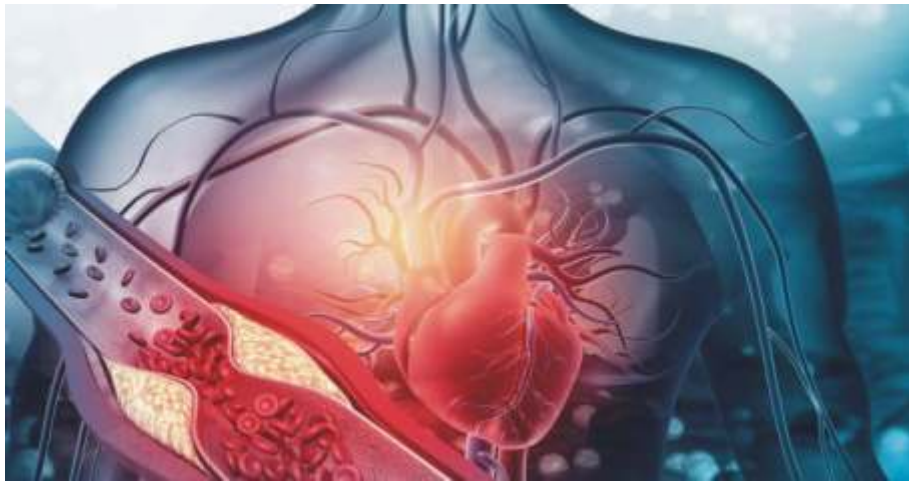


'Covishield causes rare blood clot disorder'

Chennai, April 30 2024: A big update has emerged in connection with COVID vaccine and its rare side effects, which are being questioned by several health experts. British-Swedish multinational pharmaceutical and biotechnology company AstraZeneca has admitted in court papers that its COVID vaccine, Covishield, can cause rare side effect.



Covishield was developed by AstraZeneca and was produced by the Serum Institute of India. In India, it was one of the widely administered COVID vaccine.

Currently, AstraZeneca is facing a class action lawsuit in the UK due to claims that its vaccine caused deaths. 51 cases have been filed against AstraZeneca.

In one of the court papers, AstraZeneca has admitted that Covishield can "in very rare cases, cause TTS". TTS stands for Thrombosis with Thrombocytopenia

Syndrome. Thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) is a rare but serious condition characterized by blood clot formation (thrombosis) coupled with low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia).

TTS typically manifests with symptoms such as severe headaches, abdominal pain, leg swelling, shortness of breath, and neurological deficits. Diagnosis involves blood tests to assess platelet levels and imaging studies to detect blood clots.

Treatment for TTS involves a multidisciplinary

approach, including hospitalization, anticoagulation therapy to prevent further clotting, and supportive care. Intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) and plasma exchange may also be utilized to stabilize platelet levels and manage immune-mediated reactions.

Healthcare providers closely monitor patients with TTS due to the potential for severe complications, including organ damage and death. Prompt recognition and management are essential for improving outcomes in individuals affected by this rare but critical syndrome. "TTS is thrombosis with thrombocytopenia

syndrome, which is basically clot in blood vessels of the brain or elsewhere, along with a low platelet count. It is known to occur in very rare instances following certain types of vaccines and also from other causes. According to the WHO, adenovirus vector vaccines in particular have been rarely associated with this condition," Medical expert Dr Rajeev Jayadevan told ANI. "Although COVID vaccines have prevented numerous deaths, reports of these extremely rare but potentially serious immune mediated events have also been published in reputed journals," Dr Jayadevan added.

Sikh separatist Pannun murder plot India slam US' unwarranted media report

Chennai, April 30 2024: India has reacted sharply to a report by The Washington Post on the alleged assassination plot of Sikh separatist leader Gurbatwant Singh Pannun in the US.



government official with hiring a hitman to kill the leader of the organization Sikhs for Justice, Gurbatwant Singh Pannun, whom India considers a terrorist. India officially denies any culpability, claiming that "rogue operatives" not authorised by the Indian government were involved.

Describing the report as "unwarranted and unsubstantiated", official spokesperson of the Ministry of External affairs Randhir Jaiswal said, "There is an ongoing investigation of the High Level Committee set up by the Government of India to look into the security concerns shared by the US government on networks of organised criminals, terrorists and others. Speculative and irresponsible comments on it are not helpful." Recently in a stern warning to the international community on

Tuesday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar cautioned against unwarranted political commentary on India's internal matters, stressing that any such interference would be met with a "very strong reply"

Jaishankar's remarks came in the wake of recent statements by Envoys from the US, Germany and the UN regarding the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the Enforcement Directorate.

The Minister emphasised the importance of

respecting the sovereignty of nations and refraining from meddling in each other's domestic affairs.

For the United States, foreign policy has always been a mix of securing interests and promoting values, and India checks the box on multiple counts. The Biden administration has its own trouble with India over an alleged attempt to commit an extrajudicial killing on US soil. In November, prosecutors in New York unsealed an indictment charging an unnamed Indian

India is reportedly cooperating with US authorities on the matter. Last year, the Biden administration dispatched the directors of the CIA and FBI on separate trips to discuss the Pannun case with their Indian counterparts. In India, there is palpable disgruntlement over a perceived double standard that allows Washington to use drone strikes and other means to kill suspected terrorists and militants with relative impunity.

Swift Action taken by Railway Protection Force(RPF) & Govt. Railway Police (GRP) in the light of unfortunate incident of assault on lady Train Manger (TMR) of Coaching Special Train at Home Signal of Madurai Railway Station on 29.04.2024

Chennai, April 30 2024: On the evening of 29th April 2024 while a lady Train Manager was performing her Railway duty in passenger coaching special train from Salem to Tirunelveli while the train was approaching Madurai Junction home signal in slow run, two outsiders entered the guard van and assaulted the Train Manager with sickle and snatched her mobile phone, causing injury.

On getting information, Madurai Railway Protection Force Personnel and Madurai Govt Railway Police Personnel swiftly swung into

action and quickly arranged medical aid to the victim and admitted her at Railway Hospital/Madurai. Further, a joint team of crime Intelligence branch, Crime Prevention & Detection Squad/RPF/Madurai & GRP/Madurai under the supervision of Assistant Security Commissioner/RPF Madurai and Deputy Superintendent of Railway Police/Madurai conducted intensive search to detect the offender, and could arrest one offender out of the two today on 30.04.2024 and recovered all the stolen articles within 24 hrs of the incident. In this connection,



GRP/Madurai has registered a case in Cr. No. 64/2024 invoking deterrent sections of IPC viz. U/s 353, 394, 506(II) IPC. Efforts are in progress to arrest the second accomplice in this crime.

In order to prevent recurrence of such incidents, Regular drives will be

conducted against such unsocial elements loitering in and around Railway Station/System by joint teams of RPF/Rly police at vulnerable locations, and Deployment of women RPF staff exclusively for the safety of lady commuters/women employees in Railway system will be made.

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Toyota Kirloskar Motor Introduces New Grade of the Toyota Rumion

Chennai, April 30 2024:

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), today, officially announced the opening of bookings and the price of New Grade G-AT of the Toyota Rumion along with reopening of E-CNG bookings. The newly launched G-AT variant is expected to further boost the market acceptance of the Rumion with its unmatched space and comfort, excellent fuel efficiency, stylish and premium exterior design.

The latest offering by TKM will be available at an attractive ex-showroom price of Rs. 13,00,000 with deliveries expected to commence from 5th May onwards. Customers can book the vehicle at any of the authorized dealerships or online with a booking fee of Rs 11,000/-.

Toyota Rumion G-AT variant is powered by the 1.5-litre K series petrol engine with 6-speed Automatic Transmission, featuring the Neo Drive (ISG) technology ensuring responsive performance. While the petrol grade has a power output of 75.8 kw @6000 rpm and torque of 136.8 Nm @4400 rpm for, the CNG grade boosts of 64.6 kw output @5500 rpm and torque of 121.5 Nm@4200 rpm. The Toyota Rumion is now available in seven variants of Neo drive MT: S, G and V grade. Neo Drive AT: S, G and V grade. E-CNG: S grade offering a wide range of options for customers.

The G-AT variant is enhanced with advanced technology including a 17.78 cm Smartplay



Cast Touchscreen audio system with wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. Equipped with Toyota i-Connect, it offers remote control for climate, lock/unlock, hazard lights and many more connected features. The Toyota Rumion also prioritizes safety for its owners with advanced safety features like dual front airbags, ABS with EBD, Hill Hold, Electronic Stability Program (ESP) and more.

Making the announcement, Mr. Sabari Manohar, Vice President - Sales and Strategic Marketing, TKM said, "We are excited to announce the addition of the new grade to the Toyota Rumion lineup thus offering a wider choice and more options to customers based on their mobility needs and requirements. Bookings for the G-AT variant is now open. Since its launch in August '23, the Toyota Rumion has generated much excitement among customers, leading to strong inquiries and healthy bookings. We deeply appreciate the love and trust shown by our valued customers.

In line with Toyota's customer centric approach, we have continued to deepen our focus towards catering to the evolving customer demands by introducing new products and variants at regular intervals with a focus on

delivering them ever-better cars. We believe that with its unmatched space, advanced features, and exceptional performance, backed by Toyota's value-added proposition and excellent after sales service, the Toyota Rumion will become a preferred choice for the discerning families looking for awesome ownership experience, ensuring every drive is filled with comfort, joy, and peace of mind."

The Rumion brings in a stylish and premium exterior design for a tough appearance with robust characteristics like Toyota MPV signature front grille, Front Bumper with chrome finish, LED tail lamps with back door chrome garnish and machined two tone alloy wheels that exude style and sophistication. The luxurious interior offers premium dual-tone with wooden finish dashboard and door trims, premium dual-tone interiors, and a range of convenient amenities.

Toyota Rumion also beholds the highest safety standards. It comes with Dual front airbags, ABS with EBD and Brake Assist, Engine immobilizer, ESP, Hill Hold assist, and ISO Fix Child seat anchorages further enhance the safety quotient. Its features also include front seat belts with pretensioners and force limiters, seat belt

reminder for all seats, and a high-speed alert system.

The Toyota Rumion is packed with the legacy of Toyota service offerings with a host of customized finance schemes and unmatched value additions to enhance the customer ownership experience. The offers include finance options for Value Added Services like Extended Warranty & Toyota Genuine Accessories, focusing on affordability and flexibility that will be beneficial to the customers. Other options include upto 8-year finance schemes, low EMI with increased affordability, pre-approved funding for value added services and Toyota Smart finance [Balloon Finance] to support aspirational buying and present customers with a wide variety of choices.

Other value benefit services include Toyota's newly introduced 5-year complimentary Roadside assistance, warranty standard warranty of 3 years/1,00,000 km, which can be extended to 5 years/2,20,000 km at a nominal cost.

In addition, the company also recently launched an industry-first "Awesome New Car Delivery Solution" that extends vehicle logistic services till delivery touchpoints by eliminating possible drive down of new cars by the dealer staff to the delivery location. As an industry first, the new initiative will enable Toyota dealers to transport new vehicles from dealer stockyards to their sales outlets on a flat-bed truck.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Unveils "T GLOSS": A Comprehensive Car Detailing Solution

Chennai, April 30 2024:

line with its 'customer-first' philosophy, Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd. (TKM) today announced the launch of its revolutionary car care brand, "T GLOSS", marking the brand's foray into the world of car detailing. In response to the rapidly increasing demand for high quality and reliable car detailing services among customers in India, TKM is set to redefine the car care industry with its comprehensive range of solutions tailored specifically for Toyota vehicles.

Starting May 1, 2024, "T GLOSS" treatments will be offered at every authorised Toyota dealership in India. This provides customers with convenient access to quality car care solutions delivered in a highly professional manner, ensuring a delightful ownership experience.

As an industry first by any car maker, under the "T GLOSS" brand, TKM will offer a wide array of services curated to enhance a vehicle's appearance, both inside and out. This includes ceramic coating, underbody coating, silencer coating, and internal panel protection. These



treatments are not only aimed at enhancing the aesthetic appeal of vehicles but also offers certain degree of protection against environmental elements.

Customers can also avail comprehensive services such as interior enrichment and exterior beautification services that breathe new life into the car, revitalizing its aesthetic appeal and ensuring it looks as good as new. Additionally, for the well-being of the passengers, "T GLOSS" services go beyond the surface with AC duct cleaning and evaporator cleaning, contributing to an immaculate ambiance, promoting a healthier driving environment. All the services are meticulously designed to rejuvenate the interiors and exteriors of vehicles, providing a renewed sense of pride and satisfaction to Toyota owners.

Speaking on the initiative, Mr. Sabari Manohar Vice President, Sales-

Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "We are thrilled to unveil "T GLOSS", an innovative and industry first venture that underscores Toyota Kirloskar Motor's unwavering commitment to 'customer-first' philosophy. We are witnessing growing trend among car owners who prioritize quality vehicle maintenance, and "T GLOSS" is designed to meet their needs by helping them keep their cars in excellent condition aesthetically.

"T GLOSS" is a one-stop-shop solution aimed at offering customers high quality car care solutions that are tailored specifically for Toyota vehicles to ensure safety and upkeeping of vehicles ultimately designed to offer a peaceful ownership experience. This launch marks a significant another critical milestone in our journey of delivering Toyota owners an all-encompassing car care solution that seamlessly aligns with

our core values of quality, durability, and reliability (QDR)"

In addition to its extensive service offerings, "T GLOSS" will place strong emphasis on customization and flexibility to accommodate the diverse needs of customers. The services will be undertaken by highly skilled and trained professional to ensure integration of not only usage of high-quality material but also ensure the services are rendered in the most professional manner ensuring longevity of the vehicle's aesthetics, including exteriors as well as interiors.

Over the years, TKM has strived to consistently improve customer experiences throughout the entire purchase and ownership cycle by implementing timely and relevant initiatives through value-added services that include the newly introduced "Awesome New Car Delivery Solution", 5-Years of Complimentary Roadside Assistance Program and specialized schemes, aimed to make the dream of owning a Toyota vehicle a reality, ensuring a joyful ownership experience for our existing customers.

BJP-JDS alliance will win all 28 seats in Karnataka: Kumaraswamy

Chennai, April 30 2024:

Former Karnataka Chief Minister and JDS Candidate from Mandya Lok Sabha Constituency, HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the Congress party over its claims against the BJP's electoral prospects, asserting that voters were inclined towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Speaking to new agency, Kumaraswamy criticised Congress for its predictions about BJP's performance and expressed confidence in the BJP-JDS alliance winning all 28 seats in Karnataka.

JD(S) formally joined the BJP-led National Democratic



Alliance on September 22, 2023.

Referring to Congress's assertions that BJP would not secure more than 150 seats, Kumaraswamy questioned the credibility of such claims and emphasised the voters' preference for Prime Minister Modi.

"Congress is saying that BJP won't even cross 150 seats. Then who will come? Congress will come? How many seats have

they contested? Everybody feels wherever we go in this country. Everyone prefers the Honourable Prime Minister. They (Congress) are not the astrologers. They are not the voters, voters are in a different mood. They have already decided to bless Narendra Modi ji," Kumaraswamy asserted while speaking to ANI.

Kumaraswamy also expressed his confidence in the BJP-

JDS alliance securing all 28 seats in Karnataka.

"According to me, in all the 28 seats, people are going to bless our candidates. We are going to win this election comfortably," he said.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, while addressing an election rally in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur said on Monday that the BJP won't even secure 150 seats in the Lok Sabha elections.

RC CHENNAI BHARATHI DEI AWARDS



Chennai, April 30 2024:

It was a moment of immense pride and inspiration when our president, Rtn. Dr. Jayashree Kadambi received the prestigious ROTARY'S CHOICE AWARD 2024. This recognition, the first-ever DEI AWARDS in Rotary, was a testament to our unwavering

commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. The awards were organized by RI DISTRICT 3192 IN BENGALURU, marking a significant milestone in our journey.

The award ceremony was held on April 20, 2024, at THE DEN IN ITPL

BENGALURU. The awards had five different categories.

Among the 100 applicants, the Rotary Club of Chennai Bharathi won the Rotary's CHOICE AWARD 2024 for successfully executing the Paralympic sports meet for children with special needs, which

impacted more than 800 individuals with special needs. It was a joyful moment to receive the award from the district governor, Rtn. Srinivas Murthy, RI District 3192, RIDN Rtn. Flt. Lt. KP Nagesh, chief guest Nagesh A Basavanahalli, in the presence of the first ladies of the district.

WHERE TRANQUILITY MEETS MAJESTY: FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON SONMARG RESORT, LAUNCHES IN THE HEART OF THE HIMALAYAS

Chennai, April 30 2024: Four Points by Sheraton, part of Marriott Bonvoy's portfolio of over 30 extraordinary hotel brands, announces its expansion in India with the opening of Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg Resort in the picturesque and captivating landscapes of Jammu and Kashmir. Set amongst the majestic Himalayan Ranges, this hotel is the perfect getaway for the leisure traveller, honeymooners and family vacationers, catering to their needs with its warm and approachable design, delivering uncomplicated comfort.



Nestled in a picturesque location near the iconic Zoji La Pass, connecting Srinagar to Leh, and just 22 kilometres from the famous Amarnath Cave, Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg Resort is conveniently accessible from the Srinagar International Airport. The journey to the hotel unfolds along a scenic road, offering breathtaking views of snow-capped mountains and lush valleys in full bloom, showcasing nature's splendour at its finest.

Sonmarg, meaning "Meadows of Gold," is known for its awe-inspiring beauty and myriad of attractions.

From the view of the glaciers and serene fishing spots at Fish Point, to the majestic confluence of the Indus River at Nilgrad and exhilarating white-water river rafting at Baltal Lake, Sonmarg presents a plethora of exciting experiences for visitors. Moreover, the region serves as an ideal hub for trekkers venturing into the pristine great lakes of Kashmir, including Tarsar, Marsar Gangabal, and Vishansar to name a few. Whether it's exploring the beautiful countryside, embarking on thrilling adventures, or simply unwinding in the company of nature, Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg promises a truly unforgettable journey.

"We are thrilled to announce the debut of the Four Points by Sheraton brand in the picturesque resort town of Sonmarg," said Ranju Alex Area Vice President, South Asia, Marriott International. "This strategic expansion underlines

our commitment to growth in the region and showcases how our brands cater to a wide range of travel needs and preferences. The hotel's location, offering stunning views of the majestic Himalayan Ranges, coupled with the brand's renowned service, will undoubtedly redefine the hospitality landscape in this enduringly popular destination."

The resort features 47 exquisitely appointed rooms, each thoughtfully adorned with a private balcony offering unparalleled valley and mountain views. Each room features the signature Four Points comfort bed, a spacious bathroom with a rain shower to soothe the senses and state-of-the-art amenities including integrated USB ports and complimentary high-speed Wi-Fi. Catering to varied palates, Sky View, is a multi-cuisine all-day dining venue offering an indulgent buffet and

an a la carte menu featuring local and global favourites. Kahwa, located in the heart of a bustling lobby, is the portal to a tradition steeped in the richness of Kashmiri culture, where the legacy of kahwa, a freshly brewed hot beverage, whispers tales of ancient times through its steam. Open through the day, Kahwa offers a selection of teas, coffees and an array of bakery items to indulge in. The hotel will also house a fully equipped gym for the fitness inclined. "As we unveil Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg Resort, we look forward to welcoming guests to the unparalleled beauty of the Himalayas," remarked Shahid Khan, General Manager of Four Points by Sheraton Sonmarg Resort. "With our unwavering commitment to provide genuine service and comfortable accommodations, we strive to create inspiring experiences that showcase the pristine beauty and rich culture of the land, while providing guests with everything they need as they rest, relax and explore the wonders of Sonmarg."

For more information or reservations, please visit <http://www.fourpointsonmarg.com/>.

Chennai, April 30 2024: Continuous skill development and lifelong learning are crucial for driving economic prosperity, empowering individuals to thrive through meaningful employment, and advancing equality and resilience within communities. In line with this objective, the International Labour Organization (ILO) convened the Global Skills Forum on Wednesday to bring together world leaders on the same platform to deliberate on ways to shape skills development in today's world.

During the panel discussion on "Human-Centered Digital Transformation of Skills Development" organized by ILO, the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH), an initiative by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), was presented as the tool that transformed India's skill development ecosystem.

While addressing the panel, Ms. Shreshtha Gupta, Executive Vice President (IT & Digital), National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) & Director & CTO, NSDC International, said, "Skill India Digital, a comprehensive digital platform is poised to revolutionize the education and skill development



ecosystem. She further said that SIDH platform is built as a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) with open source cloud hosted architecture enabling quick configuration to meet skilling needs of other countries. I am confident that ILO serves as a catalyst in improving user engagement, expanding reach and advancing collaboration with global countries".

She narrated an inspiring story of a young girl living from young remote area of Jammu & Kashmir who got benefited from the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH). "The young girl always aspired to pursue a career in cybersecurity, but due to the lack of resources, quality education and relevant skill-building opportunities, she wasn't able to reach her full potential. The SIDH proved to be a gamechanger that

empowered her with personalized learning

landscape experiences, Conceptualized during the COVID-19 pandemic, the platform addresses the skilling needs of India's diverse demography. She further said that SIDH platform is built as a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) with open source cloud hosted architecture enabling quick configuration to meet skilling needs of other countries. I am confident that ILO serves as a catalyst in improving user engagement, expanding reach and advancing collaboration with global countries".

She further pointed out that SIDH also takes forward the National Skill Development Corporation's (NSDC) vision of skills for all, anytime, anywhere by creating an innovative platform to cater to both job seekers on one side and employers on the other side. It simplifies hiring and makes apprenticeship and job opportunities discoverable.

SIDH has been a testament to NSDC's commitment to bring scale and speed to India's skilling ecosystem. So far, NSDC has trained 36 million+ candidates, including 16.1million+ women, 5.4 million+ candidates from social backward communities and close to 200K+ people with special abilities. The nodal agency has also successfully placed 9 million+ youth.

As part of capacity building, NSDC has

46K+ skill assessors, 70K+ skill teachers and 1 billion+ financing facilities. Furthermore, covering 750+ districts, its network consists of 36 Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) imparting industry-relevant skill training to the youth and 35k+ employers offering job opportunities.

Since its inception in 2008, NSDC has been playing a pivotal role in empowering India's youth by collaborating with various stakeholders including government bodies, industry partners, and training providers. Through its extensive network of training centers and programs, NSDC is equipping youth with the necessary competencies to succeed in diverse sectors such as IT, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing, and more. By offering industry-driven training courses, internships, and certification programs, NSDC is not only enhancing the employability of India's youth but also addressing the skill gap prevalent in the job market.

Continuous skilling, reskilling and upskilling people of all ages have become a necessity of today's world. Against this backdrop, ILO believes that building an agile workforce capable of navigating the fast-changing labour market is crucial.

BJP believes religion-based reservation is unconstitutional: Amit Shah

Chennai, April 30 2024: Union home minister Amit Shah declared the BJP's stance against religious-based reservation as unconstitutional during a press conference in Guwahati on April 30. He pledged to terminate such reservations in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh if the BJP secured power. Shah accused the Congress of spreading falsehoods and confusion, emphasizing the BJP's commitment to reservations for SCs, STs,

and OBCs. "We firmly believe that reservation based on religion violates the constitution. When we assume power in states like Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, we will rectify this injustice by abolishing religious-based reservations," Shah asserted, rebuking the Congress for diluting OBC reservations by granting them to Muslims without proper assessment. Amit Shah

criticized Rahul Gandhi for lowering political discourse and condemned attempts to garner public support through deceitful means. He expressed confidence in the BJP's electoral prospects, claiming positive responses from South Indian states and anticipating crossing 400 seats.

Regarding Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi's candidature from Amethi and Raebareli, Shah

remarked on their lack of self-assurance, citing their departure from traditional strongholds in Uttar Pradesh.

Earlier, Shah participated in a roadshow to support Guwahati candidate Bijuli Kalita Medhi, joined by chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and state president Bhabesh Kalita. Thousands of supporters attended, and cultural performances welcomed Shah along the route.

HC refuses to direct repoll for leftout voters in Coimbatore

Chennai, April 30 2024: The Chief Bench of the Madras High Court refused to direct to conduct special election for the leftout voters in Coimbatore Parliamentary constituency and withheld the election result till then.

The Bench comprising Chief Justice S V Gangapurwala and Justice G Chandrasekharan heard a petition moved by R Suthanthira Kannan,

Coimbatore-native doctor working in Australia.

The petitioner submitted that he and his wife were returned to Coimbatore on polling day to cast their votes, however it was found that their name was removed from the voters list and they weren't allowed to cast their votes.

Similarly, many voters name were removed from the voters list in Coimbatore

constituency and sought to direct the Election Commission of India (ECI) to conduct special election to the left out voters and withheld the election results.

The standing counsel for ECI Niranjan Rajagopal submitted that the final voters list was published in January itself and the voter list was sent to each and every voters.

However, the petitioner has not raised

any objection and represented to the ECI, said the counsel.

Further, it was submitted that the petitioner name was removed from the voters list since 2021 election as he is not a regular resident of Kovai and a resident of Australia.

After the submission the bench refused to grant any direction to conduct special election and disposed of the petition.

RC CHENNAI BHARATHI SAPLING DISTRIBUTION

Chennai, April 30 2024: **Where there is love, there is life Date- April 28, 2024 Venue- GRT Grand, T.Nagar**

"When you plant something, you invest in a beautiful future amidst a stressful, chaotic, and, at times, downright appalling world." When we plant a sapling, we see a new flower blooming within ourselves.

Nature, a source of solace and peace, was shared with the Create Hope presidents and the district officials of RI District 3232. In a gesture of appreciation for their invaluable contributions, the president of the Rotary Club of Chennai Bharathi Rtn. Dr. Jayashree gifted 100 saplings and jute bags



at the second president's GRT Grand Hotel, T. Nagar meeting.

The saplings included Almond, Teak, Maravallai, Kazhangu, Mango, Amla, Mahogany, and poovarasam trees. It was a very soulful moment to gift the saplings as a gesture of

all the support rendered by the team during these months.

The second presidential meeting included entertainment like a humorous skit, quiz, dance, and singing by the presidents, as well as annas and annettes. It was a night filled with fun and frolic. A sumptuous dinner

followed this.

I express my humble gratitude to the entire team who worked to organize and execute the show. I also sincerely thank our district governor, AKS Rtn Ravi Raman, First Lady Shobana, and all the district officials for their consistent support.

SRM IST hosts National Conf. on Occupational Therapy; Need to increase facilities, provide door-step care to help improve quality of life: Dr P.Sathyannarayanan

Chennai, April 30 2024: Facilities to offer care for people with autism should be expanded and they should offer all services, treatment and diagnosis under a single roof, and the society should work to bring an improvement in the quality of people with autism, Dr. P.Sathyannarayanan, Pro Chancellor (Academics), SRM Institute of Science and Technology, said on Wednesday.

In his Presidential Address at the inauguration of the National Conference on Autism, 2024, Dr. Sathyannarayanan said that SRM College of Occupational Therapy, since its inception in 1996, had provided treatment to more than 5,000 people through the occupational therapy programme. He said that people with autism had to travel to different places to have access to services and avail treatment from doctors and therapists. With a view to providing all such services under a single roof, they had established the occupational therapy centre at SRM IST in Kattankulathur.



Stating that SRM IST was committed to providing excellent care and service to people with autism, they had also started a Sensory Garden and the facility was now a Centre of Excellence in Occupational Therapy. He said that such services where people could avail all treatment from doctors and therapists, and services should be established all over the city, so that door-step services are available to those in need.

Dr. Sathyannarayanan recalled that last year, they had hosted an international conference on autism and through such events, the message on means to improve the quality of life of people with autism would be taken to the society. He said autism was a huge field and it involved a large number of people doctors, occupational

and speech therapists, special educators for diagnosis and treatment. While compassion and communication was at the core of medicine, it was more so in autism.

In his address, Dr. Pankaj Bajpai, President of All India Occupational Therapists Association (AIOTA), said people with autism, and their parents possessed remarkable resilience. Lauding the organisers SRM College of Occupational Therapy, for hosting the 3-day conference, he added that the theme: Translation of Research into Usable Intervention for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, was apt and relevant. He said that all stakeholders in this field stood as a beacon of hope and their commitment and steadfast resolve was highly commendable.

Stating he was energised by the passion of the organisers, he appealed to delegates to approach each topic with enthusiasm. The SRM College of Occupational Therapy was truly a Centre of Excellence and the interdisciplinary model reflected the collective journey of stakeholders. Dr. Pankaj Bajpai said that the dedication of everyone in the conference would make a profound impact on the positive outcome of the three-day conference. He also released a souvenir of the conference and the first copy was received by Dr. P.Sathyannarayanan.

Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Dean SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre, welcomed the gathering. Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, Dr. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, Dr. T. Mythili, Additional Registrar, and Dr. R. Venkatraman, Medical Superintendent, were also present. Dr. U. Ganapathy Sankar, Dean, SRM College of Occupational Therapy proposed a vote of thanks.

Samsung India Launches the 2nd Season of 'Samsung Innovation Campus', a National Skilling Programme to Empower the Youth on Future-Tech Domains

Chennai April 30 2024: Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, has launched the second season of its national skilling programme - Samsung Innovation Campus - designed to upskill the youth in future-tech domains such as AI, IoT, Big Data, and Coding & Programming. Samsung Innovation Campus aims to upskill youth aged 18-25 years in future technologies and enhance their employability.

The programme strengthens Samsung's commitment to being a strong partner and contributor to the India growth story. It is also designed to support Government of India initiatives such as Skill India and Digital India to create the right opportunities for the youth.

A Memorandum of Understanding to train 3,500 students across India has been signed between Samsung and the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI), earlier this week.

This year the programme goes beyond just skilling to include more exciting opportunities for the students. The national toppers from each domain will receive a cash award of INR 1 Lakh along with an opportunity to visit Samsung facilities in Delhi/NCR. The visits to the facilities will provide the students with an opportunity to interact with and receive mentorship from the leadership team at Samsung. The national course toppers will also get exciting Samsung products such as Samsung Galaxy Buds and Samsung Galaxy Smartwatches.

"Samsung has been a



committed partner to the nation's growth over the last 28 years of its presence in India. Our vision has always been aligned with the Government of India's objectives of skilling the youth and empowering them with professional growth opportunities. Through Samsung Innovation Campus, we are building a platform of skill-based learning that would upskill the youth, create job opportunities in future-tech domains, and effect meaningful change", said Mr. JB Park, President and CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia".

ESSCI is a national level skilling organization promoted by industry associations under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development, and works as a sector skill council under National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). It will provide on-board local training through its nationwide network of approved training and education partners. ESSCI will also look at opportunities to provide the courses to beneficiaries in India's smaller towns, where students do not have easy access to the best future-tech education.

"ESSCI is delighted to partner with Samsung for a CSR initiative that strengthens the skills ecosystem in the country. Samsung Innovation Campus is designed in perfect alignment with our objectives to provide skilling and requisite

knowledge on future-tech domains to the nation's youth and especially those who are less-privileged. We are optimistic that the programme will equip students with technical knowhow and make them job-ready", said Dr. Abhilasha Gaur, Chief Operating Officer (Officiating CEO), ESSCI.

During the programme, participants will receive instructor-led blended classroom and online training through approved training and education partners of ESSCI across the country.

Youth enrolled for the programme will undergo classroom and online training and complete their hands-on capstone project work in their selected technology areas in AI, IoT, Big Data and Coding & Programming.

They will also be imparted soft skills training to enhance their employability. The participants will be mobilized through ESSCI's training and education partners across India. The approach includes a combination of offline and online learning, immersive hackathons and capstone projects, as well as expert mentorship provided by Samsung employees.

The curriculum structure varies depending on the chosen course track. For instance, participants opting for the AI course will immerse

themselves in 270 hours of theoretical training and complete 80 hours of project work. Meanwhile, those pursuing the IoT or Big Data courses will undergo 160 hours of training, supplemented by 80 hours of practical project work. Participants in the Coding & Programming course will engage in 80 hours of training and participate in a 3-day Hackathon event.

The programme will span eight educational institutions across four states. In the northern region, training centres will be established in Lucknow and Gorakhpur, besides two in Delhi NCR. In the Southern region, covering states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, training centres will be located in Chennai and Sriperumbudur, besides two in Bengaluru.

The programme is scheduled to commence during April 2024, and the specially designed six-month course will end during October 2024. The course toppers will be announced in November 2024.

During 2023, Samsung Innovation Campus successfully trained 3000 students in future-tech courses. Samsung's involvement in this initiative underscores its commitment to nation building through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities in India. It complements Samsung's other CSR endeavours, including Samsung Solve for Tomorrow. Through these initiatives, Samsung aims to empower future leaders of India by providing them with the necessary education and skills to drive meaningful change.

Debut filmmaker Sri Vetri's 'Narkarappor' throws lights on deplorable and harsh realities of sanitation workers

Chennai April 30 2024: Debut filmmaker Sri Vetri, who has gained experience working as an assistant director under the guidance of renowned directors such as H. Vinoth and Rajapandi is embarking on his directorial journey with the film 'Narkarappor'. The preparations for the film's release are progressing rapidly. The transformation of an individual from a scavenging society to a 'Grand Master' and the obstacles encountered along the path to achieving their aspirations have been depicted as a captivating sports drama in the film 'Narkarappor'. Director Sri Vetri skillfully portrays the struggles faced by sanitation workers and highlights the government's apathy towards their well-being. Through this poignant narrative, he expresses his disappointment and foresees a future where such system of unjust authoritarians will be shattered. Shedding lights not this film, and the relevance of Chess Game with the historical realities, director Sri Vetri says, "The 'quad war' resembles a chess game that has persisted for centuries, with the white pieces symbolizing politics, the upper caste,



wealth, sports, and the black pieces representing the deceived, the oppressed, the economically disadvantaged, and those subjected to caste-based discrimination." He continues to add, "Despite the remarkable advancements in technology that have enabled us to send rockets to Mars, the unsightly issue of human excrement continues to persist in India. Regrettably, there seems to be a reluctance to invest in or acquire appropriate technologies from foreign nations to address this problem. The governing authorities firmly believe that the responsibility of waste and garbage disposal is assigned to certain individuals based on their caste, further

devastating the situation. Data indicates that over 200 sanitation workers lost their lives in India in 2017. Despite this, the legislation ensuring proper protection and gear for sanitation workers remains merely theoretical. To date, no individual in India has faced conviction for hiring sanitation workers without the necessary safety equipment. We partake in the festivities, celebrations, and gatherings with a sense of accomplishment. However, amidst our joy, we often overlook the hardships faced by sanitation workers. These sanitation workers, who have dedicated 10-12 years of their lives to cleaning human waste, continue their work tirelessly even

in the face of life-threatening situations such as storms, floods, rains, natural disasters, oil spills in the Chennai sea, and even during the deadly coronavirus pandemic that has taken the lives of many. Day by day, the pressuring restrictions that increase on the workers, the social pressures, the economic burdens, and the materialistic conditions that burden their minds, will eventually provoke this oppressed society, thereby breaking the rule of tyrannical authority." Feeling powerless and burdened by guilt within this community, I take pride in my position as the cornerstone for many through the film 'Narkarappor'. The moment for transformation has arrived."

RC CHENNAI BHARATHI SPECIAL HEALTH CAMP

Chennai, April 30 2024: On April 27, 2024, the Rotary Club of Chennai Bharathi, led by Rtn. Dr. Jayashree Kadambi, in significant collaboration with Apollo Hospital, Chennai, hosted a unique health camp for children with special needs at the Apollo Hospital, Perumgudi.

Families from Chennai, Chengalpattu, Nammakal, and Kanchipuram with children diagnosed with Autism, Down Syndrome, and cerebral palsy came together to benefit from this unique opportunity.

The medical team for this camp was carefully selected to cater to the unique needs of our special children. The camp's distinctiveness and mission were to offer specialized services beyond the usual vitals, BMI, and random sugar checks found in typical



health camps.

The camp offered a comprehensive range of healthcare services, including dental and vision screenings and consultations with dietitians, neurologists,

psychiatrists, gynecologists, physiotherapists, and orthopedic specialists—this multidisciplinary approach aimed to address the diverse healthcare needs of our special

children. Over 35 children with special needs benefited from this camp. The hall saw a crowd of over 80 people, and snacks were distributed to all the children, parents, and guardians present at the camp.