

All arrangements in place for Phase-5 polling tomorrow Spread: 49 Lok Sabha seats, 8.95 crore voters, over 94 thousand polling stations, 8 States/UTs Simultaneous polling for 35 Assembly Constituencies in Odisha

Chennai, May 19 2024: The Election Commission of India is all geared up for the Phase-5 of the Lok Sabha polls that commences tomorrow. Polling is scheduled in 49 Parliamentary Constituencies across 8 States/UTs. Polling for 35 Assembly Constituencies of the Odisha Legislative Assembly will also take place simultaneously. Polling stations are ready to welcome the voters with ample shade, drinking water, ramps, toilets and other basic facilities to ensure that polling takes place in a comfortable and secure environment. The concerned CEOs/DEOs and State machineries have been advised to take adequate measures to manage hot weather conditions in areas, where it is forecast. Polling parties have

been dispatched along with machines and poll materials to their respective polling stations. The Commission has called upon voters to turnout in greater numbers at polling stations and vote with responsibility and pride. Until now, the Lok Sabha Elections 2024 has seen the voter turnout at polling stations of about 66.95%. Around 451 million people have already voted, during the first four phases of ongoing General Elections. 8 States/UTs going for polls in phase-5 are - Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal. Cities like Mumbai, Thane, Lucknow are going to polls in this phase, which

have in the past suffered from urban apathy in voting. Commission specially calls upon these city-dwellers to erase the stigma by turning out in higher numbers. ECI has partnered with a host of prominent figures to appeal to and motivate voters to cast their vote, during the ongoing elections. So do not be surprised, say for instance if you receive a call from Cricket legend and ECI National Icon, Sachin Tendulkar, with an appeal to cast your vote! Remaining 3 phases of polls will continue till the 1st of June with counting of votes scheduled on 4th June. Polling for 23 States/UTs and 379 PCs was completed in a smooth and peaceful manner in the first four phases of the General

Elections. Phase 5 Facts: Polling for Phase-5 of the General Elections 2024 will be held on 20th of May, 2024 for 49 Parliamentary Constituencies (General-39; ST-03; SC-07) in 8 States/ UTs. Voting begins at 7AM and ends at 6 PM (Closure of Poll timings may differ PC wise). 35 Assembly Constituencies in Odisha (General-21; ST-08; SC-06;) will also go to polls for seats in the Odisha Legislative Assembly. Around 9.47 lakh Polling officials will welcome over 8.95 crore voters across 94,732 polling stations. Over 8.95 crore voters include 4.69 crore Male; 4.26 crore Female and 5409 Third gender electors.

There are over 7.81 lakh registered 85+ years old, 24,792 voters above 100 years and 7.03 lakh PwD voters for Phase 5 who have been provided the option to vote from the comfort of their homes. The optional Home Voting facility is already receiving tremendous appreciation and response. 17 Special trains and 508 Helicopter sorties ferried polling and security personnel. 153 Observers (55 General Observers, 30 Police Observers, 68 Expenditure Observers) have already reached their Constituencies days before the polls. They serve as the eyes and ears of the Commission to exercise utmost vigilance. Additionally, Special Observers have been deployed in certain

states. A total of 2000 Flying Squads, 2105 Static Surveillance Teams, 881 Video Surveillance Teams and 502 Video Viewing Teams are keeping surveillance round the clock to deal with any form of inducement of voters strictly and swiftly. A total of 216 international border check posts and 565 inter-state border check posts are keeping strict vigil on any illicit flow of liquor, drugs, cash and freebies. Strict surveillance has been kept at sea and air routes. Assured Minimum Facilities like water, shed, toilets, ramps, volunteers, wheelchairs, and electricity are in place to ensure that every voter, including elderly and persons with disabilities, can cast

their vote with ease. Voter Information Slips have been distributed to all registered voters. These slips serve as a facilitation measure and also as an invitation from the Commission to come and vote. Voters can check their polling station details, and poll date through this link <https://electoralsearch.eci.gov.in/> The Commission has also provided 12 alternative documents other than Voter id card (EPIC) for identity verification at polling stations. If a voter is registered in the electoral roll, voting can be done by showing any of these documents. Link to ECI order for alternative identification documents: <https://www.eci.gov.in/>

in / e c i - backend/public/api/download? Parliamentary Constituency wise electors for phase 5 were released vide press note no. 89 dated May 17, 2024 Data on Voter Turnout in General Elections to Lok Sabha 2019 is available on the following link: <https://old.eci.gov.in/files/file/13579-13-pc-wise-voters-turn-out/> Voter turnout App displays overall approximate turnout live for each phase. It is pertinent to note that Phase wise/State wise/AC wise/PC wise approximate turnout data is available on voter turnout App live on two hourly basis on poll day till 7 pm after which it is continuously updated on arrival of polling parties.

Citizens join big time with EC to check electoral malpractices and enforce clean elections Over 4.24 lakh complaints received from cVigil in last two months; 99.9% cases disposed of Flying squads rush to location of violation in minutes helped by geo-tagging

Chennai, May 19 2024: In the Lok Sabha polls 2024, the cVIGIL app of Election Commission of India has emerged as a highly effective tool in the hands of people to flag election code violations. Since the announcement of the General Elections 2024, over 4.24 lakh complaints have been received through this App as on May 15, 2024. Out of these 4,23,908 complaints have been disposed of and the remaining 409 cases are under process. Nearly, 89% complaints were resolved within a 100 minutes timeline, a promise by ECI, firmly held. Citizens have used this APP for checking

electoral malpractices in use of loudspeakers beyond prescribed time or noise levels, campaigning during ban period, placing banners or posters without permission, deployment of vehicles beyond permitted limit, property defacement, display firearms/ intimidation and in checking inducements. The category wise complaints are given below: cVigil is a user-friendly and easy to operate application, which connects vigilant citizens with the District Control Room, Returning Officer and Flying Squads Teams. By using this app, the citizens can immediately

report on incidents of political misconduct within minutes and without having to rush to the office of the returning officer. As soon as the complaint is sent on the cVigil app, the complainant will receive a unique ID through which the person will be able to track the complaint on their mobile. A trinity of factors working simultaneously makes cVIGIL a success. Users capture audios, photos or videos in real-time, and a "100-minute" countdown for time-bound response to complaints is ensured. The app automatically enables a geo-tagging feature as soon as the user switches on their

camera in the cVIGIL to report a violation. This means that flying squads can know the precise location of a reported violation, and the image captured by citizens could be used as evidence in the court of law. Citizens can also report complaints anonymously. To prevent misuse, the cVIGIL app incorporates several safeguards, including geographical restrictions, time constraints on reporting, and mechanisms for filtering out duplicate or frivolous complaints. The app is one amongst the armoury of Apps built by the Commission to leverage technology and facilitate voters and political parties.

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Election-time seizures to cross Rs.9,000 crores soon Commission's crackdown on inducements behind historic spurt ECI crusade against narcotics continues; Drugs amount to 45% of seizures

Chennai, May 19 2024: Election Commission's determined and concerted assault on money power and inducements in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections has resulted in staggering seizures worth Rs 8889 crores by the agencies. Enhanced vigil against inducements including drugs and psychotropic substances has resulted in big seizure actions and continuous surge. Drug seizures have been maximum. Regular follow-ups and reviews of districts and agencies in areas of expenditure monitoring, precise data interpretation and active participation of enforcement agencies have led to this significant spurt in seizures since March 1. The seizure of drugs, liquor, precious metals, freebies, cash influences elections in varying degrees, some flowing directly as inducement while others through reduced levels of circulation of money. This, thereby, adversely impacts linkages of proceeds of illegal activities to political campaigns. Detailed report at Annexure A.

The Commission has laid special emphasis on seizure of Narcotics and



Psychotropic substances. Analysis of data found that states/UTs which used to be transit zones are increasingly becoming consumption territories. Chief Election Commissioner, Shri Rajiv Kumar led by CEC Sh. Rajiv Kumar along with ECs Sh. Gyanesh Kumar and Sh. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu held meetings with DG, Narcotics Control Bureau to take up analytics-based proactive action for ensuring action by dedicated Nodal Officers of NCB. Similarly active involvement of DRI, Indian Coast Guard, State police and other agencies was ensured during ongoing elections. All these measures have led to significant seizures in two months post announcement of polls. With increasing intensity of campaigning in last three phases, Commission is keeping close tab on

attempts at influencing voters through inducements and has directed the CEOs and enforcement agencies to step up the vigil. The crusade against drugs and other inducements by the Commission will continue.

Gujarat ATS, NCB and Indian Coast Guard, in joint operations have made three high-value seizures of drugs in just three days amounting to Rs 892 crores.

Operation 1: (Seizures - Rs 602 crore)

A joint force identified and intercepted a suspected Pakistani fishing boat, 'Alraza' which was carrying 14 crew members, all Pakistani on Indian waters, 180 nautical miles off the

coast of Porbandar, Gujarat. The joint team of Gujarat ATS and Narcotics Control Bureau (Operations), New Delhi recovered 78 boxes of contraband suspected to be Heroin weighing roughly 86 Kgs worth nearly Rs. 602 Crore in the international market. The boat and crew were brought to Porbandar for further legal procedures.

The vessel carrying drugs being intercepted by Indian Coast Guard and ATS Gujarat

Operation 2: (Seizures -Rs 230 crores)

Operation was based on intelligence received by ATS Gujarat that units in Rajasthan and Gujarat are involved in the

illicit manufacturing of psychotropic substances such as Mephedrone. Joint teams of Gujarat ATS and NCB (Operations) Delhi conducted simultaneous raids at Amreli and Gandhinagar in Gujarat, Sirohi and Jodhpur in Rajasthan on 27th April 2024, and seized illicit manufacturing units involved in the production of Mephedrone, a psychotropic substance under the NDPS Act. In the ongoing operations, 10 individuals have so far been detained and a total of 22 kgs of Mephedrone powder and 124 litres of Mephedrone in liquid form has been seized. The total value of the seized psychotropic

substance, Mephedrone is estimated to be around Rs. 230 crores in the international market.

Operation 3: (Seizures worth Rs 60 crore)

Gujarat ATC, Indian Coast Guard and NCB seized 173 Kgs of Hashish worth Rs. 60.5 Crore has been seized on 29.04.2024

Drug factory busted in Gujarat in joint operation of Gujarat ATS and NCB

These elections have witnessed a series of targeted actions against the menace of drugs. Other states apart from Gujarat, Maharashtra and Delhi have also shown seizures of drugs. On 17.04.2024 Noida Police busted drug

factory in Greater Noida wherein 26.7 kg of MDMA drug valued at Rs. 150 Crore were seized and two persons of foreign origin were arrested. The seizures in other cohorts have equally been impressive and surpasses the entire seizures of 2019 Parliamentary Elections by a big margin. Meticulous and exhaustive planning stands at its base.

Realtime reporting of interceptions and seizures under the Election Seizure Management System (ESMS)- an in-house app has resulted in quick, regular and precise reviews on expenditure monitoring. In addition, 656 Expenditure observers deployed for Parliamentary Constituencies and 125 expenditure observers are also keeping a close tab on check posts, functioning of ground level teams and are actively monitoring that citizens are not put to discomfort in the process of monitoring. A close vigil is also kept in 123 Parliamentary Constituencies which are marked as Expenditure Sensitive Constituencies for more focussed vigil.

NTIPRIT, Ghaziabad conducts workshop on "Global Standards & IPR" on World Telecommunication and Information Society Day

Chennai, May 19 2024: A one-day workshop on "Global Standards & IPR" highlighted the importance of "Global Standards & IPR" for any country's development. A precursor to the significant World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) scheduled to be hosted by India from October 15-24, 2024; the workshop also provided a platform for national stakeholders to forge global partnerships and align with international best practices in telecommunications standards.

The workshop was hosted by National Telecommunications Institute for Policy



Research, Innovation and Training (NTIPRIT), Ghaziabad under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) in collaboration with International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Area Office and Innovation Centre, New Delhi, at

its campus in Ghaziabad on 17th May, 2024; to commemorate World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. The event was inaugurated by Telecommunications Secretary, Dr Neeraj Mittal. Officers from

DoT, ITU experts, Faculty members and students from Engineering Colleges of Delhi and NCR attended the workshop. Shri Atul Sinha, DDG (ICT), NTIPRIT welcomed the dignitaries and all the participants to the workshop.

In his inaugural address, Dr Neeraj Mittal emphasized the critical importance of global collaboration in standardization to spur innovation and technological advancement. Shri A K Sahu, Member (S), highlighted the importance of National

contribution in the global standardization process. Shri R R Mittar, DG (T), elaborated on the nuances of the Telecom Standards. Shri R Shakya, Senior Advisor, ITU Area Office, New Delhi, in his special address urged the participants

to proactively involve with ITU activities in standardization domain. He also detailed about the WTSA-24.

Shri Deb Kumar Chakrabarti, Director General, NTIPRIT spoke about the spirit of cooperation and partnership and highlighted the objectives and overviews of the workshop. Mr Martin Adolph, Study Group Counsellor, ITU, provided an overview about the ITU, its activities and the importance of global standards in Technical/Engineering Education.

Shri Sharad Arora, CEO of Mashmari, explained the standardization processes and their

critical impact on technical education. Dr Klutto Milleth from CEWIT, IIT Madras, delved into the complexities of Standard Essential Patents (SEP) and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in technical education and projects. Shri U K Srivastava chaired a panel discussion on leveraging Global standards and IPR for innovation and competitiveness.

The workshop sets the stage for enhanced participation of Indian experts in the upcoming WTSA-2024 and provided an extensive opportunity to the participants to engage with global standards and intellectual property dynamics.

Tie-up will enhance skills, drive research, foster advancements in mobility & allied tech. domains

SRMIST, ARAI-AMTIF sign pact to promote innovation, help in creating Startups

Chennai, May 19 2024: SRM Institute of Science and Technology and Automotive Research Association of India - Advance Mobility Transformation & Innovation Foundation (ARAI-AMTIF) on Wednesday signed a Memorandum of Understanding as part of the two institutions' commitment to skill enhancement, encouraging innovations in cutting-edge areas of mobility to bring about a transformative change.

The MoU is yet another instance of SRMIST's commitment to offer its students exposure to world class training and hands-on experience in handling sophisticated areas of technology. The MoU will be mutually



beneficial to students as well as researchers and experts from Pune-based ARAI-AMTIF the premier automotive R&D organisation established by Automotive Industry along with the Government of India. The MoU includes varied programmes including Startup development workshops, lectures, seminars, webinars, and skill-building activities apart from facilitating internships, in addition

challenges through innovation and technology.

Dr. S.Ponnusamy, Registrar, SRMIST, said the MoU would pave the way for new ideas, innovation, apart from creating opportunities for co-incubation of Startups. The collaborative learning would be mutually beneficial and students, especially, would be skilled enough to be 'industry-ready.'

Dr. R. Ananth Kumar, Chief Innovation Officer, SRMIST, Dr. Shantanu Patil, Associate Director, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, SRMIST, and Dr. C. Bharatiraja, Head, Centre of Electric Mobility, were among others present on the occasion.

Centre for Development of Telematics celebrates World Telecom Day

Chennai, May 19 2024: To commemorate the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, C-DOT, the premier Telecom R&D Centre of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Government of India celebrates and announces special Initiatives "NIDHI" & "STAR Program" for the development of indigenous telecom solutions & technologies.

These initiatives aim to promote a culture of synergetic innovation for indigenous development by collaboration with academia, startup and industries to co-create indigenous telecom products/solutions to meet telecom needs of India in strategic, rural and sectors of national importance.



Women in India are making advances in multiple areas across ICT and STEM (Science, technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and contributing to software development, engineering and technology. To further encourage the entrepreneurship and innovation C-DOT launches "NIDHI".

The applications, under "NIDHI" are open to DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal

Trade) recognized startups led by women. The top 10 selected startups will be provided necessary support including funding and assistance. This will include an initial grant of 10 lakh INR each, access to well-furnished office space for a period of 6 months, access to tools & Lab facilities, mentorship from C-DOT technical leaders and an opportunity for future collaboration under C-DOT Collaborative Research Program. For more information visit

<https://www.cdote.in/cdoteweb/web/home.php>

Through "STAR" Program C-DOT offers scholarship to PhD student one each from the top 20 NIRF (National Institute Ranking Framework) ranking engineering institute. The program offers a scholarship amount of INR 6 Lakh per annum to the selected scholar for a period of up to four years. The selected students will be extended mentorship from research leaders of C-DOT and access to lab facilities. Twelve PhD Students, from Anna University, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Thapar University, NIT Surathkal, IIT Gandhinagar, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Kharagpur, IIT Kanpur, IIT Indore, IIT Bombay, IIT Guwahati, IIT Delhi, were issued scholarship approval letters.

INAUGURATION OF UMEED NIKETAN BY PRESIDENT AIR FORCE FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Chennai, May 19 2024: Mrs. Neeta Chaudhari, President Air Force Family Welfare Association visited Base Repair Depot Air Force Palam on 17 May 24 and inaugurated Umeed Niketan, an advanced Therapy Centre for children with special needs. Mrs. Neeta Chaudhari and other esteemed dignitaries were received by Air Commodore Harsh Bahl, Air Officer

Commanding, Depot and Wing Commander (Mrs) Reena Bahl (Retd) President Air Force Family Welfare Association (Local). The Umeed Niketan has been conceived and conceptualized to create a nurturing environment where children with special needs can think, grow and learn to develop life skills through recreational activities tailored to their unique abilities. From sensory

explorational, speech therapy to adaptive sports and interactive immersive experience, the center offers diverse range of programmes designed to promote physical, emotional and social well being of special children. The Umeed Niketan would cater to nearly 55 specially abled children who are helped by a dedicated team of trained special educators. The inauguration was held in a

DP World's Chennai Terminal welcomes its deepest-ever Container Vessel

Chennai May 19 2024: DP World, a leading global provider of smart end-to-end supply chain solutions, has achieved a historic milestone with its Chennai Container Terminal Pvt. Ltd. Port (CCTPL), successfully berthing and handling its deepest-ever container vessel. The vessel, named APL Boston, boasts a draft of 14.9 meters and a capacity of 9,326 TEUs.

This achievement underscores DP World's commitment to pushing the boundaries of



maritime excellence and facilitating seamless trade flow. The vessel serves critical locations in the port rotation, including, Colombo, London Gateway, Sydney, Melbourne and Singapore. Notably, this vessel serves major ports across Europe, enhancing connectivity

and trade opportunities.

The APL Boston vessel, with dimensions measuring 328 meters in length and 46 meters in breadth, signifies a new era of maritime operations at CCTPL. This service belongs to a consortium of partners comprising MSC and CMA, with the vessel belonging to CMA. This

milestone reaffirms DP World's position as a global leader in maritime operations and highlights its unwavering commitment to driving innovation and efficiency in the logistics sector.

DP World has maintained its focus on exceeding customer needs and anticipating future trends to facilitate and act as a driver for containerisation and industrial growth in India.

FSSAI Alerts Fruit Traders to Ensure Compliance with Prohibition of Calcium Carbide in Fruit Ripening

Chennai, May 19 2024: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has alerted traders/fruits handlers/Food Business Operators (FBOs) operating ripening chambers to strictly ensure compliance with the prohibition on calcium carbide for artificial ripening of fruits, particularly during the mango season. FSSAI is also advising Food Safety Departments of States /UTs to remain vigilant and take serious action and deal stringently against person(s) indulging in such unlawful practices as per the provisions of FSS Act, 2006 and Rules/Regulations made thereunder.

Calcium carbide, commonly used for ripening fruits like mangoes, releases acetylene gas which contains harmful traces of arsenic and phosphorus. These substances, also known as 'Masala', can cause serious health issues such as dizziness, frequent thirst, irritation, weakness, difficulty in

swallowing, vomiting and skin ulcers, etc. Additionally, acetylene gas is equally hazardous to those handling it. There are chances that calcium carbide may come in direct contact with fruits during application and leave residues of arsenic and phosphorus on fruits.

Due to these dangers, the use of calcium carbide for ripening fruits has been banned under Regulation 2.3.5 of the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011. This regulation explicitly states, "No person shall sell or offer or expose for sale or have in his premises for the purpose of sale under any description, fruits which have been artificially ripened by use of acetylene gas, commonly known as carbide gas."

Considering the issue of rampant use of banned calcium carbide, FSSAI has permitted the use of ethylene gas as a safer alternative for fruit ripening in India. Ethylene gas can be used at concentrations up to

100 ppm (100 µl/L), depending upon the crop, variety and maturity. Ethylene, a naturally occurring hormone in fruits, regulates the ripening process by initiating and controlling a series of chemical and biochemical activities. The treatment of unripe fruits with ethylene gas triggers the natural ripening process until the fruit itself starts producing ethylene in substantial quantities.

Further, the Central Insecticides Board and Registration Committee (CIB & RC) has approved Ethephon 39% SL for the uniform ripening of mangoes and other fruits.

FSSAI has published a comprehensive guidance document titled "Artificial Ripening of Fruits - Ethylene gas a safe fruit ripener" (https://www.fssai.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/Guidance_Note_Ver2_Artificial_Ripening_Fruits_03_01_2019_Revised_10_02_2020.pdf) suggesting the Food Business Operators to follow the procedure for

artificial ripening of fruits. This document outlines a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) incorporating all aspects of artificial ripening of fruits by ethylene gas viz. Restrictions, Requirements for Ethylene Ripening System/Chamber, handling conditions, Sources of Ethylene Gas, Protocol for application of Ethylene gas from various sources, post treatment operations, safety guidelines etc.

In case any use of Calcium Carbide or any wrong practice of using ripening agents for artificial ripening of fruits is noticed by the consumers, the same may be brought to the notice of concerned State Commissioners of Food Safety for taking action against such violators. The details of the Commissioners of Food Safety of all States/UTs are available on the below-mentioned link: <https://www.fssai.gov.in/cms/commissioners-of-food-safety.php>.

MAROON BERET CEREMONIAL PARADE AT GARUD REGIMENTAL TRAINING CENTRE AIR FORCE STATION CHANDINAGAR

Chennai, May 19 2024: To mark the successful completion of training of Air Force Special Forces 'Garud' Commandos, Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade was held on 18 May 2024 at Garud Regimental Training Centre (GRTC), Air Force Station Chandinagar. Air Marshal PK Vohra, Senior Air Staff Officer, Western Air Command was the Reviewing officer for the parade.

The Reviewing Officer congratulated the Garuds on



successful completion of their training. He emphasised the importance of rigorous training and honing of Special Forces skills to keep pace with the changing security scenario. He presented Maroon Beret, Garud Proficiency Badge and

Special Forces Tabs to the successful Garud trainees and gave away trophies to the meritorious trainees. The best all-rounder trophy was presented to Flight Lieutenant Shashwat Rana.

As part of the ceremony, Garuds

demonstrated combat firing skill, hostage rescue, firing drill, assault explosives, obstacle crossing drill, wall climbing, slithering, rappelling and military martial arts.

The Maroon Beret Ceremonial Parade is a significant event that marks the culmination of an extremely demanding training schedule. These newly passed out trainees enter the elite Garud force and add strength to the operational capability of IAF.

Data Patterns reports a robust 55% growth in EBITDA and 40% growth in PAT in FY Q4 FY 2023-24

Chennai May 19 2024: The Board of Directors at Data Patterns (India) Limited (NSE: DATAPATNS | BSE: 543428), a strategic Defense and Aerospace electronics systems provider catering to the indigenously developed defense products industry, today approved the limited review financial results for the quarter and financial year ended March 31, 2024.

FY 2023 2024

- Total Revenue for FY 2023-24 increased by 22% from Rs. 463 Cr to Rs. 566 Cr in FY 2022-23.
- Revenue from operations increased by 15% to INR 520 Cr in FY 24 as against INR 453 Cr in FY23
- EBITDA grew by 29% to INR 222 Cr in FY24 as against INR 172 Cr in FY23
- PBT for FY24 grew by 47% to INR

242 Cr as against INR 165 Cr in FY23

- Profit after Tax for FY24 was Rs. 182 Cr as against Rs. 124 Cr in FY 23, marking 47% growth.

- PAT margin for FY 2024 was 35% against 27% in FY 2023

Q4 FY 2024 in comparison to Q3

- Total Revenue for Q4 FY 2023-24 increased by 29% from Rs. 151 Cr to Rs. 195 Cr as compared to Q3.

- Revenue from operations increased by 31% to INR 182 Cr in Q4 FY 24 as against INR 140 Cr in Q3 of FY24

- EBITDA grew by 55% to INR 93 Cr in Q4 FY24 as against INR 60 Cr in Q3 FY24

- PBT for Q4 FY24 grew by 45% to INR 95 Cr as against INR 66 Cr in Q3 FY24

- Profit after Tax for Q4 FY24 was Rs. 71

Cr as against Rs. 51 Cr in Q3 FY 24, an increase of 40%.

The Board has recommended a final dividend of Rs. 6.50 per share (325% per equity share of Rs. 2 each), which is subject to approval by the shareholders in the ensuing AGM

ORDER BOOK

- Company has secured more than Rs. 670 Cr of orders during FY 2023-24.

- Order book as on March 31, 2024 - Rs. 1,083.01 Cr

- Orders received during Q1 FY 2024-25 so far - Rs. 6.29 Cr

- Negotiation completed & yet to receive order - Rs. 14.80 Cr

- Including orders negotiated converted into orders,

the order book will be INR 1096 Cr

- Order book as on April 01, 2023 was Rs. 924 Cr

From the CMD's Desk:-

Commenting on the company's performance, Mr. Srinivasagopalan Rangarajan, Chairman & Managing Director, Data Patterns (India) Limited said, "I am pleased to report that we had a successful FY 2023-24. Our EBITDA increased by 29% and PAT increased by 47% in FY 2023-24, marking significant growth compared to last year. Order inflows have aligned with our guidance, with deliveries scheduled for next quarter. Going forward, we remain committed to excellence and innovation in product development, leveraging opportunities in the Indian defence sector."

One Point One Solutions Limited ends FY2023-24 on a high; record 37.62% revenue growth for Q4FY24

Chennai May 19 2024: Indian IT Major One Point One Solutions Limited ends FY2023-24 on a high; record 37.62% revenue growth for Q4FY24 and best-ever operational performance and improved profitability

1Point1, the country's leading Business Process Management Solutions company, Announced Q4 FY24 results today

for the period ending March 31st, 2024.

1. ITCube Pvt Ltd. Acquisition on 22nd Feb'24

2. Performance Management driven by Gamification to drive productivity

3. Infusion of GenAI, RPA and Intelligent Automation to enhance operational efficiency and throughput

4. Additional of new

accounts with better margin

5. Existing Account mining to broaden service offering.

Quote from Management:-

Commenting on the Results, Mr. Akshay Chhabra, Managing Director said, "We are delighted to declare one of the best years in terms of numbers. Our efforts in doing business

transformation using Gen AI and RPA is finally paying off. We have done our first acquisition this year to strengthen our base in the North America market. This will help us expand our American business at a better pace. IT cube also adds to our verticals in healthcare, F&A and IT software development thus making us a full stack player.

Over 30 industry leaders, OEMs and Start-ups participated in the Roundtable Discussion on Sustainable Digital Development Driven by AI

Chennai May 19 2024: Telecommunications Secretary Dr Neeraj Mittal today highlighted that sustainable development will require the deployment of technology across the entire supply chains, economies and social sectors. He said, telecom is an integral part of it, and added that the digital economy will become roughly about 1.5 billion dollars in India by 2025-26 and it will be a good 15% of the GDP. "I cannot think that it can happen in any other way except when we have a very robust telecom network system," he added.

Secretary (T) was addressing participants of round-table discussions organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on World Telecom and Information Society Day (WTISD), being observed at the DoT HQ.

The Secretary (T) highlighted the efforts of the department with the schemes such as Digital Communication Innovation Square (DCIS) and Telecom Technology Development Fund (TTDF) through which it was able to support a lot of entrepreneurs who are now using technologies to solve small or bigger problems individually in their own spheres.

Secretary (T) informed that the 5G rollout in India has been the fastest around the world. Further, 100 5G use cases labs, established across the country, are providing opportunities associated with 5G technology by encouraging the development of 5G applications. Towards this about 350 faculty members from various colleges, in and around Delhi, have been trained in a one-month-long 5G course, which was developed in-house.

Senior official of the DoT, Industry captains,



Start-ups, Associations and Organisations besides media were present on the occasion.

World Telecom and Information Society Day (WTISD)

The World Telecom and Information Society Day (WTISD), observed on 17th May, is one of the important international days observed by the DoT to highlight the critical role of telecommunications in economic and social development globally.

The WTISD is celebrated globally to mark the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and to raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as ways to bridge the digital divide. Each year, WTISD focuses on a specific theme related to telecommunications and information society issues and this year's focus is on "Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development".

Round table Discussion on "Sustainable Digital Development driven by AI"

On this occasion, this year DoT organised a round table discussion on "Sustainable Digital Development driven by AI" with participants from Industry, chaired by Secretary (T). Various industry, start-ups, associations and organisations participated in the round table discussions, which included Tejas Networks, VVDN, Nivetti, Cisco, Nokia, Sensorise,

Lekha, Sparsh, HFCL, XS Infosol, TEMA, MAIT, COAI, VoICE. The discussion aimed at exploring the transformative potential that the AI holds towards sustainable development and what more efforts are required from stakeholders to achieve the goals of SDG.

Additionally, the event also focused on other initiatives of DoT which are using the power of AI, including the Sangam: Digital Twin and citizen-centric portal Sanchar Saathi.

Sangam Digital Twin: PoC to Showcase Practical Use Cases

To demonstrate practical use cases for infrastructure planning and design, the DoT launched the Sangam Digital Twin with AI-driven Insights Initiative on February 15, 2024. This initiative called for Expressions of Interest (EoI) from a diverse pool of stakeholders, including industry giants, tech firms, startups, academia, and individual innovators. The goal is to validate through real-world applications and demonstration of use cases, to showcase potential benefits in planning and designing of infrastructure using Digital Twin, telecom data and AI.

Response to the EoI for Sangam Digital Twin PoC

Three outreach programs were conducted in March 2024. These events featured over 40 distinguished speakers and garnered an overwhelming response. The response to the Stage-I EoI was significant, with 199

submissions received. Out of these, 144 applicants have been selected to participate in the PoC (List of selected participants <https://sangam.sancharsaathi.gov.in/selected-participants>). These selected participants include a broad spectrum of participants, from well-established telecom service providers (TSPs) and large technology corporations to dynamic startups and renowned academic institutions.

Further, DoT plans to host networking events for the selected participants to develop use cases in a detailed and specific manner, deliberate with stakeholders to assess the value and importance of use cases for end users, and evaluate the feasibility and availability of requisite data. These events will also help identify competent and willing partners to develop components or modules and demonstrate use cases for infrastructure planning and designing.

The initiative is structured into two progressive stages:

Stage I: Exploratory Phase (Two Months- by July'24) - Designed to encourage wide-ranging participation and foster innovative thinking. Stakeholders contribute to a 'living list' of use cases, encouraging continuous dialogue on viable and impactful technological applications. Stage II: Development and Demonstration (Six Months- by January 2025) - Focused on practical application, involving the development and demonstration of selected use cases.

SECOND EDITION OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL PS BHAGAT MEMORIAL LECTURE ORGANISED BY INDIAN ARMY

Chennai May 19 2024: Second edition of "Lieutenant General PS Bhagat Memorial Lecture" was organised by the Indian Army and United Services Institution of India (USI) on theme "Armed Forces Contribution to Realise the Vision of a Rising India" at Manekshaw Centre. The lecture was conducted as part of "Lt Gen PS Bhagat Memorial Chair of Excellence instituted at USI, by the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) on 14th October 2022.

Lieutenant General KT Parnaik (Retired), Hon'ble Governor of Arunachal Pradesh delivered a Keynote Address, on the theme "Armed Forces Contribution to Realise the Vision of a Rising India". Covering a wide spectrum of tenants of rising India, the Hon'ble Governor outlined the vital role and contributions of Indian Armed Forces in the Nation Building while also recollecting anecdotes from the rich legacy of Lieutenant General Bhagat's military career.

The Hon'ble Governor acknowledged the noteworthy contribution of the Indian Armed Forces in Out of Area Contingencies and Defence Diplomacy initiatives. He also shared his thoughts on the Changing Face of Warfare Evolution, Modernisation of the Armed Forces, Self-



Reliance & Technology Infusion, Net-Centric and Grey Zone Warfare.

General Manoj Pande, the COAS, delivered a Special Address during the event. He reminded the audience about the raw courage of Lieutenant General Bhagat, who was awarded the Victoria Cross during World War-II, wherein he cleared minefields under enemy fire, encountered mine explosions thrice, and suffered an ear drum puncture, yet executed the assigned task leading his men continuously for 96 hours at a stretch.

The COAS while talking about the vision and foresight of Lieutenant General PS Bhagat, said, "General Bhagat, being a progressive thinker and futurist, had written

about the essence of Transformation, almost seven decades ago, as part of his insightful strategic writings in the three books - 'Forging the Shield', 'The Shield and the Sword' and 'Wielding of Authority in Emerging Countries'.

The event was attended by a large number of dignitaries including the former Chiefs General JJ Singh (Retired), General Deepak Kapoor (Retired) and General MM Naravane (Retired). A large number of senior serving officers, veterans and civilian dignitaries were also present. The event was an occasion to draw inspiration from the legacy of Lieutenant General PS Bhagat, whose charisma has left an indelible mark on the history of the Indian

Army.

During the event, a book titled "The Victoria Cross Icon: Vision and Legacy" on the rich legacy of Lieutenant General PS Bhagat, authored by Major General Shashikant G Pitre (Retired) was released. The book was eloquently introduced by the author giving out a meticulous account of General Bhagat's military contributions, aptly delving into his military appreciations, concept papers, and his critique of the 1962 War. The book elucidates General Bhagat's prowess as a brilliant military leader with deep strategic vision and insights, exceptional administrative abilities, astute leadership qualities and his intimate connect with the men he commanded.