

Palaniswami warns Annamalai, says no one can destroy AIADMK

Chennai April 13 2024: The AIADMK general secretary, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, on Friday warned BJP State president K. Annamalai that he should speak carefully about the AIADMK.

Replying to Annamalai's claim that the AIADMK would vanish after this election, Mr. Palaniswami said that no one could destroy the AIADMK. "We [the AIADMK] were the ones who introduced the BJP's symbol [the lotus] to the people of the State in 1998. The AIADMK has faced leaders such as [late DMK leader and former Chief Minister] M. Karunanidhi. Mr. Annamalai could not even become a councillor, but is now saying he will fulfil 100 promises in 500 days," the AIADMK leader said, while campaigning at Salem Fort for his party's candidate, P. Vignesh.

He pointed out that though Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about family politics, P M K president Anbumam Ramadoss was a part of the BJP alliance this election.

He alleged that the prices of essential



commodities were skyrocketing, and said that the people should compare the rates with those during the AIADMK regime. "Every day, murder, theft, and dacoity happen in Tamil Nadu," he said, adding that the law and order situation was critical in the State.

He further said that there was no protection for women under the DMK regime. The Union and State governments did not reduce fuel prices. When the BJP came to power at the Centre in 2014, the cost of a barrel of crude oil was \$105. Now, even as the rate of crude oil has decreased, the price of fuel is increasing, he added.

Showing photos of Jaffer Sadiq, who was

arrested in connection with an international drug racket, posing with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin and Minister for Sports Development Udhayanidhi Stalin, Mr. Palaniswami said that the drug menace had increased in the State and the DMK government had failed to curb it.

Calling DMK's Salem candidate T.M. Selvaganapathi a betrayer, Mr. Palaniswami claimed that he was the reason why former Chief Minister and late AIADMK leader Jayalalitha went to prison. "So he was expelled from the AIADMK. It was the DMK that registered corruption cases against Mr. Selvaganapathi; but later, he joined the DMK

and is now contesting as their candidate in Salem," he added.

The DMK and its leader are speaking against electoral bonds, though their party received Rs.686 crore through the scheme. A gambling company gave the party Rs.509 crore, he pointed out.

Mr. Palaniswami said that the AIADMK would always protect the interests of Tamil Nadu, and raise people's voice in Parliament. "Tamil Nadu is now the number one State in getting loans, and has over Rs.8.50 lakh crore in debt...", he added. Mr. Palaniswami had earlier canvassed for his party's Namakkal Lok Sabha constituency candidate, S. Tamilmani, at Tiruchengode.

India Celebrates World Quantum Day 2024 - Aspires to lead in Quantum Science and Technology

Chennai April 13 2024: India celebrates World Quantum Day 2024 on April 14, 2024, with aspirations to become a global leader in various fields of Quantum Science and Technology.

Quantum Mechanics, the study of atoms and sub-atomic particles, has now advanced to such an extent that it has now moved to the engineering domain and is leading to novel and varied applications. Researchers worldwide have utilized its principles to develop technologies such as LEDs, lasers, and ultra-precise atomic clocks used in the Global Positioning System. Considerable attention is now being paid to controlling and manipulating quantum systems for Quantum Computing, Quantum Communications, and Quantum Sensing applications. To advance the awareness and appreciation of quantum science and technology among the public worldwide, an international initiative was taken in 2022, commemorated annually as the World Quantum Day on April 14th.

Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India emphasized the global impact of quantum technology: "Quantum Technology is the new technology frontier, reached after decades of fundamental research

leading to our ability to exploit the principles of superposition, entanglement, and measurement. It promises to lead to applications with immense potential for the global economy in areas ranging from medicine to the discovery of advanced materials, and from safe communication to extremely sensitive sensors."

Discussing quantum technology's global reach and the need to eliminate potential threats by quantum computers, Prof. Sood said, "Governments and private players in almost all scientifically advanced nations are investing heavily in its development and exploitation to tap its immense potential for enhancing computing, communication, and sensing capabilities with significant implications for national prosperity and security. The threat emerging from quantum computers that breaches the encryption algorithms used by conventional computing systems needs to be addressed by PQC and QKD to make the world quantum-safe. Ensuring ethical development and deployment of quantum technology will also become important as newer applications get developed, and for this, engagement with a wide range of stakeholders — scientists, policymakers, industry leaders, civil

society organizations, and the public — must continue."

Regarding India's plans to excel in quantum technology on the global stage, Prof. Sood expressed optimism and confidence and mentioned that India's National Quantum Mission (NQM) will bolster India's competitiveness by leveraging the national strengths built through previous R&D initiatives and strengthening them further in a focused and directed manner.

The National Quantum Mission (NQM), conceptualized by the Prime Minister Science Technology Advisory Council (PM-STIAC) received Cabinet approval on April 19, 2023 with a total outlay of Rs 6003.65 Crore for a period of eight years. The Mission aims to seed, nurture, and scale up scientific and industrial R&D and create a vibrant & innovative ecosystem in Quantum Technology (QT). This will accelerate QT-led economic growth, nurture the ecosystem in the country, and make India one of the leading nations in the development of QT and applications.

Being implemented by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), NQM envisages well-orchestrated and synergistic efforts through a hub-spoke-spike model, involving Centres of Excellence (CoEs),

consortia projects, individual scientist-centric projects, etc. This mission is guided by a Mission Governing Board (MGB) chaired by Dr. Ajai Chowdhry and assisted by the Mission Technology Research Council (MTRC) chaired by the PSA to the Government of India.

The Mission aims to establish four Thematic Hubs (T-Hubs) in domains such as (i) Quantum Computing, (ii) Quantum Communication, (iii) Quantum Sensing & Metrology, and (iv) Quantum Materials & Devices. A Call for Pre-Proposals to establish T-Hubs was given on January 20, 2024, inviting contributions from academic institutions and R&D labs.

Underscoring DST's pivotal role in taking India's quantum mission forward, Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, DST, said, "India is one of the few countries making concerted efforts to leapfrog in quantum technologies and has reasons to be optimistic to become a leader in the area as it is still evolving. DST has taken up the challenge to build a world-class R&D capability in quantum technologies. Central to its efforts is the setting up of four hubs in Quantum Computing, Quantum Communication, Quantum Sensing & Metrology, and Quantum Materials & Devices."

Rahul Gandhi terms 2024 Lok Sabha polls an ideological war Assures filling 30 lakh vacant Central govt jobs, NEET exemption

Chennai April 13 2024: The Lok Sabha polls 2024 is just not an ordinary elections that we face every five years but it is an ideological war between the autocratic rule and democratic forces that wanted the legacy and constitution of the country protected, said Rahul Gandhi, former Indian National Congress President here on Friday.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday assured a legislation to provide apprenticeship to young people and filling 30 lakh vacant government jobs.

Addressing his first election rally in Tamil Nadu, Rahul Gandhi said if the INDIA bloc is voted to power at the Centre, "drastic action" will be taken to provide employment opportunities to the young people.

There are 30 lakh vacant jobs in the government and these jobs will be provided to young people, he said and added that in order to benefit all the graduates and diploma holders a law Right to Apprenticeship will be passed in the Parliament

Slamming the BJP, Gandhi alleged the Saffron party MPs openly stated that "they are going to change the Constitution" if they retained power at the Centre.

While the rest of the world earlier looked at India as a beacon of democracy; now it is of the view that India's democracy is no longer a democracy, the former Congress president alleged.

Attacking PM Modi, he said: "The only thing Modi cares about is "having a monopoly on



finances and the communication system (seen as reference to media) of this country." He said the nation today faced an ideological battle. On the one side is the ideology of social justice, freedom and equality, championed by icons such as reformist leader Periyar E V Ramasamy and on the other side are the ideas of RSS and PM Narendra Modi and his government.

Gandhi alleged Modi stood for "one nation, one leader and one language." Gandhi said he really loved visiting Tamil Nadu and loved the people of the state. He praised Tamil culture, history and language as the "biggest teacher." Hailing leaders of Tamil Nadu, including Periyar, CN Annadurai, Kamaraj and M Karunanidhi, he said: "You have shown the

rest of the country how to walk on the path of social justice." Hence, when it was decided by the Congress party to conduct the Bharat Jodo Yatra it was launched in Tamil Nadu, he said.

"I know, the people of Tamil Nadu have a big issue with NEET. We are going to leave the decision to the state; on whether you want to do NEET or not to do NEET. NEET is an anti-poor exam and we are more than happy to allow you (Tamil Nadu) to take a decision on whether or not to take the exam." Picking from ally DMK's campaign themes, the Congress leader said when Tamil Nadu sought flood relief, it is "refused," by the Centre. The ruling DMK has been consistently focusing on the Rs 37,000 crore flood relief sought by Tamil Nadu alleging the

Union government did not give even a single paisa.

The Centre labels Tamil Nadu's request for flood relief as "Pitchai," a plea made to seek "alms," Gandhi alleged. DMK and Congress have been alleging that BJP leader Nirmala Sitharaman belittled flood relief as "pitchai." When fishermen seek assistance they get nothing from the Centre and similar is the plight of Tamil farmers, who

are forced to go to Jantar Mantar in Delhi to fight for their rights, he claimed.

Gandhi said "storm is set to arrive, Narendra Modi is going to be dislodged from power." Modi government actually is "Adani government, it should be called Adani gov and not Narendra Modi government," he alleged.

Though PM Modi says he likes Dosa, in Delhi he speaks of "one nation, one leader, one language, and asked "why not space for all other Indian languages" including Tamil and Manipuri.

Gandhi bought sweets from a bakery in Coimbatore and posed for a photograph with workers there.

The Tirunelveli rally was Gandhi's first election rally in Tamil Nadu.

GCC Commissioner urges for 100% voting

Chennai April 13 2024: In a novel manner, Greater Chennai Corporation Commissioner and District Election Officer J. Radhakrishnan went paragliding early on April 12 at Thiruvannamiyur Beach to raise awareness on the need for 100% voting in elections.

He said there are 18 types of programmes planned under SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) of the Election Commission of India to be done in the 35 booth areas in the city where low voter turnout - less than 40% - was noted in the 2019 elections. The paragliding activity was open to the public under SVEEP from April 11 to



noon on April 12.

Later, he flagged off the vehicle at the Ripon Buildings with differently-abled for a signature campaign across the city under SVEEP. A training session was also held for election micro-observers at Amma Maaligai on the premises, along with DEO, Deputy Commissioner (Education) Sharanya

Ari, Regional Deputy Commissioner (South) S.P. Amith and many officials. There will be a session for the observers before April 19 on the guidelines, the DEO said. Speaking to reporters, he said, so far, along with police personnel, a total of 1175 postal ballots - of which 410 were collected in Chennai North parliamentary

constituency, 344 in Chennai South and 421 in Chennai Central.

"This time, to improve voter turnout, the GCC has emphasised Armed Force personnel, who may be posted in different locations to register as well through a special drive. In business districts like in T.Nagar and Pandy Bazaar, in government quarters like Todd Hunter Nagar, in 228 urban poor locations and 588 high-rise buildings, the campaign was carried out through resident welfare associations. Arrangements for people to tackle heat - such as shamianas and pandals have been made at booths as well," he said.

Green HITECH VENTURES LIMITED IPO Opens from April 12, 2024

Chennai April 13 2024: The company is in the business of trading in various petroleum based products. It also does operation and maintenance job work for ethanol manufacturing in Government owned distilleries. The Company has announced its plan to go public with an Initial Public Offering from April 12, 2024. The company is aiming to raise Rs. 6.30 Crores through 1260000 equity shares at price, of Rs. 50 and a Face Value of Rs. 10 with shares set to be listed on the BSE SME Platform.

Equity Share Allocation : HNI Quota- 5, 97,000 Equity Shares, Retail Individual Investors 5,



97000 Equity Shares, Market Maker 66,000 Equity Shares

The net proceeds from the IPO will be utilized for funding the working capital requirements and general corporate expenses. The issue will open on April 12, 2024 and closes on April 16, 2024.

Lead Manager to the Issue is Beeline Capital Advisors Private Limited. The Registrar

to the Issue is Skyline Financial Services Private Limited.

Greenhitech Ventures Ltd. (GVL) is engaged in trading of various petroleum-based products for the different categories of industries based on their requirement. This includes supply of biofuels, bitumen, light density oils, furnace oils etc. The company is also engaged in Operation &

Maintenance as Job worker for Ethanol manufacturing in Government owned distilleries. It understands the market needs and upgrade its team constantly with growing technology and market trends.

GVL provides business solutions and services to consumers of Fuels and other alternative materials across India. The company is engaged in Operation & Maintenance as Job worker for Ethanol manufacturing in Government owned distilleries. Company is not having its own manufacturing unit. It bids for tender of Government owned distillery for Operation & Maintenance as Job worker for Ethanol manufacturing.

Awareness Session on World Parkinson's Day at MGM Healthcare

Chennai, April 13 2024: In commemoration of World Parkinson's Day, MGM Healthcare, a multi-speciality quaternary care hospital in the heart of Chennai, conducted a highly informative and impactful awareness session aimed at educating the public about Parkinson's disease. The event was conducted at MGM Healthcare with participation by neurology experts Dr. U.Meenakshisundaram, Director and Senior Consultant, Department of Neurology, MGM Healthcare and Dr.Sreenivas U.M., Consultant, Department of Neurology, MGM Healthcare, along with Ms. Vijayashree, Chief Dietician, Department of Dietetics, MGM Healthcare and Dr. Rajendran AJ, Clinical Lead, Dept of Rehabilitation Medicine, MGM Healthcare to shed light on this disorder and how to cope with it.

Parkinson's disease affects millions of people worldwide, with a rising incidence in India. Raising awareness about the disease, including its symptoms, mode of diagnosis and



treatment options is crucial. The awareness session was presented by renowned neurologists from MGM Healthcare, who shared insights into the latest advancements in Parkinson's research, treatment options, and strategies for improving the quality of life for patients.

The awareness session also highlighted the importance of early detection, proper medication adherence, and the role of physical therapy and lifestyle modifications in managing the symptoms of Parkinson's.

The Welcome address for the Parkinson's awareness day was delivered by Dr. U.Meenakshisundaram, Director and Senior Consultant, Department of Neurology, MGM

Healthcare, following which a yoga exercise session was conducted, to help people with Parkinson's to improve their balance and mobility.

Dr.Sreenivas U.M., Consultant, Department of Neurology, MGM Healthcare, presented a short insight about the Parkinson's Disease, including recent research and treatment developments. This was followed by a session on Nutrition for Parkinson by Ms. Vijayashree, Chief Dietician, Department of Dietetics, MGM Healthcare.

The last session was on Innovative Exercise Methods for Parkinson's Management by Dr. Rajendran AJ, Clinical Lead, Dept of Rehabilitation Medicine, MGM Healthcare, which

Dr. U.Meenakshisundaram, Director and Senior Consultant, Department of Neurology, MGM Healthcare shared his thoughts on the awareness program: "MGM Healthcare is honoured to contribute towards raising awareness about this challenging neurological condition. Through our awareness session, we aim to empower the patients with knowledge and support about Parkinson's. We believe that together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by Parkinson's disease."

As part of its ongoing commitment to neurological care, MGM Healthcare plans to continue organizing educational initiatives and support programs for patients affected by Parkinson's disease.

Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science (HITS) is conducting a two-day International Conference on Integration and Transformation with Sustainable Development Goals (ICITS 2024)

Chennai, April 13 2024: Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science (HITS), a renowned university in Chennai, is proud to announce a two-day International Conference on Integration and Transformation with Sustainable Development Goals (ICITS 2024). Scheduled for April 15th and 16th, 2024, the conference will take place at HITS' Bay Range campus in Chennai. Distinguished speakers from prestigious organizations and institutions worldwide will convene to share insights and perspectives on this important topic.

Mr. C Y Shivaji, Head of EDRC (HRC SBG) at Larsen & Toubro Ltd, Chennai, will grace the event as the chief guest on the 15th while Mr. K.L. Rao, Chief Policy Officer of UNICEF will join us on the 16th as the chief guest. Additionally, Dr. Gnanamoorthy, Chair Professor of the Ace Micromatic Institute and Head of the ARCHMATDES at IIT-Madras, along with Mr. N.K. Patel, President of the Institute of Town Planners India, will be the Guest of Honour on the first day of the conference. Dr. Benny Kuria kose, Architectural Designer and conservational consultant and Dr. Sujatha R, SDG



consultant for the Government of Tamil Nadu will enrich the occasion with their insights on SDG as Guests of Honour on the 16th of April 2024. The conference will also be attended by esteemed officials and management members from HITS including Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese, Chancellor and Dr. Ashok Verghese, Pro Chancellor.

In addition to these esteemed guests, the conference will host a total of 30 resource persons and welcome more than 500 participants from leading industries and institutions to engage in discussions on sustainability. The conference will jointly design strategies, harness new solutions and create collaborations to enable the unstoppable movement essential for sustainable development.

As an integral component of the conference, an Exhibition showcasing a diverse array of innovative posters,

Qualcomm positions itself at the center of digital transformation in India and demonstrates its Developer First approach

Chennai, April 13 2024: Qualcomm has been at the forefront of innovation in India for the past two decades, contributing significantly to advancements in technology, particularly in fields such as 5G and artificial intelligence (AI). Its dedication to fostering a culture that prioritizes innovation, includes providing startups and the developer community with access to breakthrough technologies that will further enable innovation that accelerates the digital economy and drives the greater good.

India's historical leadership in software development has a significant impact on its burgeoning contributions to the global developer community. To strengthen collaborations with its

partners and developer ecosystem, Qualcomm is hosting an in-person Developer Conference in Hyderabad on April 17th, 2024, which will bring together 150+ developers, engineers, and industry leaders to showcase their solutions and discuss the latest advancements in tools and technologies that will help accelerate this ecosystem.

More than 10 companies—spanning from embedded design companies, distributors, and independent software vendors are showcasing solutions powered by Qualcomm® and Snapdragon® technologies across segments such as mobile, automotive solutions, robotics, IoT, manufacturing, edge AI boxes and more.

The conference agenda includes keynote

addresses by industry and Qualcomm executives, presentations on collaboration programs for partners, and technical sessions covering hardware, software tools, SDKs, and resources for developers that will help to kickstart their projects. Special emphasis has been placed on Edge and Gen AI technologies, with live demonstrations from Qualcomm and partners.

Deeper focus on Developers
Qualcomm is evolving to better connect developers with its offerings and provide better experiences to developers going forward.

While the digital transformation of industries is still in the early phases, the scale of the opportunity for Qualcomm in the long

development in tackling global challenges.

Dr. Ajayan Vinu, Director- Global Innovative Centre for Advanced Materials from the University of Newcastle, Australia will be delivering the keynote speech for the conference.

Dr. Anand Jacob Verghese, Chancellor of HITS, insisted on the critical importance of sustainability in this fast-paced world. He said "It is essential to educate and empower young people to adopt sustainable practices. Hosting ICITS 2024 is a benchmark for HITS and we are privileged to welcome esteemed speakers to discuss on sustainable development and complex societal issues and look forward to productive discussions and impactful outcomes from this gathering."

Dr. Ashok George Verghese, Pro Chancellor of HITS said "I am pleased to see our institution leading initiatives that contribute to global sustainability efforts. We aim to catalyze innovative solutions and inspire actionable strategies for a sustainable future believing that by collective expertise and resources, we can accelerate progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals".

Sprite's 'Joke in a Bottle' returns: Comedy giants and digital stars unite for ultimate humour experience

Chennai, April 13 2024: Sprite, India's favourite lemon and lime-flavored beverage, is back with 'Joke in a Bottle', following the resounding success of its inaugural season. Strengthening its renowned 'Scan Karo, Joke Suno, Thand Rakho' campaign from last year, the brand is set to become the ultimate heat hack for this season, delivering a fresh wave of comedic content that's bound to leave audiences in peals of laughter. Given the challenges in today's fast-paced world, Sprite is one of the coolest brands, making it a natural fit to own the humour space and provide a refreshing escape. With a simple scan of a bottle youngsters can unravel jokes across 9+ regional languages on reliable topics such as exams, college, relationships, food and much more.

As the brand gears up to dominate the comedy landscape Sprite has partnered with Kommune to build content and explore creator partnerships for the campaign. Once again, Sprite's 'Joke in a Bottle', promises an



unparalleled experience of laughter. Stepping up the campaign, Sprite teams up with India's top 14 comedians such as Biswa, Kenny, Mallika Dua, Prashasti, Urooj, Anirban, Saikiran, Varun Thakur, Danish Sait, Sorabh Pant, Mir Afsar Ali, Naveen Singh, Niranjana Mondal to name a few, along with one of the country's biggest entertainers Kapil Sharma for a pan-India and regional initiative. 500+ jokes crafted in 9 languages will be available to consumers on a simple scan of the QR code which will lead them to their WhatsApp, unveiling regional comedy content.

Commenting on the new campaign, Tish Condono, Senior category director, Coca-Cola India and South-West Asia, said, "We are thrilled to bring back Sprite's Joke in a Bottle campaign, following the outstanding response from last year. Our goal remains unchanged: to infuse our consumers' lives with genuine, relatable and humorous content that resonates with our brand ethos. Sprite is dedicated to offering an unmatched, delightful experience for everyone!"

Roshan Abbas, founder Kommune says, "Comedy is the best way to reach out to people, it lifts spirits

and is the culture fuel of the young. With this campaign we are serving up jokes from across the country and each bottle contains a surprise that brightens someone's day. We at Kommune are delighted to collaborate with Sprite for 'Joke in a Bottle' campaign by curating the best regional comics and creatively crafting jokes. They surpass linguistic barriers to connect with diverse Indian communities."

Kenny Sebastian said, "I am excited to partner with Sprite for the 'Joke in a Bottle' campaign. This campaign returns with a focus on delivering a fresh wave of comedic content to refresh audiences in today's fast-paced world."

Danish Sait said, "I believe Sprite's 'Joke in a Bottle' campaign is captivating the essence of how sprite has put its humour forward and it resonates with me both at a professional and personal level, needless to say I am happy to be associated with a campaign that connects people from different walks of life to share a moment of pure and refreshing laughter."

Sarveshwar Foods Ltd. Completes Acquisition of Singapore Based Green Point Pte. Ltd

Chennai, April 13 2024: Sarveshwar Foods, a renowned name in the food industry, has announced that in continuation to its earlier intimation regarding acquisition of 100% Ordinary shares i.e 1 Ordinary share of face Value of 1 SGD and Business of Green point Pte. Ltd, the Company has acquired 100% Ordinary shares and business of Green Point Pte Ltd. Henceforth, Green Point becomes a wholly owned Subsidiary of Sarveshwar Foods Limited. Green point Pte. Ltd had a Turnover of 3,139,471 US\$ (as per the Financial Statements as on March 31, 2023).



company informed that it has successfully been awarded bids to supply 90,000 Quintal of premium white rice to Africa through government's nodal agency NAFED amounting approx. 6 Million USD (~Rs. 50 Crores). Sarveshwar Foods remains steadfast in its mission

to deliver superior-quality rice products that nourish and delight consumers around the world.

NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd) is an apex government organization of marketing cooperatives

for agricultural produce in India, founded with sole objective to promote the trade of agricultural produces, forest resources and to organize, promote and develop marketing, processing and storage of agricultural, horticultural and forest produce, distribution of agricultural machinery, implements and other inputs, undertake interstate, import and export trade, wholesale or retail as the case may be and to act and assist for technical advice in agricultural, production for the promotion and the working of its members, partners, associates and cooperative marketing, processing and supply societies functional across the India.

Annual 61-day fishing ban in Bay of Bengal from April 15

Chennai, 13 April 2024: The annual 61-day fishing ban on the eastern coast of Tamil Nadu will commence on April 15, and will extend till June 14. The ban will be effective from Sunday midnight. The fishing ban is imposed to preserve the fishing resources. During this ban, big mechanised

boats, including barges, are not allowed to fish.

The state government had provided an amount of Rs 6,000 per fisherman's family during this ban period.

While speaking to IANS, Antony Fernandes, a fishermen leader from Kasimedu, said: "Last

year, the government provided Rs 6,000 per family during this ban period, and this year, we are expecting the dole amount to be raised to Rs 8,000."

These boats are anchored at the harbour. However, there is no ban on local fishermen fishing using country boats, Kettuvallams and

Kattumaram. On peak days, the Kasimedu fishing harbour in Chennai gets around 300 tonnes of fish daily, while on other days, it is around 200 tonnes.

With the annual ban in effect, there will be an acute shortage of fish in the market, leading to an increase in prices.

Samsung Launches Season 3 of 'Solve for Tomorrow' with Separate School and Youth Tracks for Community & Environment Themes; The 2024 edition offers Grants of Over INR 90 Lakh

Chennai, April 13 2024: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, has announced the third edition of its flagship CSR initiative - 'Solve for Tomorrow', in strategic collaboration with the Foundation for Innovation & Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, and the United Nations in India. With Solve for Tomorrow, Samsung aims to usher in a culture of innovative thinking and problem solving amongst the country's youth.

Solve for Tomorrow 2024 was inaugurated by Mr. JB Park, President & CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia, Dr. Sandip Chatterjee, Sr. Director and Scientist 'G', Ministry of Electronics & IT, and Mr. Shombi Sharp, United Nations Resident Coordinator in India, in the presence of other dignitaries.

The CSR programme recognizes the power of innovative solutions and their ability to transform lives, makes a strong social impact, and strengthens Samsung's vision of #TogetherforTomorrow #EnablingPeople.

This year, the 'Solve for Tomorrow' programme introduces two distinct tracks School Track and Youth Track, each dedicated to championing a specific theme and targeted towards different age groups. Both the tracks will run simultaneously, ensuring equal opportunity and a level



playing field for all students.

The School Track, is tailored for students aged 14-17, focusing on the theme "community and inclusion". The track underscores the importance of uplifting underprivileged groups, improving accessibility to health & social inclusion for all through social innovations and hence 'Solving for India'.

The Youth Track on the other hand, targets individuals aged 18-22, with a focus on the theme "environment and sustainability". The track seeks innovative ideas for reducing carbon footprint, protecting the environment & promoting sustainability and hence 'Solving for the World'.

Mr. JB Park, President & CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia, said, "At Samsung, we strive to inspire and shape the future through innovative ideas and transformative technologies. Our mission revolves around fostering the next generation of innovators and catalysts for social change. Solve for Tomorrow is truly

having innovative mind and skills, cares deeply for the environment. Using radical innovations, various global grassroots issues and challenges could be addressed. Programmes like 'Solve for Tomorrow' are a testament to realise the vision of the Government of India, by harnessing the power of youth."

Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi said, "We are honoured to continue our partnership with Samsung as their key partner in the 'Solve for Tomorrow' programme. This collaboration underscores the commitment to fostering innovation and empowering young minds to drive positive change in the society."

Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator in India, said, "I am delighted to participate in the third edition of the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow programme, an exciting initiative which encourages and promotes youth-led innovation to solve challenges related to the Sustainable Development Goals. The UN system in India works with and supports initiatives by the private sector that promote the ambitions and leadership of young people, like The Solve for Tomorrow programme. With the development are amongst the priority agenda of Government of India. It is an opportune moment to combine technology with the human capabilities for accelerating economic growth. Indian youth,

RAILWAYS INTENSIFIES EFFORTS TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF DRINKING WATER AT RAILWAY STATIONS

Chennai, April 13 2024: In anticipation of the upcoming summer season and potential heatwaves, the Railway Ministry has reviewed the availability of drinking water at stations and issued instructions to Zonal Railways to ensure adequate supply of drinking water.

In accordance with the directives of the Ministry of Railways to provide potable drinking water to passengers at all stations across the Railway network, Southern Railway has intensified its efforts to see that drinking water is available at all stations and that all stations strive to provide clean drinking water to passengers in accordance with established norms.

The following measures have been initiated by Railways to further strengthen these efforts during the potentially scorching summer months:-

Divisions have been instructed to check on the availability and functionality of all existing water coolers and to ensure that all are functional to meet passenger demand.

At critical stations, Divisions have been instructed to explore the deployment of water tankers to supplement existing supplies.

Divisions and important stations have been instructed to conduct regular checks to confirm water availability across all platforms.

Divisions have been instructed to explore the

possibility of collaboration with NGOs and Community Groups: to actively seek support from Mahila Samitis (women's self-help groups), NGOs, Scouts and Guides, and other Self Help Groups for the distribution of cool drinking water, particularly near general class coaches.

In areas facing water scarcity, railway authorities will collaborate with Municipal Corporations/State Governments and explore alternative water supply solutions.

All Divisions have been advised to set up a system for round-the-clock monitoring by railway staff to ensure consistent water availability and address any emerging issues promptly.

Apart from these measures, Railways have also ensured that RAILNEER is available for the passengers. The last quarter from January to March, Railways has made available more than 59 lakh 1 litre water bottles at Stations for the benefit of travelling passengers and have supplied more than 40 lakh 1 litre bottles on board more than 630 passenger/mail/express trains running through the Southern Railway Zonal System daily.

Railways is committed to providing a comfortable and convenient travel experience for all passengers. These proactive measures aim to guarantee easy access to clean drinking water at stations throughout the summer season.