

Prime Minister to inaugurate 6 Vande Bharat Trains & 2 Amrit Bharat Trains and a host of rail projects from Ayodhya tomorrow
Two New Vande Bharat Express services to be introduced in Southern Railway Coimbatore Jn - Bengaluru Cantonment - Coimbatore Jn Vande Bharat & Mangaluru Central - Madgaon - Mangaluru Central Vande Bharat Trains

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister will visit Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh on 30th December, 2023 (tomorrow). Hon'ble Prime Minister will inaugurate the redeveloped Ayodhya Railway Station, flag off two new Amrit Bharat trains and six Vande Bharat trains besides inaugurating a host of rail projects for Uttar Pradesh.

Two new Vande Bharat Trains for SR Of the six Vande Bharat Trains flagged off by Hon'ble Prime Minister tomorrow (30th December 2023), two new Vande Bharat services will be dealt by Southern Railway, namely, Coimbatore Jn - Bengaluru Cantonment - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express and Mangaluru Central - Madgaon - Mangaluru Central Vande Bharat Express services.

Coimbatore Jn - Bengaluru Cantt. - Coimbatore Jn Vande Bharat Express

The state of Tamil Nadu will get its fifth Vande Bharat service with the introduction of Coimbatore - Bengaluru Cantt. - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express.

Connecting the

India' Coimbatore, with the Cosmopolitan city of Bengaluru, this new Vande Bharat Express is the second Vande Bharat connecting the states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, the other one being Chennai - Mysuru Vande Bharat service running successfully since November 2022. The new Vande Bharat train will become the fastest train service in Bengaluru-Coimbatore sector covering the distance of 380 Kms between the cities in 6 hours 20 minutes between Coimbatore-Bengaluru Cantt and in 6 hours 30 minutes in the return direction.

The new Vande Bharat will benefit Students, IT professionals, business class travelers, especially from various textile hubs in and around the cities of Coimbatore, Salem, Erode, Tiruppur, Industrial units in Dharmapuri and Hosur and IT hubs in the city of Bengaluru.

Detailed Timings of Train No. 02642 Coimbatore - Bengaluru Cantt. Inaugural Special Vande Bharat Train

Railway Board has approved the introduction

of Train No.20642 / 20641 Coimbatore Jn - Bengaluru Cantonment - Coimbatore Jn (Except on Thursdays) Vande Bharat Express Trains.

The Inaugural Train will run as a Special Service (Train No. 02642) from Coimbatore Jn around 11.00 hrs of 30th December 2023 (tomorrow).

A grand reception will be arranged for the inaugural special at Tiruppur, Erode, Salem, Dharmapuri Hosur and Bengaluru Cantonment. Public representatives and other dignitaries will grace the event at these stations. Rail users and the general public can visit the nearby convenient stations and participate in the festivities during the arrival of inaugural special service.

Mangaluru Central - Madgaon Vande Bharat Express

The new Vande Bharat service connects Mangaluru, the coastal city of Karnataka, with Madgaon, the commercial capital of Goa. The new Vande Bharat service runs via Karwar, the beautiful port town of Karnataka, Udupi, known for the famed Lord Krishna Temple to reach the



adorable tourist hotspot Madgaon in Goa. As Goa is a popular tourist destination, this new Vande Bharat service will attract more tourists from Karnataka and Kerala to explore Goa's attractions, boosting tourism in the region. The service will also benefit businessmen, students and IT Professionals traveling between the cities.

Detailed Timings of Train No. 02646 Mangaluru Central - Madgaon Inaugural Special Vande Bharat Train

Railway Board has approved the introduction of Train No.20646 / 20645 Mangaluru Central - Madgaon (Except on Thursdays) Vande Bharat Express Trains.

The Inaugural Train

will run as a Special Service (Train No. 02646) from Mangaluru around 11.00 hrs of 30th December 2023 (tomorrow).

A grand reception will be arranged for the inaugural special at Udupi, Karwar, and Madgaon Junction during the inaugural run of Vande Bharat Express. Public representatives and other dignitaries will grace the event at these stations. Rail users and the general public can visit the nearby convenient stations and participate in the festivities during the arrival of the inaugural special service.

Amrit Bharat Trains

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister will flag off two Amrit Bharat Express trains will

be flagged off on 30th December 2023 from Ayodhya. The trains will run between Darbhanga in Bihar and Anand Vihar in Delhi via Ayodhya, Malda Town in West Bengal and Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminus (SMVT) in Bengaluru.

Further, public representatives, rail users, school/college students and general public have been invited to accord a warm reception to the inaugural special new Amrit Bharat trains at all the enroute stations. The inaugural special service between Malda Town - SMVT Bengaluru will be given a warm reception as it arrives at Southern Railway stations of Katpadi (around 15.35 hrs of 1st January 2023) and Jolarpettai (around 17.40 hrs of 1st January 2023).

Features of Amrit Bharat Trains

Amrit Bharat Express trains will serve as superfast express services for intercity travel. The train set is a 'Make in India' innovation of Indian Railways. The following are the noteworthy features of the new Amrit Bharat Trains:

Amrit Bharat trains, equipped with semi-coupler technology, offer a smooth, jerk-free journey while running at a maximum speed of 130 Km.

The innovative push-pull approach will offer a unique blend of speed, efficiency, comfort and affordability to passengers.

Better acceleration and deceleration help save time at bridges, curves and other points where trains have to run with a restricted speed.

The other significant features are horizontal sliding windows, dust-sealed wider gangways, aerosol-based fire suppression system in toilets and electrical cubicles, emergency disaster management light and floor guide fluorescent strips, etc.

The coaches have a sealed gangway to provide safe transition between coaches and to reduce noise and vibrations.

The Amrit Bharat Express trains will have a composition of 22 Non-AC coaches with the configuration 02 Second class luggage Rake (SLRD), 08 General seating coach (GS) and 12 Sleeper class coach (SCN). The trains have been planned to operate as a day-night express service, catering to the demand of travel between Large cities and small towns.

The Push-Pull Locomotives (WAP-5) are being manufactured at Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) Chittaranjan, one of the largest locomotive manufacturing units in India, and the coaches are being produced by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, the World's largest Railway Passenger Rolling Stock manufacturer. The collaborative effort of the Production units of Indian Railways will ensure that both the driving engine and the passenger compartment are crafted with precision and provide efficient service.

A.M. Jain College Hosts Interactive Session with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: A.M. Jain College, a leading institution in Chennai dedicated to academic excellence, proudly hosted an interactive session with students by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance and Corporate

Affairs, Government of India, at Gyan Bhavan today. The event, themed "Transforming India into a New Decade," aims to provide students with insights into the economic and financial roadmap for the nation. Through this

initiative, A.M. Jain College is committed to nurturing a generation of informed and forward-thinking individuals, preparing them for success in an ever-changing global economy. 'Transforming India into a New Decade'

underscores the college's dedication to academic excellence and fostering a community of learners attuned to the dynamics of the evolving economic landscape.

While responding to students' questions, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Government of India, outlined crucial aspects. The minister conveyed insights on diverse topics, including the intricate strategies for economic growth. Emphasis was placed on the significance of defense manufacturing in fortifying national security, aligning with the commitment to a self-reliant India.

Addressing inquiries about MSMEs, the minister underscored their pivotal role as growth engines, fostering innovation, and contributing significantly to employment. Delving into startups, the minister highlighted their transformative



impact, acknowledging their ability to drive innovation and shape the dynamic landscape of India's evolving economy

Dr. M.M. Ramya, Dean, A.M. Jain College, said, "The opportunity to engage in an interaction with Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman is a momentous occasion for A.M. Jain College. We are proud to be part of a conversation that delves into the transformative initiatives that will shape India's future. Such interactions contribute immensely to our academic environment, offering students a unique perspective on the

nation's economic trajectory and inspiring them to be proactive contributors to India's growth story."

This interaction not only serves as a platform for academic enrichment but also plays a pivotal role in enhancing students' awareness of the

political and economic landscape of India. Exposure to such high-profile interactions fosters a holistic understanding of current affairs, equipping students with the knowledge and insights needed to navigate the complexities of the real

world. A.M. Jain College is committed to providing students with opportunities that transcend the traditional boundaries of education, preparing them to be informed and responsible citizens in the ever-evolving global landscape.

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Cambridge University Press & Assessment Successfully Hosts Industry-Academia Connect Conference in Chennai

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Cambridge University Press & Assessment recently concluded its impactful Industry-Academia Connect Conference at Taj Club House, Chennai. The event, themed "Innovate, lead, succeed: Corporate expectations in the new work era," brought together key stakeholders from corporate organizations and higher education institutions to address the challenges faced in recruiting fresh talent during campus placements.

The conference highlighted the prevalent struggles in soft skills, communication, and language proficiency, echoing the need for holistic development. In an effort to bridge the gap between industry expectations and academic preparedness, the event featured five insightful panel discussions and a plenary session,

offering strategies, challenges, and best practices for preparing the workforce for the dynamic job market. There is a growing need for professionals who not only possess academic excellence but also understand and can navigate the intricacies of international practices.

The panel discussions delved into topics such as developing future-ready talent, shaping graduates for the global stage, ensuring that graduates are well-equipped for the challenges of the future workplace that demands a strategic alignment between academia and industry. Corporates, in their quest for top talent, are not only seeking academic excellence but also placing a significant emphasis on a diverse skill set and the ability to adapt to the rapidly changing work environment. Campus placement emerges as a strategic bridge, aligning academia with

industry needs to ensure graduates possess the requisite skills and knowledge for a seamless transition into the global landscape.

The conference emphasized the importance of fostering strong ties between academia and industry to nurture job-ready graduates with multifaceted skills for professional success. The event witnessed active participation from key senior leaders, including Vice Chancellors, Registrars, Deans, Skill, and Placement Directors from renowned institutions across South India, underscoring the critical role in bridging the gap.

Cambridge University Press & Assessment, India, expressed its commitment to addressing these challenges by fostering collaboration between industries and educational institutions.

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Kotak Mahindra Bank to Appoint C S Rajan, as Part-Time Chairman

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited ('Kotak' or 'the Bank') today announced that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Mr. C S Rajan, Independent Director of the Bank, as the Part-time Chairman, for a period of two years, effective 1st January 2024.

Mr. Rajan's appointment as the next Part-time Chairman of the Bank's Board follows the retirement of the incumbent Part-time Chairman, Mr. Prakash Apte, whose term expires on 31st December 2023.

Mr. C S Rajan is a successful leader with over 40 years of experience across significant government portfolios. He was appointed as an Independent Director on the Board of the Bank, with effect from 22nd October 2022. An IAS officer of 1978 batch, he retired as Chief Secretary of the Government of Rajasthan in the year 2016. He served in leadership roles for 12 years in key Infrastructure sectors such as Energy,



Highways, Water Resources and Industry including SSI/MSME and worked for 14 years in Agriculture and Rural Development. During his 38 years of service in the IAS he has also acquired experience in the fields of Human Resources, Finance and General Administration. He has served on interdisciplinary teams for review of World Bank projects in other States and also as a Consultant to the World Bank in a Study on 'Farmer Participation in Agricultural Research and Extension System'. After his retirement from active service in July 2016, he served as Deputy Chairman in the Chief Ministers' Advisory Council of Rajasthan for a period of two and half years. In October 2018, Mr. Rajan was appointed by the Government of India on the Board of

Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited ("IL & FS") initially as Director, thereafter as Managing Director for a period of three and half years, then as Chairman & Managing Director for a year and, since then, he has been serving as the Non-Executive Chairman of IL & FS.

Mr. Prakash Apte, Non-Executive Independent Part-Time Chairman, Kotak Mahindra Bank said, "We are pleased to announce that RBI has approved the appointment of Mr. C S Rajan as the next Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank. His expertise across sectors vital to India's future, including infrastructure, roads, energy, agriculture & rural development, industry and commerce will bring a fresh perspective to the

deliberations and contribute to the Bank's growth."

Mr. Dipak Gupta, Managing Director & CEO, Kotak Mahindra Bank said, "We thank Mr. Prakash Apte for his contribution to the Bank, first as an Independent Director and subsequently as the Chairman of the Bank's Board. We would like to congratulate Mr. C S Rajan on his appointment as Chairman of the Bank's Board. We are confident that the Bank will benefit immensely from Mr. Rajan's guidance for its next phase of growth."

Mr. C S Rajan, Independent Director and Non-Executive Independent Part-Time Chairman Designate, Kotak Mahindra Bank said, "I am deeply humbled and honoured to accept the appointment as Chairman of the Bank and thank the Board for entrusting me with the responsibility to steer the Bank to new heights and increase stakeholder value. I look forward to working collaboratively with the Board and the entire Team."

A.M. Jain College Hosts Flagging Off of 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' by Minister Anurag Singh Thakur

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: A.M. Jain College, a leading institution in Chennai dedicated to academic excellence, proudly hosted the flagging off of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra scheme at Gyan Bhavan on December 22, 2023, by the Honourable Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Shri. Anurag Singh Thakur. The event was graced by Thiru. M. Annadurai, IIS, Additional Director General Press Information Bureau, and Thiru. K. Kunhammed, State Director, NYKC Tamil Nadu & Puducherry. This momentous occasion, jointly organized with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, marks a significant advancement in promoting awareness and overseeing the execution of crucial central government schemes.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a strategic government initiative, is designed to identify and reach eligible individuals yet to benefit from flagship schemes such



as Ayushman Bharat, Ujjwala Yojana, PM Surksha Bima, PM SVANidhi, and others. The Yatra was launched by the Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 15 from Khunti, Jharkhand to saturate the benefits of central government schemes across the nation.

Addressing the students, Honourable Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Shri. Anurag Singh Thakur, said, "The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra scheme plays a pivotal role in fostering positive change by actively engaging communities across India. Through various programs, it addresses crucial aspects of development, ranging from education and skill enhancement to health and social

welfare. This initiative has been instrumental in empowering citizens, fostering inclusivity, and contributing to the overall progress and well-being of the people of India." Noteworthy, the Minister also alluded to ongoing initiatives dedicated to enhancing sports facilities at AM Jain College.

Dr. M.M. Ramya, Dean, A.M. Jain College, said, "The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, flagged off by Honourable Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Shri. Anurag Singh Thakur, symbolizes a collective dedication to extending the benefits of government schemes to every corner of our nation. A.M. Jain College is privileged to contribute to this initiative, and we

believe that through collaborative efforts, we can bridge gaps, raise awareness, and ensure the comprehensive reach of transformative schemes. This marks the commencement of a journey towards building a more inclusive and empowered Bharat."

This is a nationwide campaign focused on reaching the unreached and ensuring the effective delivery of government schemes to every corner of the country. The Yatra is set to cover all Gram Panchayats, Nagar Panchayats, and Urban Local Bodies. The scheme is structured around four primary objectives: reaching the unreached, disseminating information, engaging with citizens through their experiences, and enrolling potential beneficiaries.

Honourable Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Shri. Anurag Singh Thakur, engaged in an interactive session with students from A.M. Jain College on the topic of 'Mera Yuva Bharath'.

QUAKER WELCOMES KIARA ADVANI AND SIDHARTH MALHOTRA AS BRAND AMBASSADORS

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Quaker, a trusted name and pioneer in the oats segment, proudly announces the addition of celebrity power couple, Kiara Advani and Sidharth Malhotra, as its newest brand ambassadors. This momentous collaboration signifies the fusion of Quaker's 145-year legacy in advocating the 'goodness of oats' worldwide with the contemporary influence and appeal of Kiara and Sidharth.

The brand has been dedicated to delivering their valued promise of bringing oats to more people in more delicious ways and has pioneered innovative ways to uphold this commitment. As a modern nutrition brand offering a diverse range of oats-based options, Quaker continues to redefine how oats are embraced, establishing them not just as a breakfast choice but as versatile ingredients for a variety of tasty and



nutritious meals.

Relaying her excitement, Kiara Advani, commented, "Oats have been a constant part of my diet, a delightful addition that I truly love. They're my morning and evening essential, a wholesome choice with nutritious energy. Partnering with Quaker resonates with my belief in maintaining a balanced lifestyle without compromising on taste. I'm excited to collaborate with Quaker to highlight how oats, with their inherent goodness, effortlessly elevate everyday meals, making conscious eating both convenient and delicious."

"Teaming up with

Quaker feels like the perfect match, as oats have long been my go-to to get an energized start to the day. When it comes to a speedy, wholesome meal, they are my top pick; quick to make and filled with goodness. I look forward to showcasing how these versatile oats seamlessly fit into anyone's schedule, transforming mindful eating into a delightful journey." expressed Sidharth Malhotra.

In her remarks on the announcement of Kiara and Sidharth as brand ambassadors, Sravani Babu, Associate Director and Category Lead - Quaker, PepsiCo India, said, "With Kiara Advani and Sidharth Malhotra joining the

Quaker family, their vibrancy, relatability, and commitment to a balanced lifestyle complement Quaker's ethos perfectly. Kiara's vivacious energy and Sidharth's active lifestyle resonate with today's generation, making them influential advocates for a wholesome way of living. Their shared values align seamlessly with Quaker's mission, enhancing the brand's endeavour to inspire individuals to embrace oats as a delicious and beneficial dietary inclusion. Together, Kiara and Sidharth bring not only star power but also an authentic passion for wellness, making them ideal ambassadors to further champion the 'goodness of oats' message."

The new brand ambassadors will play a pivotal role in forthcoming campaigns and launches, engaging audiences in the oat-alicious journey.

AIR INDIA RECEIVES INDIA'S FIRST AIRBUS A350 AIRCRAFT SPORTING NEW BRAND LIVERY

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Air India, India's leading global airline, today welcomed the first of 20 Airbus A350-900 aircraft, registered VT-JRA, in the airline's bold new livery, marking a turning point in its ongoing transformation story.



The aircraft arrived at New Delhi at 13:46 Hrs (local time) today from the Airbus facility in Toulouse, France. The delivery flight, operated using a special call sign AI350, was welcomed by Air India representatives. Air India's Senior Commander Capt. Monika Batra Vaidya, who is among the first few Indian pilots to be trained on A350, was on board as an observer.

Air India leads the way in catalysing the renaissance of Indian aviation, inducting the first new widebody fleet type in India in more than a decade, and thus, becoming the first Indian airline to fly the A350. Air India was also the first Indian airline to have inducted the Boeing 787 Dreamliner fleet type in 2012.

Campbell Wilson, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Air India, said: "This moment marks a red-letter day for all of us at Air India. The A350 is not just metal and engines; it's the flying embodiment of the relentless efforts of all Air India employees towards our airline's continuing transformation and of our commitment to setting new benchmarks. It is also, in many ways, a declaration of Indian aviation's resurgence on the world stage."

"As a symbol of the new age of flying, the A350 promises a world-class, long-haul travel experience on our non-stop routes, providing an unparalleled level of comfort. Its excellent flight economics and state-of-the-art

technology underscore our dedication to commercially successful operations and to achieving our sustainability goals," Wilson added.

Air India's A350 will enter commercial service in January 2024, initially operating domestically for crew familiarisation, followed by longer-haul flying to destinations across continents. The schedule of commercial operations with the A350 will be announced in the coming weeks.

Air India's A350-900 aircraft come in a three-class cabin configuration with 316 seats designed by Collins Aerospace: 28 private Business Class suites with full-flat beds, 24 Premium Economy seats with extra legroom

and multiple other differentiating features, and 264 spacious Economy Class seats. All seats on the aircraft feature the latest-generation Panasonic eX3 in-flight entertainment system and HD screens to provide superior flying experience.

The aircraft is first of Air India's 20 Airbus A350-900 on order, with five more scheduled for deliveries through March 2024. Air India's firm orders for 250 new aircraft with Airbus include 20 A350-1000.

Earlier this week, the airline started the rollout of its new global brand identity across guest touchpoints, having launched a new consumer-facing website and mobile app. Last week, the airline unveiled its much-anticipated new collection of uniforms for cabin and cockpit crew designed by Indian celebrity couturier, Manish Malhotra. Air India's cabin crew and pilots will be seen in the new uniforms starting with the entry of service of the A350.

Smart India Hackathon 2023 Crowns SNU Chennai Students as Victorious Team Alviate triumphs at Smart India Hackathon 2023, Securing the Prize of 1 Lakh

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: A team of students from Shiv Nadar University Chennai, the third initiative in higher education by the Shiv Nadar Foundation, was crowned as the winners of Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2023, under the problem statement provided by the Ministry of Defence. SIH is a nationwide initiative to provide students with a platform to solve some of the pressing problems faced in our daily lives.

Team Alviate from Shiv Nadar University Chennai, emerged as the victorious force, clinching the top prize and Rs. 1 lakh in the software edition. They made a lasting impression at the Smart India Hackathon 2023.

The Grand Finale



was held at several nodal centers and the team from SNU Chennai had the center at Kolhapur Institute of Technology (KIT) College of Engineering Campus in Kolhapur, Maharashtra. It was a two-day event packed with mentoring sessions and evaluations. Mentored by Dr. Sundharakumar KB, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, the team comprised of talented

students including Team Lead Kavin.T, Harshitha S, Vishwa Kumaresh, J. Karthik Palaniappan, Akshash P, and Vishal Kalathil. The first four editions SIH2017, SIH2018, SIH2019, SIH2020 and SIH2022 proved to be extremely successful in promoting innovative out-of-the-box thinking in young minds, especially engineering students from across India.

From the initial

internal hackathon with 80+ teams from SNU Chennai, only 40 teams were recommended for the subsequent round. Team Alviate's innovative idea on "Al-based alarm generation and payload dropping using drones" helped secure their spot in the Grand Finale for the software edition.

Throughout two rounds of mentoring and three rounds of evaluation, Alviate worked over 30 hours of rigorous coding and hardware implementation. During the final evaluation session, the team presented their comprehensive solution, showcasing its uniqueness and effectiveness in addressing the given problem statement.

WAAREE ENERGIES LIMITED FILES DRHP WITH SEBI

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Waaree Energies Limited, the largest manufacturer of solar PV modules in India with the largest aggregate installed capacity of 12 GW, as of June 30, 2023 has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI").

The Company's initial public offering comprises a fresh issue of Equity Shares aggregating up to ₹30,000 million and an offer for sale of up to 3,200,000 Equity Shares having face value of ₹10 each.

The offer for sale comprises of up to 2,700,000 Equity Shares by Waaree Sustainable Finance Private Limited (formerly known as Mahavir Thermoequip Private Limited) (Promoter Selling Shareholder), up to 450,000 Equity Shares by Chandurkar Investments Private Limited and up to 50,000 Equity Shares by Samir Surendra Shah (Other Selling Shareholders)

The company proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds towards part financing the cost of establishing the 6GW of Ingot Wafer, Solar Cell and Solar PV Module manufacturing facility in Odisha, India as well as for general corporate purposes.

Waaree Energies Limited commenced

operations in 2007 focusing on solar PV module manufacturing, with an aim to provide quality, cost-effective sustainable energy solutions across markets, and aid in reducing carbon footprint paving the way for sustainable energy thereby improving quality of life. Today, the Company is the largest manufacturer of solar PV modules in India with the largest aggregate installed capacity of 12 GW, as of June 30, 2023. For FY23, the company had the second best operating income among all the domestic solar PV module manufacturers in India. The portfolio of solar energy products consists of the following PV modules: multicrystalline modules; monocrystalline modules; TopCon modules, comprising flexible modules which includes bifacial modules (Mono PERC) (framed and unframed), and building integrated photo voltaic (BIPV) modules.

The Company's leadership position enables them to offer competitive pricing for the products, which in turn facilitates access to a large and diversified customer base and revenue generation from customers. In addition to their large utility and enterprise customer base in India, they have successfully developed a large customer base globally and the products are sold globally, including

to customers in the United States, Canada, Italy, Hong Kong, Turkey and Vietnam, with United States being the biggest export market. The Company is one of the largest retail players in India with a pan-India franchisee network focused on the rooftop and MSME business verticals. As of March 31, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and as of June 30, 2023, the retail network consisted of 290, 373, 253 and 284 franchisees across India, respectively. As of June 30, 2023, the Company operates four manufacturing facilities in India spread over an area of 136.30 acres, located at Surat, Tumb, Nandigram and Chikhli in Gujarat, India. The manufacturing processes and stringent quality controls have enabled them to achieve various global accreditations for the solar products across India and globally.

The focus on continuous efficiency improvements, improved productivity and cost rationalization has enabled them to deliver consistent financial performance. The company has a healthy balance sheet, and have been able to maintain a low debt position. The revenue from operations increased at a CAGR of 85.92% from ₹19,530.39 million in FY21 to ₹67,508.73 million in FY23. The total income increased from ₹19,830.09 million for FY21 to ₹29,458.51

million for FY22 which further increased to ₹68,603.64 million for FY23 and was ₹34,149.98 million for the three months ended June 30, 2023.

The Company has a substantial order book of solar PV modules and as of November 30, 2023, the pending order book of solar PV modules was 20.16 GW which included domestic orders, export orders, and franchisee orders and 3.75 GW of orders for the subsidiary, Waaree Solar Americas Inc. located in the United States.

The company's extensive experience in the solar PV module manufacturing business, deep market penetration together with significant and regular capacity expansion of their solar PV module manufacturing as well as backward integration into manufacturing of solar cells, position them well to capture the growing demand for solar energy products domestically and internationally

Axis Capital Limited, IIFL Securities Limited, Jefferies India Private Limited, Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited, SBI Capital Markets Limited, Intensive Fiscal Services Private Limited and ITI Capital Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the issue.

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Former students of SRM Institute of Science and Technology appealed to the current batch of students to channelise their energy towards becoming entrepreneurs, establishing startups, and generating opportunities for others.

Speaking at the Alumni Day, 2023 celebrations held at SRM IST in Kattankulathur, the former students said there were plenty of opportunities for the current students of science, engineering, and technology to give wings to their innovations and establish their own units.

In his address, Dr. P. Sathyanarayanan, Pro-Chancellor (Academics), SRM IST, appealed to alumni to engage more actively and frequently with the institution and their department, especially with the current batch of students. "The current batch of students is very aspirational. Your interaction with them and your help to make them come up in life will be a great service to the institution," Dr. Sathyanarayanan remarked.

Stating that he was elated to be present at the event and in the midst of the alumni who felt that SRM was



part of their lives, Dr. Sathyanarayanan said occasions like Alumni Day celebrations served as a good platform for the former students to get connected with each other, their former faculty, and students from other departments and other batches whom they would not have met during their course of education at the campus.

Dr. Sathyanarayanan, who also handed over awards to distinguished alumni on the occasion, said the SRM family was huge with about 1.7 lakh former and current students since its inception. He wondered if it would be possible to bring all the former and current students to come together. While it was a challenging task, it could happen only with the connection of the alumni. He said the alumni could recall their days as students at SRM where students lived in peace without any barrier or discrimination.

Dr. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, SRM IST, said compared to the intake of a mere 118 students for its first batch of SRM Engineering College, the intake had now increased to 20,000 per year and with 5 campuses four in Tamil Nadu and 1 in Uttar Pradesh. Stating that SRM had gone up in rankings nationally and globally, he said they had to move further in terms of perception, and the alumni, with its strong network all over the world, could contribute immensely. He said that at present, SRM IST's five focus areas are energy, environment, water, healthcare, and disruptive technologies.

In his address, Dr. A. Rathinam, Director of the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, presented a report on the activities of the Directorate, including its outreach and engagement activities, events, conclaves, and many more.

Former students of

different batches and different departments, who had excelled in their respective areas, spoke during the inaugural function and recalled their days as students, apart from assuring that they would continue to work with the institution.

The speakers included Satish Vaidyanathan, Girish Pandian, Sriniramaswamy, Vino Supraja, Rishabh Singh, and in their address, appealed to the students to work towards setting up their industrial or other units in their bid to become self-employed and entrepreneurs. They stressed the need for them to innovate and pursue their chosen path of interest. This, they said, would help the society through the generation of jobs for people and also in the economic growth of Tamil Nadu and India.

Others present on the occasion included Lt. Col (Dr.) A. Ravikumar, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Medical and Health Sciences), Dr. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, Dr. T.V. Gopal, Dean, CET, Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Dean (Medical), Dr. T. Mythili, Additional Registrar and Dr. Vinay Kumar, Pro Vice-Chancellor (S&H, Management and Law).

Muthoot FinCorp raises Rs. 200 crore via private placement of NCDs from State Bank of India

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Muthoot FinCorp Limited ("Company"), the flagship company of 136-year-old Muthoot Pappachan Group (Muthoot Blue) has announced Rs. 200 crore investment by State Bank of India, country's largest bank, in the NCDs under private placement with a face value of Rs. 1 lakh for each NCD.

The maturity/tenure options of this issue is five years with half yearly being the frequency of the interest payment. The secured issued NCDs is rated as AA-/ Stable by CRISIL and listed on the debt market segment of BSE.

"Trust and integrity are core to Muthoot FinCorp. We are happy



that India's largest bank has invested in the NCDs issued and the proceeds of this will be utilised for onward lending, business operations and further expansion and growth plan. We will strive

and continuing to support us throughout these years helping us meet the needs of the common man and enabling financial inclusion.", said Mr. Shaji Varghese, CEO – Muthoot FinCorp Limited.

Muthoot FinCorp with its over 3600 branches across India works towards the goal of financial inclusion of every household in the country. Some of our offerings include – Gold Loans, Vyapar Mitra Business Loans, Two-wheeler loans, Used car loans, Home Loans, Loan Against Property, Domestic & International Money Transfer, Foreign exchange, Insurance products & services, Wealth Management services, and many more.

further to bring in innovative products and services to meet the lifecycle requirements of our customers. Today, I'd like to thank our millions of customers for bestowing their trust

Toyota Safety Education Program and Toyota Hackathon Pave the Way for a Safer Tomorrow through Learning and Innovation, Create 'Road Safety Ambassadors'

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: In line with its commitment to the cause of Road Safety, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the implementation of two impactful road safety programs, namely the Toyota Safety Education Program (TSEP) and the Toyota Hackathon, aimed to educate, create awareness, instil a sense of responsibility, and empower the youths to become advocates for road safety. While TSEP is an interactive program targeting school children from 5th 9th grades, educating them on the importance of road safety through a phase-wise approach, Toyota Hackathon provides a platform for 11th 12th graders to develop effective road safety solutions.



understanding about the road safety, thereby helping in creating 'Road Safety Ambassadors'. The program's unique 'Child to Community' approach aims to influence road safety practices within local communities and become a flagship project striving towards zero fatalities.

Simultaneously, the Toyota Hackathon, initiated in 2018, encourages children to become critical thinkers and solution providers for modern-day road safety challenges, while inspiring the young minds to learn from the innovations and incorporate solutions towards promoting road safety. For the academic year 2023-24, Toyota Hackathon is focusing to cover youths from the existing TSEP implementing schools & pre-university colleges, targeting around 100 institutes, both from Bangalore and nearby districts. The Toyota Hackathon broadly includes online and offline evaluation by conducting tests, screening & shortlisting of teams, building implementable road safety solutions with mentors, also incubation

support for best innovations and participation of school children in 24 hours hackathon.

Some of the major causes of road accidents in India include breakdown & malfunction of poorly maintained older vehicles plying on the roads causing mishaps, inadequate road engineering, lack of understanding and non-following of road safety rules, behavioural issue such as over-speeding, not wearing helmets while riding, not wearing seatbelts while driving and so forth. In a continuing trend, most victims of road accidents are young. Recognizing the need for a comprehensive approach to road safety, TKM is committed to creating awareness among future road users through its uniquely designed road safety initiatives with a focus on not only manufacturing 'Safe Cars' but also ensuring 'People's Safety on Roads'.

Mr. Vikram Gulati, Country Head and Executive Vice President at Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "Through 'Toyota

Safety Education Program" and Toyota Hackathon, we aim to educate the future road users - school children on the importance of road safety and inculcate responsible road behaviour to eliminate road mishaps. Children are the change agents who can bring desirable transformations in the society. We are strong advocates of the fact that safety messages should be seeded in school curriculum which ultimately will serve as an enabler to drive positive behavioural change. In this direction, our road safety efforts involve an integrated approach, harmonizing people, vehicles, and the traffic environment. TKM's dual road safety initiatives are a testament to the company's continued focus to foster a culture of road sense and innovations amongst the youth, thereby contribute to the safety of the future generations."

Being a safety leader, TKM encourages the school children to become the change-makers in the realm of road safety through implementation of TSEP and Toyota Hackathon. Additionally, these road safety initiatives undertaken by the company includes capacity building for teachers and student leaders, improved school visibility, road safety contributions to national and global priorities (UN SDG3), and the development of life skill sets in students.

Coca-Cola extends partnership with the International Cricket Council (ICC) for eight years

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: The International Cricket Council (ICC) and Coca-Cola are thrilled to announce an eight-year global partnership encompassing ICC World events across all three formats, up until the end of 2031.

The official signing ceremony which took place at ICC's Headquarters marked a historic milestone for the partnership and demonstrated Coca-Cola's commitment to sports. This eight-year partnership as a Global Partner of the ICC, confirmed the collaboration as one of the longest-ever associations formed by the ICC with a single brand, spanning a total timeline of 13 years (2019-2031).

The relationship will see The Coca-Cola Company's brands becoming exclusive non-alcoholic beverage partners. The agreement includes all men's and women's events at the pinnacle of the sport including the ICC

Cricket World Cups, ICC T20 World Cups, and ICC Champions Trophies through to the end of 2031. During the course of the partnership, there will be both a major international men's and women's event every year as well as a World Test Championship Final every two years.

ICC Chief Commercial Officer, Anurag Dahiya said: "I am thrilled to welcome back The Coca-Cola Company as an ICC Global Partner as we enter a landmark eight-year partnership, which unites one of the world's leading brands with the second largest sport in the world. This long-term collaboration ushers in a new commercial era, filled with exciting prospects for the sport. With the Men's T20 World Cup in the USA and West Indies, and the Women's edition in Bangladesh just around the corner, we're poised for unprecedented global growth and engagement. This partnership not only

celebrates our sport's expansion but also promises innovative opportunities to enhance our fans' experience worldwide."

Bradford Ross, VP Global Sports and Entertainment Marketing & Partnerships at The Coca-Cola Company, stated, "In alignment with our rich history of global sports partnerships, the collaboration with ICC reinforces our commitment to refreshing sports fans and elevating their entertainment experiences. Sports holds immense power to unite people, and this partnership provides us with a unique opportunity to blend our brand affinity with the fervor for the world's cricketing game. We endeavor to continue to delight consumers with our diverse portfolio and create unique experiences for fans."

During the recent ICC Men's Cricket World Cup India 2023, Thums Up and Limca

Sportz were the exclusive beverage and sports drink partners, activating a host of online and offline fan engagement activations. Additionally, Sprite took center stage with its captivating 'Thand rakh' campaign, aimed at elevating and sustaining the enthusiasm of cricket fans throughout the biggest World Cup ever.

Coca-Cola has been globally committed to supporting local sporting events and organizations around the world. The Coca-Cola Company has an eight-decade-long association with the Olympics. Moreover, for over four decades, it has been associated with the FIFA, T20 World Cup, and using the power of sports to bring people together and transform lives. The recent association of ThumsUp with the Olympics and Paralympics in India is a testimony to the Company's belief in sports and its enduring journey towards making a refreshing difference.

Medtronic launches Symplicity™ blood pressure procedure - a new horizon in managing patients with hypertension in India

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: India Medtronic Private Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Medtronic plc (NYSE:MDT), announced the launch of the Symplicity™ Spyral renal denervation system (RDN) for treating high blood pressure. RDN is a minimally invasive therapy that targets nerves near the kidneys that can become overactive and cause high blood pressure. Medtronic recently announced the US Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval of the system which is a culmination of ten years of clinical research and development, and the system has approval of the Indian regulatory authorities too.

In India, nearly 1 in 4 adults have hypertension. Hypertension is the single largest contributor to cardiovascular death; it dramatically increases risk of heart attack, stroke, heart failure, and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension often goes undiagnosed as it frequently exhibits no symptoms. Raising awareness about hypertension is crucial since it is a detectable,



preventable and treatable condition.

The Symplicity Spyral™ blood pressure procedure has demonstrated clinical efficacy in reducing high blood pressure, which can lower serious health risks. It is a minimally invasive procedure that targets nerves near the kidneys that can become overactive and cause elevated blood pressure. After sedation, the doctor makes a small incision and inserts a very thin tube (catheter) into the artery leading to the kidney. The doctor then uses the catheter to calm the excessive activity of the nerves connected to the kidney. The tube is removed, leaving no implant behind.

Michael Blackwell, Vice President and Managing Director, Medtronic India said, "With the Symplicity blood pressure procedure, we aim to empower healthcare professionals and offer a comprehensive

with comorbidities. It has demonstrated significant and sustained reductions in blood pressure among patients with uncontrolled hypertension. Further, the procedure has been proven to be safe, with very low rates of adverse events.

Know the facts & talk to your doctor

Blood pressure is the force that circulating blood exerts against the walls of the arteries and hypertension is when blood pressure is abnormally high. Hypertension is often called the "silent killer" because most people don't know they have it. Although there may not be any warning signs or symptoms shown, some people report early morning headaches, nosebleeds, irregular heart rhythms and buzzing in the ears. Hypertension can significantly increase the risks of heart, brain, kidney, and other diseases and is a major cause of premature death. If you or someone you know is experiencing high or difficult to control blood pressure, consult with your doctor to learn more about the Symplicity™ procedure.

The Medtronic RDN program is backed by experience in more than 25,000 patients globally. It has also been studied in more than 4,000 patients in the presence and absence of medication, and in patients with high baseline cardiovascular risk, or

VARAM AT MGM HEALTHCARE SAVES BANGLADESHI MOTHER & CHILD FROM 'TRAP'

Twin reversed arterial perfusion (TRAP) sequence managed at 20 weeks

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Varam, the dedicated women's super-specialty center at MGM Healthcare, is pleased to announce the successful treatment of a high-risk pregnant patient from Bangladesh with a very rare Twin Reversed Arterial Perfusion (TRAP) sequence. The Rh Isoimmunized mother delivered a live, healthy baby, overcoming the loss of three previous infants due to this condition.



In September 2023, 25-year-old Mrs. Zeenat (name changed) from Bangladesh sought assistance at Varam, MGM Healthcare, due to multiple complications in her pregnancy. At 20 weeks pregnant with twins, she had a history of recurrent miscarriages and the heartbreaking loss of two infants within one or two days of delivery. In 2016, a miscarriage occurred at 19 weeks; in 2017, a baby with a birth weight of 1.7 kg was delivered at 32 weeks, succumbing to preterm premature rupture of membranes (PPROM). In 2019, another baby, with a birth weight of 2.5 kg, was delivered at 36 weeks and lived for only two days.

Despite her history of losses, Mrs. Zeenat (name changed) conceived identical twins spontaneously this year. Due to her previous losses, she traveled to India for proper guidance and treatment. When she visited MGM Healthcare during her 20th week of pregnancy, Dr. Vanitha Shri R., Senior Consultant, Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Fertility Specialist, at VARAM by MGM Healthcare, observed that one of the fetuses was abnormal during the scan. She confirmed Twin Reversed Arterial Perfusion (TRAP) through a series of tests.

Twin Reversed Arterial Perfusion (TRAP)

Twin Reversed Arterial Perfusion (TRAP) Sequence, or Acardiac twinning, is a very rare problem, occurring in approximately 1 in 35,000 pregnancies where one of the fetuses is anatomically normal and the other is an abnormal mass of tissue, consisting usually of legs and a lower body but no upper body, head, or heart.

Because of the absent heart, the term 'Acardiac twin' has been used to describe this state. The normal foetus is referred to as the 'pump twin' because its heart is used to pump blood to the abnormal mass. The 'Acardiac twin' has no chance of survival.

Arteries usually carry blood away from the foetus and toward the placenta to receive oxygen from the mother's circulation in normal pregnancies. Due to the absence of a beating heart, the acardiac foetus does not send blood to any portion of the placenta, and all of its blood supply comes from and goes back to the circulation of the pump twin (Normal foetus) through some unique vascular connections on the surface of the shared or placenta. When there is an "Acardiac twin foetus", the unique vascular connections allow blood in the artery to flow in the reverse direction (toward the Acardiac foetus rather than away from it). Thus, the phrase "twin reversed arterial perfusion" (TRAP) sequence has been used to describe this condition.

The normal 'pump twin' faces the excess burden of having to send and receive blood to the Acardiac foetus as well as to its own growing tissues. As such, the normal twin's heart has to work extra hard and is under a lot of stress. This can result in heart failure for the normal twin. When left untreated, up to 50% of these otherwise normal twins may die in utero (stillbirth) or die shortly after birth.

Treatment at VARAM by MGM Healthcare

Dr. Vanitha Shri R, devised a treatment plan that saved the normal twin. A Radio-Frequency Ablation (RFA) was performed at Mediscan along with Dr. S. Sudarshan, Fetal Medicine Specialist, Mediscan Systems Private Limited to stop the blood flow into the

Acardiac twin. The RFA device was placed into the Acardiac's abdomen through the maternal abdomen and uterus, and energy was deployed through the tip of the device, which cuts the vessels supplying blood to the Acardiac twin.

Explaining the procedure in details Dr. S. Sudarshan, Fetal Medicine Specialist, Mediscan Systems Private Limited, said, "In a Radio-Frequency Ablation (RFA) technique, we use a small 14 G needle and using ultrasound guidance introduce the needle into the acardiac mass. Through this method, the blood flow to the Acardiac mass was stopped, so that the normal pump twin is protected and is at a significantly lesser risk of heart failure or death. In addition, the pregnancy was complicated by severe anaemia in the normal twin due to Rhesus isoimmunisation which required three intrauterine blood transfusions to the baby after the radio frequency ablation procedure. This was unique due to the fact that, two major, diverse complications have been handled in a single pregnancy at the same time."

Explaining further, Dr. Vanitha Shri R, Senior Consultant, Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Fertility Specialist at VARAM by MGM Healthcare, she added, "The patient had several other complications, including auto-immune haemolytic anemia, anti-phospholipid and antibody positive, and was also Rh-negative. Anti-phospholipid and antibody positive syndrome causes clots in arteries and veins which might leads blockage of blood supply to the baby, hence the patient was on blood thinners till the delivery. All these complications added to our challenge; hence, the baby was monitored week-on-week through an MCA Doppler scan. Since the baby had a decrease in foetal hemoglobin, we performed three rounds

of intrauterine blood transfusions on the child in the womb itself at Mediscans."

The mother also developed a huge abscess in her lower abdomen which ended in sepsis which altered her liver functions, she was treated for the same. Considering all these complications, the baby was delivered in 32 weeks through a cesarean. Post-birth, the baby was under continuous observation and was also treated for jaundice by exchange transfusion (in which the blood from the baby was transfused totally) by Prof. Dr. Binu Ninan, Senior Consultant, Paediatrics & Neonatology, MGM Healthcare, and his team. They were key in performing the exchange transfusion and stabilizing the baby post-delivery for more than two weeks. Both the mother and the girl child have been stabilized and discharged.

Dr. Urjitha Rajagopalan, Director, MGM Healthcare, said, "Mrs. Zeenat's (name changed) inspiring journey, guided by the dedicated hands of Dr. Vanitha Shri R showcases the remarkable resilience and innovation of our medical team. Overcoming the challenges of a rare Twin Reversed Arterial Perfusion (TRAP) Sequence, our team, through compassionate care and cutting-edge technologies, ensured the safe delivery of a healthy baby. This achievement is a testament to the unwavering commitment of VARAM in delivering excellence in women's healthcare, marking a moment of hope and triumph for both the patient and our dedicated medical professionals. I extend my sincere appreciation to Dr. Vanitha Shri R. and the entire medical team, including Prof. Dr. Binu Ninan and his team in Paediatrics & Neonatology, for their tireless efforts in making this success possible. This heartening outcome underscores our commitment to advancing healthcare with compassion and innovation, reaffirming MGM Healthcare as a beacon of excellence in women's health."

IIC Lakshya Announces Admissions for April 2024 Batches

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: The Indian Institute of Commerce Lakshya has announced admissions for the batch commencing on April 2024. Students who are currently in grade 12 are eligible to apply to this pre-result batch for CA and ACCA courses at IIC Lakshya. The courses have a duration spanning from two to four years. Students can also apply for the CMA-India, CMA-US, and CS batches starting in June 2024.

The coaching at IIC Lakshya is designed to provide the students a thorough strategy to help them prepare for the impending ACCA, CA, CMA, and CS exams. Intensive



training and individual mentorship are given to the students with an updated syllabus, under the guidance of industry experts. With over 14 years of experience, IIC Lakshya has 600+ expert team members, who dedicatedly provide their unwavering support and guidance to the students. Continuous mock examinations along with exam-oriented practices are

also offered. A personalized and disciplined curriculum, which is unique to IIC Lakshya, helps meet each student's distinctive learning needs. Frequent academic reviews and individual performance analyses evaluate the student's development. The tailored coaching at Lakshya ensures that the students are equipped for success in their ACCA, CA, CMA, and CS

examinations.

The students at IIC Lakshya get to study ACCA, CA, CMA-India, CMA-USA, and CS courses along with B. Com, and hence, will be awarded a degree from a UGC-affiliated University. Upon completing these courses, individuals can attain certification as a global finance and commerce professional, allowing them to pursue opportunities in various financial domains across the world. Indian Institute of Commerce Lakshya has produced over 50 International ranks and 600 plus national ranks with over 75000 successful alumni.

Sterlite Copper Extends Support to Flood Victims in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: In response to the recent catastrophic floods wreaking havoc in parts of Tamil Nadu, Sterlite Copper, a leading sustainable copper producer, has once again demonstrated its commitment to community welfare by initiating vital relief efforts to support the affected communities in Tuticorin.

The unprecedented floods, causing widespread destruction and displacement, prompted Sterlite Copper to swiftly mobilize its resources. The company's philanthropic arm is actively engaged in providing immediate aid and assistance to alleviate the hardships faced by those affected and contribute to the rebuilding of the communities.

As a part of its comprehensive relief efforts, Sterlite Copper has deployed boats to rescue individuals



stranded in areas inundated by floodwater. Upholding the company's commitment to community welfare, these rescue operations, executed with the help of trained experts, prioritize the safety and well-being of the local population.

Recognizing the urgent need for sustenance during this challenging time, Sterlite Copper is distributing 25,000 meals per day through a live kitchen, with plans to provide up to 1,00,000 meals. Additionally, Sterlite Copper has meticulously assembled first-stage relief kits, distributing them to 10,000 individuals. These kits include essential items such as

bread, milk powder, biscuits, water, candles and medical kit ensuring both nutrition, comfort and medical care during these challenging times.

Sumathi A, Chief Operating Officer of Sterlite Copper - Tuticorin, emphasized the company's commitment to supporting the affected communities, stating, "We extend our deepest sympathies to all those affected by the floods and reaffirm our commitment to being a responsible corporate citizen in times of crisis. Right on the day after the flood - Monday, Sterlite Copper was among the first to step into action. In the face of this natural disaster, our immediate focus is on providing critical assistance to

those in need. Sterlite Copper is committed to supporting the affected population and contributing to the restoration of normalcy in Tuticorin. We have encouraged our employees and families to join hands in extending assistance to the flood-affected regions, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in rebuilding the lives of those affected by this disaster. Our ongoing efforts reflect our unwavering commitment and solidarity with the Tuticorin public we serve."

The company remains vigilant, actively engaging in relief operations as needed, collaborating with local authorities. Sterlite Copper will continue to assess and address the evolving needs of the affected communities throughout the recovery process.

Azad Engineering shares settle with over 29 pc premium in debut trade

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Shares of Azad Engineering Ltd ended with a premium of over 29 per cent against the issue price of Rs 524 on the first day of trade on Thursday.

The stock made its debut at Rs 710, reflecting a jump of 35.49 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. During the day, it zoomed 38.83 per cent to Rs 727.50. Shares of the company ended at Rs 677.10 apiece, rallying 29.21 per cent.

On the NSE, the stock listed at Rs 720, up

37.40 per cent. Shares of the company ended at Rs 673.25 per piece, a jump of 28.48 per cent.

The company's market valuation stood at Rs 4,002.54 crore.

In volume terms, 7.80 lakh shares of the company were traded on the BSE and over 1.51 crore shares on the NSE during the day.

In the equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 371.95 points or 0.52 per cent to settle at an all-time closing high of 72,410.38. The Nifty climbed 123.95 points or

0.57 per cent to settle at a fresh record of 21,778.70.

The initial share sale of Azad Engineering received 80.60 times subscription on the last day of offer on Friday.

The Initial Public Offering (IPO) had a fresh issue of up to Rs 240 crore and an offer for sale of Rs 500 crore.

The IPO had a price range of Rs 499-524 a share.

Proceeds from the fresh issue will be used for funding capital expenditure of the

company, payment of debt, and general corporate purposes.

Azad Engineering supplies products to global Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) in the aerospace and defence, energy, and oil and gas industries.

The company's customers include General Electric, Honeywell International Inc, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Siemens Energy, Eaton Aerospace, and MAN Energy Solutions SE.

Nirmala Sitharaman, Rajinikanth, Kamal pay homage to Vijaykanth Thousands of people, fans, celebrities and politicians throng Island Grounds



Chennai, Dec 29 2023: Thousands of people, fans, celebrities and politicians thronged the Island Grounds near the Marina beach here on Friday to pay homage to actor-turned politician Vijaykanth.

Rajinikanth said that though crores of men and women live and die in this world, it is only a few like Vijaykanth and people of his ilk live forever in the hearts of people.

Expressing anguish, he said though Vijaykanth used to get angry, but selfishness had never been the reason behind it. 'The monicker captain is very appropriate for Vijaykanth,' he told reporters, praising the departed actor.

Starting from December 28 morning, thousands of people visited Vijaykanth's residence and later the Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK) headquarters at Koyambedu here and paid their homage.

Crowds spilled on to the nearby flyover and even at midnight there were still thousands waiting to bid adieu to Vijaykanth.

Wading through grieving hundreds and thousands of his fans, party cadres, the body of actor-politician and DMDK Founder Vijaykanth, who passed away on Thursday, was shifted to the sprawling Island grounds in the city to enable the public to pay their homage, on Friday morning.

After lakhs of people paid their last respects at the DMDK office, his body was shifted to the Island Grounds in view of the surging crowd that poured all through the day yesterday to pay their respects.

At Island grounds, Union finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and other film celebrities including Rajinikanth are expected to pay their last respects today noon.

From Island grounds, it will be taken to the party office for last rites, which will be performed later this evening with full state honours.



Earlier, an unending steady stream of mourners filed past his body, which was brought from his residence to the DMDK party office at Koyambedu, before being shifted to the Island grounds today morning.

It was earlier scheduled to shift the body at 0400 hrs today, but was delayed by nearly an hour due to milling crowds as police found it difficult to control them.

Even as the ambulance carrying his body left for Island grounds, the vehicle waded through a sea of humanity who had thronged on both sides of the roads to pay their tributes and showered petals on the vehicle.

It may be recalled that following a request from his wife and DMDK General Secretary Premalatha to keep the body at the Rajaji Hall, where the mortal remains of the leading lights of Tamil Nadu, including Annadurai, MGR, J.Jayalalitha, were kept for public to pay homage, the Tamil Nadu government, taking into account the massive crowd that poured in from across the State, has decided to shift it to the Island grounds.

The body will be kept

at Island grounds from 0600 hrs today morning to 1300 hrs after which his final journey will begin and taken to the DMDK office where it will be laid to rest with full state honours as announced by Chief Minister M.K.Stalin after paying tributes at his residence.

Following the government's decision, Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner J.Radhakrishnan inspected the arrangements at the Island grounds, from where his final journey will commence at 1300 hrs and culminate at DMDK office where the last rites will be performed at 1645 hrs, a DMDK statement said.

As hundreds and thousands of people, including top political leaders, cutting across party lines, film actors, actresses and wailing DMDK cadres, including wailing women by beating their chests, and public thronged the party office in massive numbers to pay their last respects and have a last glimpse of Captain, as he was affectionately called, police had a difficult time in controlling the surging crowd, that kept increasing with every passing second

yesterday.

Several areas in the city witnessed traffic snarls and taking these into consideration it has been decided to shift his body to the Island grounds, official said.

Earlier, from the MIOT hospital where he breathed his last, his body was taken to his Saligramam residence and then shifted to the DMDK office opposite to the Koyambedu Mofussil Bus terminus.

Apart from top political leaders in the country, condolences also poured in from across the globe.

Meanwhile, the Tamil film industry announced that all the shooting events will be cancelled for the day as a mark of respect to the departed leader, who had brought back the loss-making South Indian Film Artistes Association, back to profitability during its tenure as its President.

As mourning DMDK cadres took out silent processions and organised candle light vigils, shops and commercial establishments also remained closed today in as a mark of respect to Mr Vijaykanth, reports received here said.

A.M. Jain College Hosts Flagging Off of 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra' by Minister Anurag Singh Thakur

Chennai, Dec 29 2023: A.M. Jain College, a leading institution in Chennai dedicated to academic excellence, proudly hosted the flagging off of the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra scheme at Gyan Bhavan on December 22, 2023, by the Honourable Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Shri. Anurag Singh Thakur. The event was graced by Thiru. M. Annadurai, IIS, Additional Director General Press Information Bureau, and Thiru. K. Kunhammed, State Director, NYKC Tamil Nadu & Puducherry. This momentous occasion, jointly organized with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, marks a significant advancement in promoting awareness and overseeing the execution of crucial central government schemes.

The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, a strategic government initiative, is designed to identify and reach eligible individuals yet to benefit from flagship schemes such as



Ayushman Bharat, Ujjwala Yojana, PM Surksha Bima, PM SVANidhi, and others. The Yatra was launched by the Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 15 from Khunti, Jharkhand to saturate the benefits of central government schemes across the nation.

Addressing the students, Honourable Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Shri. Anurag Singh Thakur, said, "The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra scheme plays a pivotal role in fostering positive change by actively engaging communities across India. Through various programs, it addresses crucial aspects of development, ranging from education and skill enhancement to health and social

welfare. This initiative has been instrumental in empowering citizens, fostering inclusivity, and contributing to the overall progress and well-being of the people of India." Noteworthy, the Minister also alluded to ongoing initiatives dedicated to enhancing sports facilities at AM Jain College.

Dr. M.M. Ramya, Dean, A.M. Jain College, said, "The Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, flagged off by Honourable Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Shri. Anurag Singh Thakur, symbolizes a collective dedication to extending the benefits of government schemes to every corner of our nation. A.M. Jain College is privileged to contribute to this initiative, and we believe that through

collaborative efforts, we can bridge gaps, raise awareness, and ensure the comprehensive reach of transformative schemes. This marks the commencement of a journey towards building a more inclusive and empowered Bharat."

This is a nationwide campaign focused on reaching the unreached and ensuring the effective delivery of government schemes to every corner of the country. The Yatra is set to cover all Gram Panchayats, Nagar Panchayats, and Urban Local Bodies. The scheme is structured around four primary objectives: reaching the unreached, disseminating information, engaging with citizens through their experiences, and enrolling potential beneficiaries.

Honourable Minister of Information & Broadcasting and Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, Shri. Anurag Singh Thakur, engaged in an interactive session with students from A.M. Jain College on the topic of 'Mera Yuva Bharath'.

Relief materials dispatched to flood-affected residents in Southern Districts



Chennai, Dec 29 2023: In a collaborative effort, the National Chettiyars' Association and the Chettiyars Chamber of Commerce joined forces under the leadership of Mr. PLA Jeganathmisra, the Founder-President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. G. Ganesan, the State Secretary for the Theni District R. Sundaravadivel, the District Chief of Theni, handed over various reliefs worth Rs.25 lakhs for the cyclone-affected.

The relief include rice, pulses, and medical supplies, were distributed to residents affected by flooding in

the districts of Thenkasi, Tirunelveli, and Tuticorin. Recognizing the urgent need in heavily impacted areas, the officials emphasized the importance of swift action in providing relief to the affected population.

State governments are urged to expedite the distribution of aid to flood victims and allocate funds to support businesses severely affected by the floods. This initiative marks a significant step as Tamil Nadu has not witnessed such extensive relief efforts for flood victims in the past 100 years. The leaders also called upon the Tamil Nadu

government to swiftly provide comprehensive relief for the affected residents and ensure immediate financial assistance for rehabilitation.

They stressed the necessity of immediate financial aid to families who have suffered substantial losses, aiming to restore hope and livelihoods.

Furthermore, the leaders insisted that all political parties, community organizations, charitable foundations, and global entities should come together to support those in need and contribute to the overall well-being of the affected populace.

In response to the

relief efforts, the National Advocates Association affirmed its commitment to providing continuous support until residents fully recover from the aftermath of the floods. They also called for solidarity from the public, encouraging everyone to contribute to the relief initiatives in any possible way.

As the affected regions work towards recovery, there is a shared hope that the relief measures and assistance provided by various organizations will contribute significantly to the rebuilding and restoration of normalcy in the lives of those affected by the recent floods.