life and self-discovery. The evening will also showcase India's ever-evolving band When Chai Met Toast (WCMT). The band consists of vocalist Ashwin Gopakumar, guitarist Achyuth Jaigopal, keyboard player Palee Francis and drummer Pai Sailesh. Formed in 2016 with their debut EP 'Joy of Little Things,' the quartet swiftly gained attention for their unique multilingual lyrics, infectious sing-along choruses, and incorporation of acoustic folk instruments.

A night market offering a variety of merchandise, including instruments, music technology, indie label music, and other paraphernalia, will add excitement to the Jaipur Music Stage evenings.

Amazon Research Day 2023: A Stage for Amazon's Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence Brilliance

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: Amazon India today announced its annual Amazon Research Day (ARD), scheduled for December 1, 2023 in Bengaluru. This event serves as an interactive platform for Machine Learning (ML) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) experts from Amazon, industry, and academia to connect, share ideas and best practices, and explore the latest advancements in these fields.

The 7th edition of ARD will feature keynote presentations from prominent technology leaders, along with insightful sessions on Generative AI, Large Language Models, Graph Neural Networks, Robotics, Responsible AI, and more. The conference will also host esteemed speakers from Amazon and across academia, including Rajeev Rastogi, VP of International ML at Amazon; Dan Roth, Distinguished Scientist

at Amazon AWS and the University of Pennsylvania; Sayan Ranu, Professor at IIT-Delhi; Ian Reid, Professor at the University of Adelaide and MBZUAI Abu Dhabi; Julia Hirschberg, Professor at Columbia University; Mitesh Khapra, Professor at IIT-Chennai; Monojit Choudhury, Principal Research Scientist at Microsoft Turing; and Parag Singla, Professor at IIT-Delhi.

Amazon has curated a compelling lineup of talks and sessions covering the latest innovations and research directions in the ML and AI domain. Some of the highlights include:

Graph Machine Learning Research at AWS AI

CV, ML, NLP, and Robotics for Common-sense Robots

Towards Feature-inductive GNNs for Learning on Heterogeneous and Dynamic Feature Sets

Responsible AI in Large Language Models

Forecasting E-commerce Product Trends using Deep Learning

Panel discussion on Generative AI and the future of technology

"At Amazon, we are committed to leveraging the power of machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) to meet the needs of our customers and sellers. The dynamic nature of this field demands continuous learning and exploration of technological advancements, both within Amazon and across the industry. Amazon Research Days (ARD) is an annual event we have been organizing in Bangalore for the past seven years. It serves as a convergence point for the ML and AI communities, bringing together academic and industry experts from

India and around the world. ARD provides a platform for ML and AI researchers and practitioners to engage in a meaningful exchange of ideas and learn about state-of-the-art techniques," said Rajeev Rastogi, Vice President, Machine Learning at Amazon.

Amazon Research Day 2023 promises to be an enriching and stimulating event for anyone interested in the cutting-edge developments in ML and AI. The event is expected to attract participation from nearly 1500 members in-person as well as on their virtual platform. These attendees range from students and academicians to industry leaders in ML, both within and outside Amazon. Don't miss out on this opportunity to engage with leading experts, expand your knowledge, and shape the future of these transformative technologies.

P B Srujana to perform at Sunday Kutcheri in the Nageswara park

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: The December Sunday Kutcheri will have a Carnatic vocal performance by P B Srujana at Nageswara Rao Park on December 3, 2023 from 7 am to 8 am

P B Srujana is in her 10th standard at G K Shetty Vivekanda Vidyalaya Senior Secondary School. Her guru is Ms. Kamala Ramanathan

She will be accompanied by B Kesavan on the violin and by Yashwanth Ravi on the Mirudangam and the performance will be in natural surroundings without any mikes.

She will perform the following songs on Sunday morning.

Songs list



1. Varnam taalam
2. Mahaganapathim-naatai-aadi taalam
3. Unadu naamam - yaman kalyani-tisraeka taalam
4. Mahadeva shiva shambo-revati-aadi
5. Dasaratha rama govinda - shankaraabharanam-aadi taalam
6. Yemanelli-shivaranjani-aadi taalam
7. Gatha mohasankarabharanam

roopaka taalam

8. Karunai deivame - sindhu bhairavi-aadi taalam

9. Shobillu saptha swara- jaganmohini-roopaka taalam

10. Ammaia appanum - raagamaalika-aadi taalam

11. Himagiri thanaye-shudha danyesi-aadi taalam

12. Anuraagamule-saraswathi-roopaka taalam

13. Bhavamulona-shudha dhanyasi-aadi taalam

14. Akhilandeshwari-dvijavanti-aadi taalam

15. Mangalam (nagumomu) - madhyamavati-aadi taalam.

Kotak's Global Service Account a Comprehensive Current Account, Addresses a Range of Banking Needs of the Service Export Sector

Kotak Mahindra Bank ("KMBL"/"Kotak") today announced the launch of 'Global Service Account' (GSA) as a comprehensive current account to meet the unique banking needs of the Service Export Sector. This proposition will enable businesses with international presence, clients and employees, access a wide suite of products and services such as prioritised customer service with a dedicated Relationship Manager, Advisory Services on Forex Markets and Trends, access to Trade Experts and Digital Solutions and Lending solutions for on-time salaries, vendor payments, among

others.

As per India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), a Trust established by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, the Service Export sector contributes to 40% of the total exports in India with a growth rate 26.8% in FY'23 as compared to FY'22, reaching \$323 billion in FY'23. Kotak aims to simplify customer experience by offering key banking products and services for global businesses within one current account, without having to opt for services separately. Global Service Account will cater to global services in sectors such as

Consultancy, Software, BPO, E-commerce, Tour & Travel, Hospitality, and Transport, with increasing international operations.

Rohit Bhasin, President - Retail Liabilities Product and Chief Marketing Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank said, "Our Global Service Account will augment banking and finance related transactions for businesses with their international operations in a comprehensive and seamless manner. In an effort to be customer-centric, we continue to develop solutions that prioritize the needs of our customers, making it

delightful to bank with us."

The 'Global Service Account' offers two Current Account variants: 'Global Service Account Ace' and 'Global Service Account Elite'. Both variants provide exclusive and preferred pricing for Trade and Forex Transactions, granting access to a Business Platinum Debit Card with exclusive VIP airport lounge privileges through Priority Pass. Furthermore, it also offers flexibility in maintaining Average Quarterly Balance (AQB) or quarterly throughput*, ensuring that businesses can tailor the banking experience to their unique needs.

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: In a significant move towards fostering a business-friendly environment and enhancing the ease of doing business, Southern Railway has unveiled a pioneering initiative that simplifies the approval process for Proprietary Article Depot (PAD) products and Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) that are sold at its static stalls across railway stations. PAD products are branded packaged edible products like biscuits, chocolates, cakes, and other such items being sold at the static catering stalls in Railway stations. Only the products approved by Railway administration and that are part of approved lists can be sold in the catering stalls in the Railway stations.

Traditionally, the approval process for manufacturers and franchisees of these products involved Tender/Expression of Interest (EOI) mode and thus limiting opportunities for inclusion and leading

to delay. Now, in a bid to promote a more accessible and dynamic business environment, manufacturers and franchisees wanting to sell their products in Railway catering units can seek approval on a walk-in basis throughout the year.

Key highlights: Year-Round Inclusion Procedure: Unlike the previous system that relied on periodic Tenders/EOIs, Southern Railway is now introducing a year-round inclusion procedure on a walk-in basis. This change ensures that interested parties can apply for inclusion at any time throughout the year.

Application Process: To further enhance accessibility, applications for inclusion in the approved list of items for sale can now be downloaded from Southern Railway website. Interested parties can find the necessary application forms and instructions on the official Southern Railway website at

www.sr.indianrailways.gov.in. Form duly filled up along with the required documents can be submitted in the office of Chief Commercial Manger/Passenger Services & Catering, Southern Railway, Chennai.

The process of submission of application along with the requirement documents and payment of stipulated fees shall also be enabled online shortly.

Benefits for Traders and Businesses: This innovative system for approvals is designed to offer business opportunities for manufacturers, traders and businessmen.

The year-round walk-in inclusion procedure ensures that interested parties can apply at their convenience, eliminating the need to wait for specific tender announcements.

This simplified procedure streamlines the submission of applications for product approval and

thus making it easier and convenient for manufacturers and franchisees.

The new system enhances efficiency and transparency, providing a more unambiguous pathway for businesses to have their products approved for sale at Railway stations under the jurisdiction of Southern Railway

This initiative encourages entrepreneurship by lowering barriers to entry, allowing a more diverse range of businesses to participate in providing services at railway stations.

Southern Railway is committed to fostering an environment that supports businesses, encourages innovation, and contributes to the overall growth of the region. The introduction of this streamlined approval scheme for PAD/PDW products is a testament to the railway's dedication to promoting the "Ease of Doing Business."

SRM Medical College conducts 2days' workshop on Temporal Bone Dissection

Chennai, Dec 02 2023: SRM Medical College Hospital & Research Centre, Kattankulathur (SRM MCH&RC) conducted a two days National workshop STEMCON 2023 "Hands-on Temporal Bone Dissection". This was organised by the Departments of ENT and Anatomy. Inaugurated by Pro-Vice-Chancellor of SRM MCH&RC, Lt Col Dr. A. Ravikumar. The expert faculty was led by chief ENT Surgeon, Padmashri Prof. Dr. Mohan Kameswaran Director, MERF and Prof. Dr. S. Raghunathan, Consultant Otolgologist and



Skull base surgeon, MERF.

The workshop aimed to bridge theory and practice in the field of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, fostering Skill development and knowledge transfer in the

participants. 150 delegates from all over Tamil Nadu and neighbouring states joined the workshop making it a diverse and vibrant platform for professionals and enthusiasts to explore advancements in ENT through an immersive

'hands-on' experience.

The workshop provided a unique opportunity for participants to engage in practical learning, enhancing their understanding of Temporal Bone Anatomy and Surgical techniques through Cadaver dissection.

Also present for the workshop were HOD, Department of ENT, Prof. Dr. Selvarajan, HOD, Department of Anatomy, Prof. Dr. Sundara Pandian and Associate Director (Campus Life Management) Mr. Dharmendranath.