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**PM's address in the 111th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' today**

Chennai, June 30 2024: My dear countrymen, Namaskar. The day all of us had been waiting for since February has finally arrived. Today I have come amidst you, my family members, once again through 'Mann Ki Baat'. There is a very lovely saying - 'Iti Vidya Punarmilanaaya', its connotation too, is equally lovely, I take leave of you, to meet again. With this very feeling, I had told you in February that I would meet you again after the election results. And today, with 'Mann Ki Baat', I am again present amongst you. I hope all of you are well, all at home are keeping well... and now the



monsoon has also arrived... When the mind also gets delighted. From today, once again, in 'Mann Ki Baat', we will talk about those countrymen who are bringing change in the society; in the country, through their endeavour. We will discuss our rich culture, our glorious history and our efforts towards making a developed India. Friends, since February until now, whenever the last Sunday of the month would come, I would miss this dialogue with you a lot. But I was also very glad to see that in all these months, you sent me lakhs of messages. The 'Mann Ki Baat' radio program may have been paused for a few months, but the spirit of 'Mann Ki Baat' in the country and society, touching upon the good work done every day, work done with selfless spirit, work having a positive impact on the society - carried on relentlessly. Amidst the news of the elections, you certainly would have noticed such news that touched the heart. Friends, today I also thank the countrymen for having reiterated their unwavering faith in our Constitution and the democratic systems of the country. The 2024 elections were the biggest elections in the world. An election as big as this, in which 65 crore people cast their votes, has never taken place in any other country in the world. For this, I congratulate the Election Commission and everyone involved in the voting process. My dear countrymen, today, the 30th of June is a very important day. Our tribal brothers and sisters celebrate this day as 'Hool Diwas'. This day is associated with the indomitable courage of Veer Sidhu-Kanhu, who strongly opposed the atrocities of the foreign rulers. Veer Sidhu-Kanhu united thousands of Santhal compatriots and fought the British with all their might. And do you know when this took place? This happened in 1855, that is, it happened two years before India's first war of independence in 1857.

Then, in Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand, our tribal brothers and sisters took up arms against the foreign rulers. The British had committed many atrocities on our Santhal brothers and sisters, and had also imposed many types of restrictions on them. Veer Sidhu and Kanhu attained martyrdom while displaying amazing bravery in this struggle. The supreme sacrifice of these immortal sons of the land of Jharkhand inspires the countrymen even today. Let us listen to an excerpt from a song dedicated to them in Santhali language.

**Prime Minister Extends Best Wishes to Indian Contingent for Paris Olympics 2024 PM introduces hashtag #Cheer4Bharat as Nation Gears Up for Paris Olympics**

Chennai, June 30 2024: Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his heartfelt wishes to the Indian contingent participating in the upcoming Paris Olympics during his Mann Ki Baat address today. Recognizing the dedication and preparation of Indian athletes following their commendable performance in Tokyo, the Prime Minister expressed confidence in their abilities to shine on the global stage once again. "Right after the Tokyo Olympics, our athletes were wholeheartedly engaged in the preparations for the Paris Olympics. If we take all the players together, then all of them have participated in nearly nine hundred international competitions. This is a very big number", he said. Informing the nation about certain things



which will happen for the first time, Prime Minister remarked, "In shooting, the talent of our players is coming to the fore. Both men's and women's teams have qualified in table tennis. Our shooter daughters are also part of the Indian shotgun team. This time, members of our team will compete in wrestling and horse riding in those categories as well, in which they had never participated before. From this, you can make out that this time we will see a different level of excitement in sports."

Prime Minister further conveyed the nation's collective hope for a stellar performance in the Paris Olympics, urging everyone to rally behind the athletes using the hashtag #Cheer4Bharat. He also mentioned that, in the coming days, he will be meeting the Indian team participating in Paris Olympic Games and will encourage them on behalf of the whole nation.

**GENERAL UPENDRA DWIVEDI TAKES OVER AS THE CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF**

Chennai, June 30 2024: General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, takes over as the 30th Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) from General Manoj Pande, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, who superannuated after more than four decades of service to the nation on 30 Jun 2024. General Upendra Dwivedi is an accomplished military leader, with 40 years of service in the Armed Forces. An alumnus of Sainik School, Rewa (MP), he was commissioned into Regiment of Jammu & Kashmir Rifles in 1984. The General officer has a unique distinction of balanced command as well as staff exposure across Northern, Eastern and Western theatres, in varied operational environment.



He takes over as the COAS, at a time when the global geo-strategic environment remains dynamic, with the challenges in the security domain becoming more pronounced due to technological advancements and ever-changing character of modern warfare. Operational preparedness to counter security threats to a rising nation, therefore would figure prominently, as a key focus area for the COAS. Concurrently, a focused response strategy, to myriad non-traditional security challenges, too shall be a priority, towards augmenting the nation's defence.

General Dwivedi brings with him, a wealth of experience and a proven track record, of effectively planning and executing for the unexpected. He has tenanted critical appointments and played a pivotal role in combating grey zone manifestations in the national security canvas. The General officer has a deep understanding of modern and emerging technologies in the security domain, and possesses a thoughtful approach of harnessing and integrating cutting edge technologies into military systems to enhance operational effectiveness. This vision finds congruence to the ongoing pursuit of the Indian Army to fulfil its modernisation and capability development needs through Atmanirbharta. His impetus would be to augment infusion of critical technologies by leveraging the nation's vibrant, capable and productive technology eco-system. A firm believer and follower of the Chetwode Motto, the General will also focus on promoting a culture of Trust, empowerment of Junior Officers, well-being of the Soldiers and welfare of Veterans and Veer Naris.

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## NIA raids 10 locations in TN Hizb-ut-Tahrir case



Chennai, June 30 2024: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) carried out searches at 10 locations across Tamil Nadu on Sunday morning as part of their investigation into Hizb-ut-Tahrir, an extremist Islamic group affiliated with ISIS. Among the targeted locations were two sites in Erode district.

"The raids are still ongoing," sources familiar with the situation told.

These raids follow the NIA's 2021 arrest of an individual after searches at various locations in Tamil Nadu related to the

Madurai Hizb-ut-Tahrir module case. Initially registered under multiple charges of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 13(1)(b) of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, the case was filed at Thideer Nagar police station in Madurai city.

The primary suspect, Mohammed Iqbal, allegedly used his Facebook account, "Thoonga Vizhigal Rendu," to post content that incited communal disharmony among different religious groups.

In March 2022, the NIA filed a

supplementary charge sheet against two accused persons: Bava Bahrudeen, alias Mannai Bava, a resident of Mannargudi in Tiruvarur district, and Ziyavudeen Baqavi, a resident of Kumbakonam in Thanjavur district.

The investigation revealed that the accused were members of Hizb-ut-Tahrir and were allegedly engaged in radicalizing and recruiting gullible youth to establish an Islamic State, promoting a draft constitution written by radical Islamic preacher Taqi al-Din

al-Nabhani, the founder of Hizb-ut-Tahrir. Bava Bahrudeen and Ziyavudeen Baqavi were reportedly organizing meetings to recruit members and conducting secret classes to indoctrinate, radicalize, and motivate youth to work towards establishing an Islamic State by overthrowing the Government of India. They also allegedly conspired to establish new cells in various districts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala through social media platforms like Facebook and YouTube to spread the ideology of Hizb-ut-Tahrir.

## MoU Signed between CCRAS-CSMCARI and CIM&H, Chennai

Chennai, June 30 2024: In a significant development aimed at advancing the field of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today between the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences - Captain Srinivasa Murthy Central Ayurveda Research Institute (CSMCARI), Chennai, under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and the Commissionerate of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (CIM&H), Arumbakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

The ceremony was held on 29 Jun 2024 at the Kalaingar Centenary Multi-Speciality Hospital, Guindy, in the esteemed presence of Health and Family Welfare Minister of Tamil Nadu, Shri. MA. Subramanian, and Additional Chief Secretary & Health and Family Welfare Secretary, Shri. Gagan Deep Singh, IAS.

The MoU outlines a collaborative framework for Testing



Services, Imparting Training, and executing a Collaborative Project on "Research Studies for the Standardization and Evaluation of Toxicity Studies for the Preparation of Selected Higher Order Medicines." The primary objectives of this MoU include:

To carry out testing of selected raw drugs and finished products for the purpose of standardization of medicine.

Providing NABL Accreditation Training guidance to the Laboratory of CIM&H.

Conducting the collaborative research project entitled "Research Studies for Standardization and Evaluation of the toxicity study for the preparation of selected higher order

medicines" as per the approved proposal, being a part and parcel of this MoU, as per the terms, conditions, and guidelines of CCRAS Research Policy.

According to Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya Director General, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences - "This MoU between CCRAS and CIM&H has set precedence for other states of India also, they can come forward and join hands with CCRAS, MoAyush for various research and development activities."

This MoU marks a significant step towards strengthening the collaborative efforts between these premier institutions. The anticipated outcomes include:

Enhanced Quality and Safety: The

rigorous testing and standardization protocols will ensure the higher quality and safety of Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic medicines, benefiting practitioners and patients alike.

Specialized Training Programs: NABL Accreditation Training guidance will enhance the capabilities of the CIM&H laboratory, ensuring adherence to the highest standards.

Collaborative Research Initiatives: Joint research projects will focus on evaluating the toxicity of selected higher-order medicines, contributing valuable data to the scientific community and ensuring the safety and efficacy of these treatments.

Capacity Building and Knowledge Exchange: The partnership will promote ongoing knowledge exchange and capacity building, fostering a collaborative environment that encourages innovation and excellence in Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy.

## PM releases three books on the life and journey of former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu "M Venkaiah Naidu Garu's wisdom and passion for the country's progress is widely admired"

Chennai June 30 2024: The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi released three books on the life and journey of former Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu on the eve of his 75th birthday via video conferencing today.

The books released by the Prime Minister include (i) Biography of the former Vice President titled "Venkaiah Naidu - Life in Service" authored by Shri S Nagesh Kumar, former Resident Editor of The Hindu, Hyderabad edition; (ii) "Celebrating Bharat - The Mission and Message of Shri M Venkaiah Naidu as 13th Vice-President of India", a Photo chronicle compiled by Dr I.V. Subba Rao, Former Secretary to Vice-President of India; and (iii) Pictorial biography in Telugu titled "Mahaneeta - Life and Journey of Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu" authored by Shri Sanjay Kishore.

Addressing the occasion, the Prime Minister noted that Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu

will be completing 75 years tomorrow on the 1st of July and said, "These 75 years have been extraordinary and it encompasses magnificent stopovers." The Prime Minister expressed delight in releasing Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu's biography and two other books based on his life. He expressed confidence that these books will become a source of inspiration for the people while also illuminating the correct path to serving the nation.

Reminiscing about his long association with the former Vice-President, the Prime Minister said he had the opportunity to work with Shri Venkaiah ji for a long period. This collaboration began during Venkaiah ji's tenure as the national president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), followed by his senior role in the Cabinet, his tenure as the Vice-President of the country, and later as the Speaker of the Rajya Sabha. "One can imagine the wealth of experience a person

hailing from a small village may have gathered while holding such significant posts. Even I learned a lot from Venkaiah ji", he added.

Shri Modi expressed that the life of Venkaiah Naidu ji is a perfect glimpse of the amalgamation of ideas, vision and personality. The Prime Minister expressed happiness about the current state of BJP and Jana Sangh in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana as compared to how it was decades ago without any strong foundation. He said, "Despite such lacunae, Shri Naidu strived in his role as an ABVP Karyakarta with the ideology of "Nation First" and had made up his mind to achieve something for the nation." The Prime Minister lauded Shri Naidu for his fighting tooth and nail against the Emergency, which was imposed 50 years ago in the nation, despite being imprisoned for about 17 months. Shri Modi underlined that Shri Naidu was one such braveheart who was tried and tested during



the wrath of Emergency and that is the reason he considers Naiduji as a true friend.

Underling that power does not reflect the comforts of life but is the medium to accomplish the resolutions by service, the Prime Minister said that Shri Naidu proved himself when he got the opportunity to become a part of the Vajpayee Government where he chose to become the Union Minister for Rural Development. "Naidu ji wanted to serve the villages, the poor and the farmers",

Shri Modi added. He further added that Shri Naidu worked as a Union Minister for Urban Development in the Modi Government and lauded his commitment and vision for modern Indian cities. He mentioned Swachh Bharat Mission, Smart City Mission and Amrit Yojna initiated by Shri Venkaiah Naidu.

Praising the former Vice-President's soft mild-mannerism, eloquence and wit, the Prime Minister recalled that no one can match Venkaiah

Naidu's level of wit, spontaneity, quick counters and one-liners. Shri Modi warmly recalled the slogan coined by Naidu during the formation of Atal Bihari Vajpayee's coalition government, "Ek haath mein BJP ka jhanda, aur dusre haath mein NDA ka agenda", which translates to the party's flag in one hand and the National Democratic Alliance's agenda in the other. In 2014, he introduced the acronym 'Making of Developed India' for M.O.D.I. The Prime Minister said he was surprised by Venkaiah

ji's ruminations, compelling him to praise his style in the Rajya Sabha once where he said that there is depth, seriousness, vision, beat, bounce and wisdom in the former Vice-President's words.

The Prime Minister hailed the positive environment created by Shri Naidu during his tenure as Speaker of the Rajya Sabha and highlighted the various important decisions taken by the House. Recalling the introduction of the bill to revoke Article 370 in the Rajya Sabha before being tabled in the Lok Sabha, the Prime Minister lauded Shri Naidu's experienced leadership in the passage of such a sensitive bill while maintaining the decorum of the House. The Prime Minister wished for a long, active and healthy life for Shri Naidu.

Shri Modi threw light on the emotional side of Venkaiah Ji's nature and informed that he never let adversities affect his decision-making. He also highlighted his

simple way of living and his special ways of keeping in touch with people. PM Modi also recalled spending time at Venkaiah Ji's residence during festivities. The Prime Minister touched upon the contributions made by personalities like Shri Naidu towards Indian politics. Referring to the three books released today, the Prime Minister said that they present the journey of Venkaiah Ji's life, which is a source of inspiration for the younger generations.

The Prime Minister concluded his address by reminiscing & reciting a few lines of a poem which he had dedicated to Shri Naidu in the Rajya Sabha once. Shri Modi once again congratulated & wished Shri Venkaiah Naidu ji on completing 75 years of his life's journey. Shri Modi expressed confidence that a Developed India (Viksit Bharat) would be celebrating its "century of freedom" in 2047 while Naidu Ji would be celebrating his centennial milestone.

## Dr. Jitendra Singh MOS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions to launch the month long special campaign for effective redressal of family pensioners grievances on 1 July 2024

Chennai June 30 2024: Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions will launch the special campaign for effective redressal of family pensioners grievances at New Delhi on 1 July 2024. The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DOPPW), as part of its 100 Days Action Plan has undertaken a month-long special campaign for effective redressal of Family Pensioners' Grievances during the period July 1-31, 2024 in which 46 Ministries/Departments will be participating. This Special campaign seeks a substantially reduction in the pendency of family pension grievances. Secretaries of Departments of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Ex-Servicemen's Welfare, DG BSF, Controller General of Accounts,



Deputy Managing Director State Bank of India along with Nodal Public Grievance Officers of 46 Ministries/Departments, representatives from all Pension Disbursing Banks and Pensioners' Welfare Associations will participate in this event. Presently, around 90,000 cases are being registered on Centralized Pension Grievance and Redress System (CPENGRAMS) in a year. The grievances can be registered either directly on portal

(URL:www.pgportal.gov.in/PENSION/) by the applicant or by DOPPW on receipt of details through e-mail, Post or Toll free number 1800-11-1960. Out of total grievances, Family Pension grievance cases account for about 20-25%. Major segment of Family Pensioners grievances is constituted by women pensioners. The family pension related grievances to be redressed in the Special Campaign have been shortlisted from the grievances registered on the CPENGRAMS Portal. Total 1891 (as on 15.06.2024) family

pension related grievances pertaining to 4 Ministries/Departments / Organizations have been identified for redressal during the campaign period. Majority of the grievances pertain to Defence Pensioners, Railway pensioners and CAPFs pensioners under MHA. Bank related issues also constitute a sizeable number. DOPPW will monitor and provide all assistance to concerned administrative Ministry/Department/Organization for effective redressal of grievances on a mission mode approach. Ministries/Departments will disseminate success stories through tweets and PIB statements. DoPPW has created a hashtag i.e #SpecialCampaignFamilyPension for the success of the campaign.

## Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports unveils new AFI logo and meets Olympics-bound athletes in Panchkula

Chennai June 30 2024: Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour & Employment Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya unveiled the Athletics Federation of India's new logo and interacted with Paris 2024 Olympic Games-bound track and field athletes competing in the National Inter-State Athletics Championships at the Tau Devi Lal Stadium here on Saturday.



encouraging them, he said that all necessary help have been provided to all athletes for Paris Olympics.

"Under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji's leadership, Government is working

to strengthen the sports infrastructure. The progress made in the field of sports in the last 10 years has been very encouraging," he said. "I am confident that our athletes will perform their best in the Paris

Olympic Games," he said.

The Union Sports Minister also presented medals to the winners of the National Interstate Athletics Championships.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Mandaviya visited the Netaji Subhash National Institute of Sports in Patiala and interacted with weightlifter Mirabai Chhanu, Javelin Thrower Annu Rani and Shot Putter Abha Khatua as well as a number of other athletes and coaches in the National Centre of Excellence.

## South India contributes 45% of India's electric vehicle sales

Chennai, June 30 2024: With the objective to discover innovative solutions, achieve sustainable EV integration in smart cities, and envision a future that blends environmental consciousness with technological progress, India's largest EV Expo & Conference is back with its 4th Edition India EV 2024, happening on 29th & 30th June 2024 at the Chennai Trade Centre. A report titled "An Overview of Indian Electric Vehicle Market: Trends And Future Outlook" by Frost & Sullivan is being released in conjunction with India EV 2024, that highlights the nation's EV goals,

trends and outlook.

India EV 2024 is organised by Entrepreneur India, with Citroën as the Title Partner and Powered by Jio-BP. Other sponsors include LUBI and EV Lubricant, complemented by significant support from esteemed industry bodies and ministries including the Ministry of Heavy Industries, the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Guidance Tamil Nadu, the Indo-Italian Chamber of Commerce, ARAI (Automotive Research Association of India), and ICAT (International Centre for Automotive Technology).

S. S. Sivasankar, Hon'ble Minister for Transport, Government of Tamil Nadu is the Chief Guest for the event, and V. Vishnu, IAS MD & CEO Guidance Tamil Nadu is the Guest of Honour. Eminent industry leaders including, Harish Mehta, CEO of JIO BP, Shishir Mishra, Brand Director of Citroen India, Dr. Sauro Mezzetti, Chairman of the Indo Italian Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Ashok Jhunjunwala, Professor at IIT Madras, are sharing visionary insights on the future of electric mobility at the conference.

With an expected attendance of over 2000

participants, the 2-day conference is packed with 120+ distinguished exhibitors, 55+ notable speakers, 10+ panel discussions, B2B roundtables, product launches and networking sessions. Day-1 of the conference emphasizes integration and global expansion, while Day-2 covers battery manufacturing, AI integration, and the prominence of Tamil Nadu's EV production. Themes being discussed at the expo include funding, charging standardisation, EV infrastructure, the availability of semiconductors, and the future of electric mobility in India.

## THE WINNING MOMENT IN BARBADOS TEAM INDIA IN TEARS OF JOY



Chennai, June 30 2024: The pendulum was swinging like a yo-yo with South Africa requiring 17 runs to win in remaining 12 balls. David Miller with all his guns blazing (21 runs, 17 balls, a six & four) had the situation under control. In a bold move for a quick hop to victory, he hoisted Hardik Pandya skywards towards the park. But Surya Kumar Yadav darted across with outstretched hands on the ropes at long-on, waited in the Garden of Eden for the proverbial apple to fall. With 1.43 billion Indians at home and a big contingent Indian supporters in the Kensington Oval stands holding their breath, Yadav took a fabulous catch of his life to carry India near historic win. Soon Pandya and Yadav duo struck again, and it was all over the bar but shouting.

The historians will record that Pandya's last two overs carried India over the fence. The agonising drought of more than a decade

was over with Rohot Sharma holding the triumphant trophy to the standing ovation from the stands.

There were poignant moments at Kensington Oval in Barbados where it has so near and so far since 1953 when Vijay Hazare team was on the Caribbean cruise. On the night of June 29, the Indian cricket team redeemed its pledge with destiny. A day that comes only once in a lifetime. It was the last hurrah in the illustrious career of skipper Rohit Sharma.

To sum up an invincible run to the trophy. They picked a team for the conditions, trusted their boys and it paid off. Rohit Sharma led the way with his fearlessness and intent, Suryakumar showed his class in conditions that weren't the easiest for his style of batting, Dube and Axar played handy cameos and Virat came to the party in this all important final. And what about the bowlers? It is truly said that batters win a match and bowlers win

a tournament. And Jasprit Bumrah alone probably wins tournament(s). Arshdeep proved his mettle with the new ball, Kuldeep was the coveted wicket-taker throughout the Caribbean and Axar was at his frugal best for most of this tournament. And a moment to acknowledge Hardik Pandya.

The T20 World Cup win also brought the curtain down on the cricketer's innings of two greats of the game Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. As grateful nation bids adieu to the duo, the iconic lines of a famous novelist El Cid acme rushing to the scribes' mind, "So outs of the gate of history, they walked into legend."

After Indian players, coaches and other staff members did a lap of honour around the Kensington Oval, Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli along with other Indian players gave Rahul Dravid a befitting farewell. Team India lifted the

shoulders as they celebrated the victory. Kohli was member of 2011 World Cup team to have given a similar farewell to Sachin Tendulkar after India won the coveted Cup. Dravid had announced that he will step down from his post after the World Cup.

Rahul Dravid, as a coach like most of his playing career, stayed in the shadows but had a telling impact on this bunch of boys. His mantra 'never give up' paid rich dividends. A key attribute of the Rohit-Rahul tenure has been backing players, giving them a long rope and not chopping or changing

In a poignant moment, Virat Kohli, amidst tears of joy, shared an emotional video call with his family immediately after India clinched the T20 World Cup 2024 title.

As a finale, over to William Shakespeare's play titled All's Well That Ends Well, succinctly sums up the situation.

## INTERACTIVE MUSIC - A DIVINE THERAPY FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Chennai June 30 2024: On June 24, 2024, Shri Sikkil Gurucharan and his team orchestrated a heartwarming interactive musical session for the special Hope Public Charitable Trust children at



of Chennai Bharathi, in a moment of great appreciation, conferred the artists with the prestigious "VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD 2024" in the presence of the chief guest, Rtn. Muthusamy,



Annambedu. Gurucharan was accompanied by two young, talented musicians: Shri Krishna, who played the Ghatam, and Shri Sathish, who played the violin. The Rotary Club



Public Image RI District 3232 chairperson, club president Rtn. Dr. Jayashree, Rtn. Dhana Lakshmi Muthusamy, and Dr. Nagarani—the founder of Hope Public Charitable Trust.

## MAKE DIGITAL LEARNING IMPACTFUL



Chennai June 30 2024: On June 19, 2024, the Rotary Club of Chennai Bharathi, in association with the Interact Club of North Brunswick, USA, donated five

customized computer tables worth Rs. 10,000/—to the Pananthope Railway Colony Interact School for the Create Hope Year. This government-aided school is located

in Ayanavaram. These beautiful moments have happened in the presence of the chief guest, Rtn. Dr. Ravi Varma, the chairman of Youth Service, District

3232, club president Rtn. Dr. Jayashree Kadambi, secretary Rtn. Sujatha, Annette Aditya Srinivas, the school Principal, Mrs. Paulkani, staff, and students.



**Bharathi Natesan is honoured for her 20 years Social work and Rural Development got a Honorary Doctorate from Brampton International University, Canada with the initiation of Royal Academy of Global Peace. She had expressed her thanks to all blessed friends are always with her to achieve this.**

## GENERAL MANOJ PANDE RELINQUISHES THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF THE ARMY STAFF

Chennai June 30 2024: General Manoj Pande, superannuated today after more than four decades of distinguished service and relinquished the appointment of the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS). His tenure will be remembered for high state of combat readiness, impetus to the process of transformation besides his strong push towards Atmanirbharta initiatives.

General Manoj Pande, as COAS accorded highest priority to operational preparedness along the Northern and Western borders. He frequently visited forward areas in Jammu & Kashmir, Eastern Ladakh, and the North East, taking first-hand account of operational preparedness and morale of all ranks.



General Manoj Pande initiated holistic transformation of the Indian Army with focus on technological absorption under five distinct pillars. Quantifiable progress was made under these technological initiatives, which will continue to steer the Indian Army towards transforming into a modern, agile, adaptive, and technology-enabled future-ready force.

His emphasis on adaptation of indigenous weapons and equipment under 'Atmanirbharta'

initiative paved the way for long term sustenance of the Indian Army. He provided impetus to Human Resource development initiatives, that made positive impact on the lives of serving personnel, their families and the veteran fraternity.

As COAS, he encouraged Bilateral/Multilateral exercises, seminars and discussions. Under his guidance, Chanakya Defence Dialogue was instituted to carry out a comprehensive analysis of security challenges in South Asia and the Indo-

Pacific. In addition, he accorded due diligence to military diplomacy through conduct of Indo-Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference (IPACC) and enhancing the scale and scope of annual exercises with partner nations.

The four decade plus military journey of the General Officer commenced at National Defence Academy. He got commissioned in December 1982 in the Corps of Engineers (The Bombay Sappers). He tenanted important and challenging command and staff appointments in different operational environments.

For his illustrious service, the General Officer has been conferred with the awards of Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.

## India's Leading Education Hubs Hosting Pre-Departure Sessions for Students Heading to Top Irish Universities

Chennai June 30 2024: OneStep Global is excited to announce a series of pre-departure sessions for Indian students preparing to study at prestigious Irish institutions, including

the National College of Ireland (NCI), Dublin City University (DCU), Technological University Shannon (TUS), and Maynooth University. Over the years, Ireland has emerged as a popular destination for higher education among Indian students, experiencing a 20% increase in student enrollment in 2021-22. This growth is driven by Ireland's welcoming culture, robust economy, affordable education system, and post-study work opportunities. Comprehensive end-to-end support is crucial to ensure a seamless transition and Irish universities view it as vital in welcoming more international students.

The pre-departure sessions provide students with essential information and resources to ensure a smooth transition to their studies in Ireland. These sessions will impart knowledge about cultural adjustment, practical visa information, packing tips, budgeting,



at OneStep Global, along with advisors from Irish universities. We are committed to providing comprehensive support and guidance that will help students thrive in their new environment.' Representatives from various Irish universities will be emphasizing the importance of addressing the concerns and obstacles that students may face, ensuring a positive and enriching experience. Greg Van Buskirk, International Student Experience Office, Technological University Shannon Global, states, 'We understand the concerns and obstacles that students face when making such life-changing leaps to study in a different country and culture. As an education adviser, I have seen many students start their journey with us each year, and I can confidently say that studying in Ireland is a fantastic adventure that helps you grow as a student, a professional,

conducted by our team

and a person. We are fully committed to providing all the support needed to make students feel at ease. Our goal is to ensure a seamless transition and to be there for our students every step of the way. We are excited to welcome them and are dedicated to addressing all their concerns to ensure they have the best possible experience.'

Angela McKenna, Senior Executive, Outward Mobility, Maynooth University says "I am delighted to be here in India to meet with students who will be studying at Maynooth University in September. We look forward to welcoming students to our beautiful green campus, where they will experience the highest standard of education and receive full support from our academic and international teams as they build their future careers."

These pre-departure sessions provide essential guidance and support, covering cultural adjustment, and fostering connections. OneStep Global is committed to making the transition to studying abroad smooth and enriching, setting the foundation for academic and personal success.