

PAN IIM Conference Begins with Inauguration of 'Rangavati Centre of Excellence' at IIM Sambalpur by Union Education Minister

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: The 9th PAN IIM World Management Conference (WMC) at IIM Sambalpur observed an important initiation where the Union Minister for Education, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the 'Rangavati Centre of Excellence in Cultural and Sustainable Management.' While inaugurating the Rangavati Centre of Excellence in Cultural and Sustainable Management, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan said, "The centre will prove to be a hub for preserving the cultural heritage of Odisha, including dances, soulful songs, nature worship, and the rich food culture. The primary focus of the centre will be research on the art, literature, culture, and history of western Odisha, with a special emphasis on textiles."

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Mr Ratnesh Jha,

Executive Director, UN Global Compact; Mr S N Tripathi, DG, IIPA, New Delhi, and Mr Romal Shetty, CEO, Deloitte. On the occasion, Prof. BS Sahay, Director, IIM Jammu; Prof. Kulbhushan Balooni, Director, IIM Kashipur; Prof. Bhimaraya Metri, Director, IIM Nagpur and Prof. Pawan Kumar Singh, Director, IIM Trichy were also present at the inauguration ceremony.

Professor Mahadeo Jaiswal, Director, IIM Sambalpur highlighted the 3Ds disruptions - Digitalization, Decarbonization, and Democratization of business. He said, "The world is changing and the world is disrupting through three Ds. Disruption due to digitalization, disruption due to decarbonization, and disruption due to democratization of business." He also emphasized India's potential to lead the world in digital disruptions, citing initiatives such as UIDAI and UPI. He further said, "Before the



colonization, India had 32% of the GDP of the world. Through innovation, sustainability and 3Ds, we can achieve it back." He added, "The Rangavati Centre at IIM Sambalpur, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, will have an open theatre to showcase the vibrant art and culture of the region. This endeavour underscores our commitment to forging a significant bond with the local community, highlighting the significance of embracing and commemorating regional development and diversity."

Through the PowerPoint presentation, Mr Shetty emphasized the need for a holistic approach to innovation, highlighting examples such as Chandrayaan, Malcolm McLean's containerization, and Indian companies like Ceat revolutionizing the logistics industry. He said, "Innovation is a fairly large topic, including growth, governance and sustainability." Shetty underscored the Apple

highlighting the abundant opportunities in the country." Sudhendar H. Rao, Conference Chair, IIM Sambalpur.

The Guest of Honor, Mr S N Tripathi, DG, IIPA, New Delhi, highlighted scope of IIMs role in the country and the imperative need for a mindset shift in the numerous departments and organizations within Indian ministries and the basic structure of the Government. He cited an example - "Thirty million people are governing this country and there are three crore bureaucrats right from linemen to chairman, who are part of the government and changing their mindset with 21 IIMs is not an easy task." He further said, "To develop the people of India, we need more insights than just data."

Earlier during the day, a Doctoral Consortium was also organised which proved as an invaluable platform for emerging scholars and doctoral candidates. The inaugural ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof.

It is to be recalled that the 4-Day 9th PAN IIM World Management Conference (WMC) is being organised at IIM Sambalpur from Monday, January 22, 2024 to Wednesday, January 24, 2024 with the theme "Entrepreneurial Innovation and Digital Governance for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth." The hybrid conference will witness the IIM Director Panel, CEO Panel, CHRO Panel, Startup Round Table Discussion, Accreditation Panel, Interaction with Editors and Research Paper presentations. The Conference will convene directors from 21 IIMs. The event is expected to draw participants from various IIMs, IITs, NITs, and other esteemed management institutes across India and globally. Around 1000 research papers will be presented during the Conference.

Prime Minister Modi Announces Two Landmark Boeing Initiatives to Advance the Future of Aviation in India

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, today dedicated two landmark Boeing initiatives that promise to significantly advance India's aerospace and defence industry.

Prime Minister Modi launched the Boeing Sukanya Program that aims to support the entry of more girl children from across India into the country's growing aviation sector. The program will provide opportunities for girls and women from across India to learn critical skills in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields and train for jobs in the aviation sector. For young girls, the program will create STEM Labs at 150 planned locations to help spark interest in STEM careers. The program will also provide scholarships to women who are training to be pilots. Investments will support flight training curriculum, obtaining certifications, funding for simulator trainings, and career development programs.

Prime Minister Modi also officially commemorated the



opening of the new state-of-the-art Boeing India Engineering & Technology Center (BIETC) campus in Bengaluru. Built with an investment of INR. 1,600 crore, the 43-acre campus is Boeing's largest such investment outside the U.S., and will become a cornerstone for partnering with India on next generation products and services for the global aerospace and defense industry.

The Prime Minister was joined by Shri

India, and we are grateful to have him dedicate the Boeing campus to foster aerospace innovation in the country," said David L. Calhoun, Boeing president and CEO.

Stephanie Pope, Chief Operating Officer, The Boeing Company, said, "We are thrilled for Prime Minister Modi to have personally launched the Boeing Sukanya Program. Together, we will help expand opportunity for women across India to pursue careers and leadership positions in the aviation sector."

Over the years, Boeing India has grown its team in engineering and R&D talent to the largest number of employees in any country outside the United States, with more than 6,000 as of December 2023.

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IndiaMART Achieves 21% Year-on-Year Growth in Consolidated Revenue, Reaching Rs. 305 Crore

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: IndiaMART InterMESH Limited (referred to as "IndiaMART" or the "Company"), today announced its financial results for the third quarter ending December 31, 2023.

Consolidated Financial Highlights (Q3 FY2024):

IndiaMART reported consolidated Revenue from Operations of Rs. 305 Crore as compared to Rs. 251 Crore in the corresponding quarter of last year, representing a growth of 21%. This

includes IndiaMART Standalone Revenue of Rs. 291 Crore and Busy Infotech Revenue of Rs 13 Crore, registering a growth of 21% and 26% respectively on YoY basis.

Collections from Customer grew to Rs. 332 Crore for the quarter and Deferred Revenue as on December 31, 2023 increased to Rs. 1,270 Crore representing a YoY growth of 25%.

Net Profit for the quarter was at Rs. 82 Crore representing margin of 24%.

Cash Flow from Operations for the quarter was at Rs. 106 Crore. Cash and Investments balance stood at Rs. 2,039 Crore as on December 31, 2023.

Standalone Financial Highlights (Q3 FY2024):

Standalone Revenue from Operations of IndiaMART grew to Rs. 291 Crore as compared to Rs. 240 Crore last year representing a growth of 21%. The growth was primarily driven by improvement in realization from existing customers and 9%

increase in number of paying subscription suppliers.

Collections from Customer grew to Rs. 316 Crore for the quarter and Deferred Revenue as on December 31, 2023 increased to Rs. 1,229 Crore representing a YoY growth of 24%.

EBITDA for the quarter was at Rs. 87 Crore representing EBITDA margin of 30%.

Net Profit for the quarter was at Rs. 92 Crore representing margin of 28%.

IIFL Home Finance Ltd. aims for Rs 9,500 Crore AUM in south region this financial year

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: IIFL Home Finance Ltd., India's fastest-growing digital-first home finance company, has set its sights on achieving Rs 9,500 crore assets under management (AUM) target in the southern region for the current financial year. The company's robust growth strategy includes focusing on various housing schemes, such as Affordable Housing Projects (AHP) and Beneficiary Led Construction (BLC) schemes.

With an overall

portfolio aimed at providing affordable homes to the masses, IIFL Home Finance Ltd. has successfully catered to the housing needs of thousands of individuals and families. IIFL Home Finance Ltd.'s commitment to ensuring housing affordability is evident through its exemplary performance in Tamil Nadu. As of November 30th 2023, IIFL Home Finance Ltd. has disbursed about Rs 880 Crore in the state, with a significant portion of approximately Rs 660 Crore specifically

directed towards the affordable housing sector. The strong presence of IIFL Home Finance is demonstrated by its network of over 30 branches.

Mr. Kranthi Namala, Zonal Sales Head, South, IIFL Home Finance Ltd. said "IIFL Home Finance Ltd. is committed to enabling every person and family to fulfil their ambition of owning a house by facilitating sustainable homeownership. Our goal is to strengthen our presence in Tamil Nadu. We want to close this

fiscal year with an AUM of Rs 9,500 crore. Through our home financing solutions, we are devoted to improving lives and will never waver in our commitment to provide affordable housing options."

The mission of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. is to make the process of buying a house as simple and hassle-free as possible for each customer. As a fintech housing finance firm, IIFL Home Finance Ltd. is committed to employing 100% digital onboarding and future-ready technologies.

Danone India Announces the launch of AptaGrow for modern mothers of Chennai; Redefining Toddler Nutrition Category

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: Danone India, with its mission 'to bring health through food to as many people as possible, has taken a significant leap in strengthening its toddler nutrition range with the national launch of AptaGrow. AptaGrow addresses the nutrition requirement of children in the age group of 3-6 years with 37 nutrients that contains a unique blend of prebiotics which help in better absorption of vital nutrients essential to support growth, brain development and immunity.

AptaGrow has 100% Milk Protein and Calcium to support height gain, Vitamin A, C, D to support immune health and DHA, Iron, Folic Acid & Iodine to support brain development, while the unique blend of prebiotics supports absorption of the essential nutrients. This low-fat, chocolate/vanilla flavored drink serves as an ideal choice for promoting healthy growth and overall development in children.



AptaGrow stands as a testament to Danone's commitment towards raising awareness about the importance of providing adequate nutrition, particularly during a child's foundation years.

Mr. Sriram Padmanabhan, Marketing Director, Danone India said, "At Danone, we believe in bringing health through food to as many people as possible. It is important to have the right foundation in the early years of child's growth. While all mothers yearn to give the best nutrition for their children, it is important for the nutrition to be well absorbed. Based

on an independent survey, 69% of mothers felt their children were not growing as per their expectation and 73% believed that poor absorption of nutrients results in poor growth. Keeping this in mind, we are launching AptaGrow which is scientifically designed. It provides 37 vital nutrients that has a unique blend of prebiotics which help in nutrient absorption and support child's growth needs.

The brand has also introduced a first of its kind tool AptaGrow Growth Chakra, to help mothers measure and understand her child's holistic growth needs. This tool not only

measures the child's height, weight but also immunity, brain development and overall well-being. Mothers will be provided with a FREE personalized diet plan to address specific growth needs.

Danone invites parents, caregivers, and partners to join its mission in fostering a healthier India. With its holistic approach towards providing adequate nutrition requirements, the company aspires to be accessible to every child across the country, ensuring no child is left behind in receiving essential nutrition during their formative years.

Montra Electric Drives Green Revolution in Tirunelveli: Unveils Super Auto and Ignites EV Awareness

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: Montra Electric, the EV brand of 123 years legacy Murugappa Group in a momentous stride toward advocating sustainable mobility, launched an Electric Vehicle Awareness and Benefits Program in Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu. This initiative is designed to enlighten residents about the pressing issue of noise, air pollution and underscore the positive impact of embracing electric vehicles.

As a part of this initiative, Montra Electric proudly introduced the highly anticipated Montra Electric Super Auto in Tirunelveli. This innovative product from Montra Electric is poised to revolutionize the market with its state-of-the-art features and dedication to sustainability. This represents a substantial stride in advancing environmentally friendly transportation solutions. The company also handed over the Super Auto to 10 customers, further solidifying its commitment to providing cutting-edge and eco-conscious mobility options. The vehicles were handed over to the customers by Hon'ble Tirunelveli City Police Commissioner Dr Pa. Moorthy IPS.

Hon'ble Tirunelveli City Police Commissioner Dr Pa. Moorthy IPS said, "I appreciate Montra



Electric's commitment to creating awareness about the environmental challenges we face. Their initiative to introduce electric vehicles, especially the Super Auto, aligns with our collective responsibility to combat air pollution and build a greener future for Tirunelveli. Such initiatives also align with Smart City programs"

Mr. Piyush Pandey, Head Marketing & Exports, Montra Electric said, "We are thrilled to handover the Montra Electric Super Auto to our valued customers. The Super Auto is packed with innovation and several industry-first features that will surely redefine the market. Our customers can now receive a greater return on their investment with savings in fuel and maintenance, and riders can experience a premium three-wheeler. At Montra Electric, we strive to produce vehicles that not only last longer but also contribute to protecting the environment for future generations. The zero-emission electric vehicles will endorse

sustainable mobility while laying the foundation for the future."

Mr N. Senthil Kumar – Managing Director, RR Greenline Motors, Dealer Partner Montra Electric Tirunelveli said " Apart from environmental benefits, electric Autos are helping Auto Drivers save Rs 300 – 400 per day on their fuel bills as their average running is around 100 – 150 Kms/day". Electric Autos will also help the public to experience EVs and will help quicker adoption of electric vehicles in all segments.

The vehicle comes with a 10KW Lithium Ion Battery which gives 203 Kms ARAI certified range and an on-range of 155 +/- 5 Kms for full charge. It comes with 33-year / 1 Lac Km warranty with an additional extended warranty option of 2 years/50 Km.

Following the Electric Vehicle Awareness and Benefits Program and vehicle delivery ceremony, Montra Electric conducted Experience and Test Drive sessions

specifically tailored for auto drivers. The event saw more 100 + Auto Drivers participate in Test Drive Awareness Initiative and the event was graced by Tirunelveli City Police Commissioner Dr Pa. Moorthy IPS along with Mr. N.Senthil Kumar MD – RR Greenlife Motors, Tirunelveli, Mr K.B Kameswaran Asst Commissioner – Traffic Tirunelveli City,

Mr. Prabhakaran – RTO Inspector and Mr. V. Vijay Prethip – MD, Vijay Bikes.

Montra Electric's EV Awareness Camp and the introduction of the Super Auto in Tirunelveli are pivotal steps in promoting a cleaner and greener future, fostering sustainable transportation practices, and addressing the alarming issue of air pollution.

TI Clean Mobility, a subsidiary of 'Tube Investments of India: A Murugappa Group Company,' is set to transform last-mile transportation. In the first phase, the company has rolled out its offerings in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. The Super Auto will be available across multiple touchpoints in these states, with TICM ensuring maximum test rides to those eager to experience the Montra Electric Super Auto.

Samsung BKC Lifestyle Experience Store Opens Doors at Jio World Plaza, Mumbai; Showcases AI-Enabled Connected Device Experiences

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics company, today inaugurated its first Online-to-Offline (O2O) lifestyle store in India at Jio World Plaza mall, the recently inaugurated ultra-luxury precinct for retail, leisure and dining in Mumbai, strengthening its commitment to India.

Samsung BKC, spread across 8,000 sq ft, in Jio World Plaza, is located strategically in Mumbai's central business hub of Bandra Kurla Complex and will showcase Samsung's top-of-the-line premium products through unique curated experiences and real-life scenarios. This new store showcases Samsung's widest premium portfolio ranging from smartphones to televisions, refrigerators, washing machines and other products, leveraging the power of Samsung's AI ecosystem.

Catering to premium consumers and technology enthusiasts, Samsung BKC offers Samsung's



latest AI experiences from 'AI for All' for consumer electronics products to 'Galaxy AI' for mobile devices all under one roof.

As the first Samsung O2O store in the country, Samsung BKC will re-imagine the retail shopping experience and unlock new possibilities for our customers by bringing the best of both online and offline worlds. Through this retail innovation, Samsung BKC store extends the convenience of online by offering the widest selection of products with over 1,200 choices from an online digital catalogue while also enjoying assistance by in-store staff. Moreover, these products can be delivered not just in Mumbai but anywhere in the country.

In addition, customers in Mumbai also have the option to buy online from

Samsung.com/in and take advantage of store proximity to pick up their products from Samsung BKC within two hours.

As it opens for customers, Samsung BKC will redefine flagship experience for customers with the latest Galaxy S24 series. The store will offer not only Galaxy S24 special edition colour options but also free first-of-its-kind gen AI enabled personalization of their latest Galaxy AI smartphone.

Consumers will be able to experience and pre-book the latest Galaxy S24 series at Samsung BKC, starting January 23.

"Today's customers, especially Gen Z and millennials, are seeking premium products and unique experiences. They want to interact with the brand and its products, touch, feel and create. This is what

Samsung BKC is all about. We have curated never seen before experiences in eight unique zones that include all our AI experiences to excite people across segments. Here, customers will get a feel of our expansive connected devices ecosystem and our cutting edge technology," said Mr. JB Park, President & CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia.

"Samsung BKC will also organize Learn @ Samsung workshops, bringing together Samsung's innovations with people's passions," he said.

Samsung BKC is divided into eight unique lifestyle zones that showcase to customers how Samsung products, individually and as part of Samsung's connected multi-device ecosystem (SmartThings), can offer convenience to them. These zones cater to different passion points, ranging from gaming and entertainment to art and yoga to cooking and laundry management.

Over 600 youth, including rank holders receive degrees at 19th Graduation Day of SRM Valliammai Engg. College

Trans-disciplinary, domain specialisation, knowledge of emerging technologies will ensure success of youth: Anna University VC



Chennai, Jan 25 2024: A strong knowledge in a couple of domain specialisations, coupled with allied fields, and being updated with emerging technologies, accompanied by efficient skills and the right attitude will ensure that youth of India are well on the way to success in their career and contribute to the nation's growth story, Dr. R.Velraj, Vice Chancellor, Anna University said.

Addressing the 19th Graduation Day of SRM Valliammai Engineering College at Kattankulathur on Sunday evening, Dr. Velraj said that the next 2 to 3 decades would be the era of opportunities for the youth of India the nation with the largest number of youth in the world. "We stand at an advantage in the current era of opportunities. The human resource of India has unlimited potential. Do not restrict yourself to only area of specialisation. You must possess trans-disciplinary

knowledge in multiple domains. You must be adept in handling Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technologies associated with it be it Machine Learning, Internet of Things, and must know how to implement it in areas of societal relevance and improvement be it agriculture, energy, infrastructure and sustainable development, and waste, and disaster management," Dr. Velraj said.

Be it core engineering studies like civil, mechanical, knowledge of AI, Data Science, ML would be required across areas and this is what the corporate sector too would be looking for in youth with the right skills. Stating that India would enter a phase of increased comfort for people over the next couple of decades resulting in an increase in the consumption, Dr. Velraj also cautioned that this would result in environmental damage. This is where trans-disciplinary knowledge and being

updated with new and emerging technologies will help youth find solutions to problems of the society in addition to ensuring a good career and life, in addition to opening avenues to become entrepreneurs.

In addition to knowledge and skills, young women and men needed to have the right attitude, without which they might not be able to land in right jobs. "Attitude needs to be developed from the school and college level, else you will find yourself obsolete in the corporate sector," the Anna University Vice Chancellor said. He exhorted youth to overcome "resistances" like negative energies, addiction to mobile and drugs, to be able to perform to their full potential in all walks of life. He recalled that India once had some of the greatest universities in Nalanda and Takshashila, and contributed to nearly 30% of the global trade a few centuries ago. Over the past two decades, there was

been remarkable economic growth and India's contribution to the world trade had increased, which was bound to increase further in the coming years. Urging graduates to make full advantage of the growth opportunities available in the country in the years to come, Dr. Velraj appealed to youth to be responsible and contribute to the development of the nation.

He also presented medals to rank holders and conferred degree certificates to the graduates. A total of 610 graduates, including 44 rank holders were awarded degrees on the occasion. Dr. S.Ramachandran, Director, Academics, SRM Group was also present. Dr. B. Chidambararajan, Director SRM Valliammai Engineering College, welcomed the gathering. Dr. M. Murugan, Principal, presented the annual report. Dr. Visalakshi Selvaraj, Vice Principal, was also present.

during crises.

Photo caption: Sanjeev Razdan, Chairman & Managing Director, Pawan Hans Limited (PHL), and Sunny Guglani, Head of Helicopters, Airbus India and South Asia, along with the PHL and Airbus team members celebrating the milestone at Wings India 2024 air show in Hyderabad.



for off-shore oil & gas operations, public transportation under Government of India's Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS). They are also deploying the Dauphin for relief operations and emergency response

Samsung Ushers in Mobile AI Era, Launches Galaxy S24 Series in India; Pre-book Now for Exciting Offers

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today opened pre-bookings for its latest Galaxy S24 Ultra, Galaxy S24+ and Galaxy S24 smartphones, ushering in a new era of mobile AI. Galaxy S24 series enables barrier-free communication, maximizes creative freedom with Galaxy's ProVisual Engine, and sets a new standard for search that will change how Galaxy users discover the world around them.

Barrier-free communication

Galaxy S24 series enhances and redefines the phone's most fundamental role: communication with Live Translate, two-way, real-time voice and text translations of phone calls within the native app. With Interpreter, live conversations can be instantly translated on a split-screen view. It even works without cellular data or Wi-Fi. For messages and other apps, Chat Assist can help perfect conversational tones to ensure communication sounds as it was intended. AI built into Samsung Keyboard can also translate messages in real-time in 13 languages, including Hindi. In the car, Android Auto will automatically summarize incoming messages and suggest relevant replies and

The Note Assist in



Samsung Notes, with a new 5x optical zoom lens that works with the 50MP sensor to enable optical-quality performance at zoom levels from 2x, 3x, 5x to 10x, thanks to Adaptive Pixel Sensor. Images also show crystal clear results at 100x with enhanced digital zoom. Samsung Notes features AI-generated summaries, template creation that streamlines notes with pre-made formats, and cover creation to make notes easy to spot with a brief preview. For voice recordings, even when there are multiple speakers, Transcript Assist uses AI and Speech-to-Text technology to transcribe and even translate recordings.

Galaxy S24 marks a milestone in the history of search as the first phone to debut intuitive, gesture-driven Circle to Search with Google. Users can circle, highlight, scribble on, or tap anything on Galaxy S24's screen to see helpful, high-quality search results. For certain searches, generative AI-powered overviews can provide helpful information and context pulled together from across the web.

Creative Freedom Galaxy S24 series' ProVisual Engine is a comprehensive suite of AI-powered tools that transform image capturing abilities and maximize creative freedom. The Quad Tele System on Galaxy S24 Ultra now comes

amplify an image, a watermark will appear on the image and in metadata.

The new Instant Slow-mo can generate additional frames based on movements to smoothly slow down action-packed moments for a more detailed look. Super HDR reveals lifelike previews before the shutter is ever pressed.

Intelligent & Powerful Experience

Galaxy S24 Ultra is equipped with Snapdragon® 8 Gen 3 Mobile Platform for Galaxy that delivers remarkable NPU improvement for incredibly efficient AI processing. In all three Galaxy S24 models, 1-120 Hz adaptive refresh rates improve performance efficiency.

Galaxy S24 Ultra comes a 1.9 times larger vapor chamber, improving device surface temperature while also maximizing sustained performance power. Ray tracing enables life-like visuals with superior shadow and reflection effect. Galaxy S24 reaches 2600 nit peak brightness, making it the brightest Galaxy smartphone ever.

Galaxy AI editing tools on Galaxy S24 series enable simple edits like erase, re-compose, and remaster. Edit Suggestion uses Galaxy AI to suggest perfectly suitable tweaks for each photo, while Generative Edit can fill in parts of an image background with generative AI. Anytime Galaxy S24 deploys generative AI to

Solid Waste Management Awareness Program



A.M. Jain College collaborated with Urbaser Sumeet, Chennai, for a Solid Waste Management awareness program. Urbaser Sumeet's IEC team delivered insightful presentations on waste management and disposal, equipping students with knowledge for informed decisions. The session concluded with a 'Cleanliness Pledge' led by Mr. Hari Balaji, Senior Manager, Communications from Urbaser Sumeet.

GEM Hospital team of doctors feels a great sense of fulfillment after renewing a lease on life of a young man from Pattukkottai

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: Team of doctors from GEM Hospital and Research Centre, Chennai has successfully performed a series of complicated surgeries and a critical kidney transplant procedure on a 21 year old young man from Pattukkottai in Tamilnadu who had initially reported to the hospital of kidney failure.

Aravind (name changed) had his own struggles against not one but many life threatening diseases at this very young age. The patient was diagnosed with a known case of chronic kidney disease and referred for kidney transplantation, developed abdomen pain, found to have Acute Pancreatitis, Pancreatic Abscess, Sepsis which lead to Septic shock requiring ventilatory support, drug resistant intra abdominal lymph node Tuberculosis (TB), and affected by Guillain-Barre syndrome a debilitating neurological disease. Also, he had pre-transplant immunological challenges followed by a stormy post operative period.

The patient was admitted in GEM Hospital Chennai on 6th April'23 and discharged on 18th December'23 after a successful surgery. Now, a month after the transplant, the kidney is stable and Aravind is feeling good.

Dr. P. Senthilnathan, Surgical Gastroenterologist &



Director, GEM Hospital said "Initially, the patient had suffered from severe abdominal pain and needed a scan, which showed the presence of many lymph node enlargements in stomach and infection in pancreas (Pancreatic abscess). We did a surgery to drain the abscess and removed dead tissue from the pancreas. Later, biopsy reports confirmed the lymph node enlargements in his stomach are nothing but the presence of drug resistant intra abdominal lymph node Tuberculosis (TB)".

"Aravind was in ICU for a month. After 2 months of medication and when we were about to plan for the transplant, we found a difference in his walking as it was wobbly and abnormal. A complete Neurological examination revealed the occurrence of Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS) which is a debilitating neurological disease. It is a rare condition in which a person's immune system attacks the peripheral nerves. So, a special plasma exchange treatment called Plasmapheresis was carried out as many times as required. It eventually helped him to quickly

stop GBS from spreading to other parts of the body which may lead to paralysis", Dr. Senthilnathan further added.

Dr. K. Balamukunthan, Nephrologist, GEM Hospital said, "We regularly monitored Aravind's vitals for two more months and finally decided to do this high risk kidney transplant. Thankfully, donor kidney was not an issue as the patient's mother came forward to donate her kidney to her son. The procedure was carried out as planned and the transplanted kidney started responding. Few days later, a post surgery complication had occurred and was attended at the right time. An emergency surgery was done without any delay to fix the blood leakage in the transplanted area. Currently his kidney is secure and he is coping up well to the treatment".

Elaborating on the post transplant emergency surgery which was performed on Michaung cyclone day (4th Dec 2023), Dr. Senthilnathan said, "The weather condition had definitely added more

pressure on the team as most of our surgeons were stuck at home. I took the responsibility and stepped out of the house with my car. But, I had to stop the car midway as the roads were inconvenient for driving. I waded through the fast flowing knee deep waters for further 4 kms to reach the hospital and attended the surgery which gave us a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment even in adverse conditions".

Speaking about the surgery Dr. S. Asokan, CEO and Director, GEM Hospital Chennai mentioned that, "It is clearly evident in this case as early screening and detection of disease, timely and accurate surgery eliminates the risk. GEM hospital has been a center of excellence for doing such complex surgeries with laparoscopic and robotic techniques for decades".

Dr. C. Palanivelu, Chairman, GEM Hospitals, who is a visionary and pioneer Laparoscopic and Robotic surgeon, lauded the team (Dr. P.Senthilnathan - Surgical Gastroenterologist, Dr. K. Balamukunthan - Nephrologist, Dr. Vaanathi Anesthesiologist, and Dr. Yuvaraj - Urologist) for their commendable effort and mentioned that GEM Hospital has always strived to raise the standards of medicine with advanced technology and will continue to do so.

also published two books featuring photographs entirely taken with my trusty Samsung. I cannot think of a better partner in every way than this brilliant and innovative company."

Sharing her thoughts on the partnership Preeti Singh, President, Teamwork Arts, said, "Creativity is the unique human ability to conceive fresh ideas for self-expression, problem-solving, and innovation. Samsung Galaxy Tab S9 Series is the perfect example of what the creative impulse can accomplish. The Jaipur Literature Festival has been promoting the creative power of the written word. We are delighted about this partnership, as both the Festival and the Samsung Galaxy Tab S9 Series converge on the shared platform of enhancing the ease of writing and promoting creativity like never before."

William Dalrymple, writer, historian, and Co-Director of the Jaipur Literature Festival, said, "I am genuinely thrilled that Samsung Galaxy Tabs S9 Series has come in as our title partner because I am a long-time Samsung user. I use Samsung not just for my every day communications but also as my camera: I have actually done two photographic exhibitions in Delhi and two in London entirely from photographs taken with Samsung. I have

Bajaj Allianz Life's plank-led fitness initiative celebrates ISRO's grand feats, this 75th Republic Day

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: Bajaj Allianz Life, one of the leading private life insurance companies, proudly unveils Plankathon 2024, the fourth edition of its unique fitness initiative. This edition themed as #PlankForAces, is exceptional as it seeks to express gratitude towards the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) – the true aces who propelled India to the moon and, more recently, achieved success with the Solar Mission, Aditya L1. The initiative is impeccably timed to coincide with the celebration of India's 75th Republic Day and will culminate in an on-ground event in Bangalore's Sri Kanteerava Outdoor Stadium on 11th February, 2024.

Through the countdown to the on-



ground event, this unique challenge encourages individuals to share their planking videos with the #PlankForAces, creating a collective gesture of gratitude for ISRO's stellar contributions to space exploration.

Chandramohan Mehra, Chief Marketing Officer, Bajaj Allianz Life, said, "A high engaging fitness drive at the core, the plank initiative in its 4th edition, continues to be anchored on platforms that strike a chord with larger cohort. The new edition of the Plank campaign celebrates

ISRO's collaboration with Hrudaya Foundation. The second edition, #PlankForIndia, supported the young Indian Olympians in association with OGQ. The third edition #PlankToThank aimed to express gratitude towards the Indian Armed Forces and mark India's 75th Independence Day in style and provided for livelihood for retired jawans.

The Bajaj Allianz Life Plankathon goes beyond individual health and fitness benefits to contribute to larger societal causes since 2018. The first edition, #36SecPlankChallenge, was linked to curing heart disorders amongst economically disadvantaged kids in

Join the fourth edition, #PlankForACES 2024 and commit to champion the cause of fitness, and salute the realACES of ISRO.

ALVAREZ & MARSAL INDIA DEEPENS ITS LOCAL MARKET COMMITMENT NAMING HIMANSHU BAJAJ MANAGING DIRECTOR AND COUNTRY CO-LEADER

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: Leading global professional services firm Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) announces the appointment of Himanshu Bajaj as a Managing Director and A&M India Country Co-Leader alongside Managing Director Vikram Utamsingh. Mr. Bajaj's joining advances A&M India's strategic capabilities and talent expansion and helps further opportunities for clients to capitalize on the market's continued projected growth.

With more than 20 years of consulting and business experience, Mr. Bajaj has worked across numerous industries at the strategic and operational level. He has led multiple engagements including operational transformations, end-to-end value enhancements, along with sales and marketing optimization strategies, such as go-to-market and trade efficiency improvements. Mr. Bajaj advises clients, across all verticals, on driving large scale business transformations through accelerating business growth and enhancing

profitability. Bryan Marsal, A&M's CEO and Co-founder, said, "Himanshu's appointment demonstrates the firm's continued commitment to investing in people, achieving scale and positioning for growth in support of clients in India and around the world. A&M India's expanding talent base and offerings aligns with our operational heritage, enhances our integrated platform, and represents the next phase of our global strategic growth plan."

Mr Utamsingh said, "We are growing our firm in India to meet a high level of demand and expanding our transformation and digital capabilities across sectors. We expect to double the number of India-based Managing Directors over the next 24 months. I am delighted to welcome Himanshu and look forward to jointly leading our India business."

Luis de Lucio, Managing Director and head of Growth Markets said, "Connecting world-wide talent to critical markets is a key market differentiator for A & M. Adding Himanshu to our team

aligns with our strategy for leveraging the innovation, growing consumer demand, rising per capita income levels and strong investment incentives we see across India. Himanshu's expertise bolsters our ability to help corporates, private equity (PE) firms, and organizations find solutions to complex problems such as growth acceleration, supply chain management and manufacturing alternatives. Our plans are ambitious. Our India team is expanding and at the ready."

Prior to joining A&M, Mr. Bajaj served for 16 years as Senior Partner at Kearney and Asia Head of Consumer and Retail Practice where he led complex transformation and value enhancement programs in Asia, EMEA and Africa. Following that he served for two years as CEO of Byju's Tuition Centre (BTC).

Mr. Bajaj noted, "Over the next several decades India will experience tremendous growth and become the leading market for corporate and investment activity. As



established and early-stage organizations, across multiple sectors, seek significant value creation they will require support solving for complex strategic and operational problems. A&M's operational heritage combined with its breadth of offerings, including corporate finance and restructuring, financial due diligence and disputes and investigations, is a key market differentiator. The firm's mix of industry operators and career consultants provide the springboard for driving growth and maximizing value."

Mr. Bajaj earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from Delhi College of Engineering, a master's in business administration from IIM Ahmedabad and holds a CFA from AIMR, CFA Institute, US.

Jaipur Literature Festival announces the title partner for the forthcoming 17th edition – Samsung Galaxy Tab S9 Series

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: As the countdown commences for the 17th edition of the prestigious Jaipur Literature Festival which is set to unfold from February 1st to 5th at Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur, Teamwork Arts, the producer of this iconic Festival, today revealed the title partnership for the 2024 edition with the Samsung Galaxy Tab S9 Series.

The Samsung Galaxy Tab S9 Series stands as an essential tool, elevating the creative capabilities of every artist and creator with its indispensable features. With the mighty S Pen, extraordinary processing power, life-like display, and seamless connectivity, this device becomes a coveted toolkit of any creative pursuit. Aligned to the ethos of providing an inclusive and creative platform, Samsung Galaxy Tab S9 Series collaborated with the

Jaipur Literature Festival, effortlessly integrating its versatility with the Festival's commitment to fostering creativity. The Galaxy Tab S9 Series will serve as the quintessential companion for tomorrow's creators, who ceaselessly explore novel avenues of inspiration. Throughout the Festival, authors, audience, and media will have the opportunity to engage with the Galaxy Tabs S Series, exploring activities such as reading, sketching, illustration, animation, video shooting, and editing on the go. Both the Galaxy Tab S9 Series and S Pen are the world's 1st premium tablet with IP68, so our creators/artists/innovators can take the Galaxy Tab S9 wherever inspiration leads!

Namita Gokhale, acclaimed writer and Co-Director of the Jaipur Literature Festival, said, "As a writer, and as Co-founder and Co-director

of the Jaipur Literature Festival, it has been my constant effort to platform creativity and give it voice. Our meaningful collaboration with the Samsung Galaxy Tab S9 Series provides the vision and opportunity to use accessible cutting-edge technology to nurture free flowing and interactive imagination, ingenuity, and innovation. It's a new way to dream."

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National Award-winning music director Srikanth Deva composes a song on Lord Muruga for the first time



Chennai, Jan 26 2024: Famous music director Srikanth Deva, who recently made the Tamil film industry proud by winning a National Award, has composed and produced a devotional song on Lord Muruga for the first time.

With lyrics penned by National Award-winning director Pawan, this devotional song will be released worldwide by Varshenya Records to mark the auspicious Thaiposam festival.

Earlier, popular actor and Muruga devotee Yogi Babu and famous cinematographer and actor Natty unveiled this song, which has been made in audio and video formats.

The song 'Murugane Chella Kumarane' sung by 'Super Singer' title winner Shreenitha and 'Chellakutty Baby' Akshara Lashmi, has been produced for Muruga devotees all over the world.

Speaking about the song, Srikanth Deva

said, "'Murugane Chella Kumarane' to be released by Varshenya Records will occupy a prominent place among the songs on Lord Muruga. We have made it in simple tune and language, with the intention that children too should sing about Lord Muruga with devotion. I request all to listen to this song and get the blessings of Lord Muruga. Let's immerse ourselves in Muruga devotion," he said.

Director Pawan who penned the lyrics said, "This opportunity is a great blessing. A beautiful song about Lord Muruga has taken shape by His grace. Vetrivel Muruganukku Arohara."

Actor Yogi Babu and actor-cinematographer Natty have expressed happiness to unveil the song 'Murugane Chella Kumarane' composed by the National Award-winning Srikanth Deva on Varshenya Records label.

Indian Immunologicals Ltd (IIL) rolls out India's first indigenously developed Hepatitis A Vaccine 'Havisure®'

Chennai, Jan 26 2024: Indian Immunologicals Ltd (IIL) a wholly owned subsidiary of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and a leading biopharmaceutical company in India marks a historic moment in public health with the launch of India's first indigenously developed Hepatitis A vaccine "Havisure®". The vaccine represents a significant step forward in India's fight against Hepatitis A and is poised to make a substantial contribution to public health.

The new vaccine, Havisure® is the result of extensive research and development efforts by IIL's dedicated team of scientists and researchers. This indigenously developed vaccine is poised to play a crucial role in preventing Hepatitis A, a highly contagious liver infection that poses a

significant public health challenge. Hepatitis A is a viral infection primarily spread through the fecal-oral route, meaning that it is transmitted through the ingestion of contaminated food or water.

This Novel Vaccine launch event was held today at Hyatt Place, Hyderabad. Chief guests were Shri Nagaraj Karpan, MLA and Shri Ajay Mishra, IAS-Chairman Indian Redcross Society, Telangana.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. K Anand Kumar, Managing Director, Indian Immunologicals Ltd shared "The launch of Havisure® is a testament to our commitment to advancing healthcare solutions for the nation. Currently Hepatitis A vaccines are imported into our country and as a true meaning of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, IIL has tirelessly put in efforts and developed India's

1st vaccine for Hepatitis A. The vaccine Havisure® has undergone extensive clinical trials in 8 centers and has proven to be safe and efficacious. The vaccine is comparable to the world's leading vaccine sold by a multinational. With Havisure®, we aim to contribute significantly to the prevention of this infectious disease. IIL launching three vaccines in a single year is itself a big achievement and full credit to my team."

"Havisure" is set to play a crucial role to protect against the Hepatitis A virus, which primarily affects the liver. The vaccine is effective in preventing the disease and is recommended for children in the routine immunization. It is a two-dose vaccine wherein the first dose is administered at above 12 months of age and the second dose is given at least after 6 months of the first dose. The

vaccine is also recommended for individuals who are at risk of exposure or travel to the regions with high hepatitis A prevalence. In addition to this people with occupational risk of infection and suffering from chronic liver diseases also need Hepatitis A vaccination.

Discussing on manufacturing capabilities of IIL, Dr. Priyabrata Pattnaik, Dy. Managing Director-IIL said, "The company has considerably invested in state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities to scale up production and meet the growing demand for Hepatitis A vaccine. As part of the launch, IIL will be collaborating with healthcare professionals, corporate hospitals, and government agencies to promote awareness about Hepatitis A and the importance of both paediatric, adolescent & adult vaccination".

Mid East war hurting Indian Ocean trade: India



Chennai, Jan 25 2024: The ongoing conflict in the Middle East between Israel and Hamas is impacting the safety of maritime commercial traffic in the Indian Ocean, including some attacks in the vicinity of India, a top Indian diplomat told members of the UN Security Council on Tuesday.

"The ongoing conflict is also impacting the safety of maritime commercial traffic in the Indian Ocean, including some attacks in the vicinity of India," R. Ravindra, the Deputy Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations said in his remarks during a UNSC Open Debate on the Middle East.

"This is a matter of great concern to the international community and has a direct bearing on India's own energy and economic interests. This fraught situation is not to the benefit of any party, and this must be clearly recognised," Ravindra said.

Ravindra said the message that India has conveyed since the start of this conflict is clear and consistent it is important to prevent escalation, to ensure continued delivery of humanitarian aid. The humanitarian situation needs to be addressed in earnest, he said, adding that India welcomes the efforts of the UN and international community in this

regard. India, he said, has delivered shipments of relief material to the Palestinian people in Gaza. We have also provided \$ 5 million, including the USD 2.5 million we provided in end December, to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) which will go to support the Agency's core programmes and services, including education, healthcare, relief and social services provided to Palestinian refugees.

Reiterating India's long-standing support for a Two-State solution where the Palestinian people are

able to live freely in an independent country within secure borders, with due regard to the security needs of Israel, Ravindar said India firmly believes that only a Two-State solution, achieved through direct and meaningful negotiations between both sides on final status issues, will deliver an enduring peace that the people of Israel and Palestine desire and deserve.

For this, we urge all parties to de-escalate, eschew violence, avoid provocative and escalatory actions, and work towards creating conditions for an early resumption of direct peace negotiations," he said.

Nitish meets Governor, triggers speculation JDU flays Cong for not strengthening I.N.D.I.A.

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: Hours after Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar called on Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Janata Dal United (JDU) on Tuesday alleged that Congress had utterly failed in taking lead to strengthen the opposition alliance I.N.D.I.A. bloc, despite Kumar trying his best to lay strong foundation stone for the purpose.

K.C. Tyagi, national spokesman of JD(U) and political advisor of Chief Minister Kumar, told media persons here that Congress had definitely failed in taking lead and giving required strength to INDIA bloc.

Kumar after deserting BJP in August 2022, had met top leaders of all opposition parties, in his bid to float a strong



Opposition alliance and made it clear that no such alliance would be feasible without Congress, he pointed out.

"After five to six months, a meeting of opposition leaders were organised in Patna on June 23 last year and after that next meetings were organised in Bangalore and Mumbai," Tyagi said adding that no activity was visible of opposition alliance for four month after its last meeting in Mumbai.

It was decided with consent of all top Opposition leaders, that its PM candidate would be decided after

Lok Sabha elections, he stated.

It was strange that West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee suddenly proposed in New Delhi meeting of opposition I.N.D.I.A. bloc that Congress president Malikarjun Kharge should be projected as its PM face for Lok Sabha elections, he lamented but refrained from making any comment against Banerjee saying she was a senior leader.

JDU leader said Chief Minister Kumar was among top three leaders of the country and it was natural to draw political meaning

if he met anyone but quipped that uncertainty over fate of INDIA bloc was hovering only in Bihar.

No uncertainty was visible anywhere in the country over fate of INDIA, he pointed out and added that concern of Chief Minister Kumar for finalising all issues in alliance soon was not aimed at weakening it but to strengthen it.

As it is, Chief Minister along with his senior cabinet colleague Vijay Kumar Chaudhary called on Governor Arlekar which again triggered speculations over political realignment in Bihar. A deadlock over seat sharing among its constituents has cropped up in INDIA bloc with each partner claiming for more and more seats to contest.

Massive crowds force closure of Ayodhya

Chennai, Jan 25 2024: Entry for all vehicles and devotees on foot heading towards Ayodhya has been closed after a massive crowd gathered yesterday to offer prayers at the Ram Temple following its grand opening.

The Uttar Pradesh police issued an advisory, appealing to devotees not to visit Ayodhya Dham on January 23 because of the massive crowd at the Temple.

All vehicle routes have been diverted, and devotees arriving on

foot are also not allowed to enter Ayodhya, it said.

In a social media post on X, Barabanki Police said, "Devotees planning to visit Ayodhya are humbly requested not to go on January 23 due to a massive crowd of

pilgrims.

"Due to the massive rush, the routes of all vehicles heading towards Ayodhya have been diverted, and devotees on foot are also being stopped by the Barabanki police," it added.

"This occasion is special due to two reasons namely the 75th Republic Day celebrations and its dedication to Nari Shakti of India."



Chennai, Jan 25 2024:

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the NCC Cadets and NSS Volunteers today. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister expressed pride in the cultural program depicting the life of Rani Lakshmi Bai and said that it has brought India's history alive today. He praised the efforts of the team involved in the program and stated that they will now be a part of the Republic Day Parade. "This occasion", the Prime Minister said, "is special due to two reasons namely the 75th Republic Day celebrations and its dedication to Nari Shakti of India." Referring to the women participants from across India, Shri Modi said that they are not here alone but have brought along the essence of their respective states, their culture, traditions and the forward-thinking of their societies. Noting another special occasion today, the Prime Minister mentioned Rashtriya Balika Diwas which is a celebration of their courage, determination and achievements. "Daughters of India have the capability to reform the society for good", the Prime Minister said highlighting the contributions of women in laying the foundations of society in different historical periods, a belief which was witnessed in today's cultural performance.

Mentioning the Government's decision of Bharat Ratna for Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur, PM Modi marked this as the government's good fortune and underlined the need for the young generation of today to know about the great personality. The Prime Minister recalled his rise despite extreme poverty and social inequality as he became Chief Minister and always maintained his down-to-earth humility. "His entire life was dedicated to social justice and upliftment of the deprived sections", the Prime Minister said. Shri Modi added that the initiatives of the government like focusing on the poor and Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra to reach the last beneficiary reflect the inspiration of Karpoori

Thakur.

The Prime Minister noted that many are visiting Delhi for the first time and shared their excitement and enthusiasm for the Republic Day Celebrations. Touching upon the extreme winter conditions in Delhi, the Prime Minister said that many attendees would have experienced such weather for the first time and also highlighted India's diverse weather conditions in different regions. He lauded their commitment to rehearsing in such harsh weather conditions and praised their performance today. PM Modi expressed confidence that they will take along with them a part of Republic Day celebrations when they return home. "This is India's speciality", the Prime Minister said, "Traveling from one state to another creates new experiences for every citizen."

"Even though the present generation is referred to as Gen Z", the Prime Minister said, "I prefer to call you the Amrit Generation." He underlined that it is the present generation's energy that will give impetus to the nation's progress in the Amrit Kaal. Reiterating India's resolve to become a developed nation by 2047, the Prime Minister emphasized the importance of the next 25 years for the future of India and the present generation. "It is the government's resolve to fulfill all the dreams of the Amrit Generation, create countless opportunities, and remove all obstacles in their paths", the Prime Minister said. He stated that the discipline, focused mindset and coordination witnessed in today's performance are also the basis for realizing the dreams of Amrit Kaal.

The Prime Minister reiterated that 'Nation First' should be the guiding principle of the Amrit Generation. The Prime Minister also told the young audience never to allow despair to set in their lives. Stressing the importance of every small contribution, PM Modi, stressed "Yahi Samay hai Sahi Samay hai, Ye Aapka Samay Hai - This is the right time, this is your time." Stressing the

importance of the present moment, the Prime Minister asked the youth to impart strength to their resolve to achieve the goal of Viksit Bharat. And to expand the horizon of knowledge so that Indian geniuses could give new direction to the world and gain new capabilities so that India could solve the world's problems. He elaborated on the steps for creating new avenues for youth to realize their full potential and mentioned creating new opportunities in newly opened sectors. Shri Modi gave examples of creating new opportunities in the space sector, push towards Ease of Doing Business, creating a private sector in the defence industry, establishing the National Research Foundation and creating modern educational facilities to cater to the 21st century. The Prime Minister also mentioned reforming the education system in India which allows attaining higher education in the mother tongue and not being bound to a particular stream or subject. Encouraging the youth to engage in research and innovation, the Prime Minister mentioned Atal Tinkering Labs which inspire creativity and innovation. He underlined that the government has created new opportunities for girl students who want to make a career by joining the army. "Now, girl students can also be admitted to various Sainik schools", the Prime Minister said urging them to move forward with full confidence. "Your efforts, your vision, your potential will take India to new heights", he added.

The Prime Minister expressed delight that all the volunteers are directing their energy in the right place. He noted that personality development is natural for someone who has a sense of discipline, traveled a lot in the country, and who has friends from different regions who speak different languages. "This should not be underestimated", PM Modi said emphasizing that it is the most important part of one's

entire life. He also urged them to make fitness their first priority, and highlighted the need for discipline in maintaining fitness. "Motivation may wane sometimes, but it is the discipline that keeps you on the right path", Shri Modi remarked underlining that victory is guaranteed in every field if discipline becomes motivation.

Throwing light on his connections with NCC, the Prime Minister said that institutions like NCC, NSS or cultural camps make the youth aware of society and civic duties. He informed about the creation of another organization - 'My Yuva Bharat' and urged the youth to register as 'My Bharat' Volunteers.

During this Republic Day Celebration, the Prime Minister highlighted the multiple opportunities to witness multiple programs, visit various historical places and meet experts. "This will be an experience that you will remember for the rest of your life. Every year whenever you watch the Republic Day parade, you will remember these days and you will also remember that I told you this", Shri Modi said. He also urged them to record their experiences and learnings from the Republic Day celebrations which can also be shared with the Prime Minister in writing or video recording on NaMo App. "Today's young generation can stay connected with me continuously through the NaMo App", PM Modi emphasized.

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister expressed belief and faith in the strength of the youth. He urged them to study hard, be a conscientious citizen, protect the environment, avoid bad habits and be proud of the nation's heritage and culture. "You have my blessings, my best wishes", Shri Modi concluded.

Union Minister of Defence, Shri Raj Nath Singh, Union Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, and Union Ministers of Tribal Affairs, Shri Arjun Munda were present on the occasion among others.

Pained that our children are not exposed to the original copy of Constitution containing miniatures of Ram, Krishna & Buddha - Vice President



Chennai, Jan 25 2024:

The Vice-President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar today expressed his pain over the fact that our children are not exposed to the copy of the constitution that has been signed by the members of Constituent Assembly. Noting that this original document contains 22 miniature paintings, positioned thoughtfully above each part of constitution, VP said that through these miniatures, the founding fathers of the constitution expressed the essence of our five-thousand-year old culture. But you have not been able to see it because it is not the part of the books, he said while urging the Union Law Minister to take initiative to ensure that the country is made available the constitution in its authentic form, as given to us by our founding fathers.

Inaugurating 'Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Samman' Campaign, commemorating the 75th year of India as a Republic, the Vice President described fundamental rights as quintessence to our democracy and an inalienable facets of democratic values. Underlining that one cannot claim to be living in a democracy if one doesn't enjoy fundamental rights, VP highlighted that in this part of constitution, we have the miniature of Shri Ram, Sita & Laxman returning to Ayodhya.

Describing the consecration ceremony of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya as a historic moment, Shri Dhankhar stated that "After tryst with destiny and tryst with modernity (GST), we had tryst with divinity on January 22, 2024."



Noting that the passage to construction of Ram Mandir was a very long and painful process, VP said that still it was achieved in accordance with law & that shows the country believes in rule of law.

Looking back at India's journey as a Republic, the Vice President said that over past 75 years, our constitution has enabled us to traverse the difficult terrain and record epochal developments. Describing the declaration of emergency as the darkest and shameful period of our constitutional journey, he underlined that it deprived millions of their fundamental rights by putting them in jail. "We expected judiciary to rise to the occasion, unfortunately for judiciary also, it's one of the darkest period. Nine high court took stand that fundamental rights cannot be put on hold even during emergency. But in ADM Jabalpur case, Supreme Court turned down those nine high court," VP remarked.

Stating that there can be no regret allowed when people fail in their constitutional duties, he underlined that those holding constitutional positions have no alibi & have to vindicate trust imposed in them by the constitution.

Describing fundamental duties as an important part of the constitution, VP made an appeal to everyone to follow fundamental duties noting that it takes no expense & makes us good citizens.

Urging all organs of state to function within their respective domains, Shri Dhankhar said that in a dynamic world, issues are bound to happen between legislature, executive & judiciary. However, he called for ironing out such issues through collaborative approach & structured mechanism, and cautioned against not raising these on public platforms.

Calling for debate & dialogue instead of disruption & disturbances in legislatures, VP expressed his dismay that when a great legislation - changing the colonial Dand-Vidhanto Nyaya-Vidhan was being discussed by the Parliament, none of the legal luminaries in Rajya Sabha came forward to make a contribution during this historical opportunity.

Paying rich tributes to the architect of Indian constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar, VP said that he means a lot to all of us & his rise to that position of architect of India was not an easy one. Stating that Dr

Ambedkar should have been awarded Bharat Ratna much earlier, Shri Dhankhar expressed satisfaction over the fact that he was part of the government & the parliament that did justice to one of the greatest sons of Bharat by awarding him Bharat Ratna in 1990. "In the same stream, and for same cause, justice has been done to another great son from Bihar, Shri Karpoori Thakur ji," he added.

Expressing happiness that in Amrit Kaal, our youth is being made aware of the sacrifices of many unsung heroes, Shri Dhankhar said, we have rediscovered our Bharat emotively and nationally.

After inaugurating the 'Hamara Samvidhan Hamara Samman' Campaign, Shri Dhankhar also launched Nyaya Setu, a Tele-facilitation Service, that aims to expand the reach of legal services till the last mile.

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State (I/C) for Law & Justice, Shri R. Venkataramani, Attorney General of India, Shri SKG Rahate, Secretary, Department of Justice, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU and others attended the event.