

Industry Interaction with Smt. Sumita Dawra, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India “Demographic dividend and labour reforms will drive future growth”: Smt Dawra

Chennai, July 06 2024: Smt. Sumita Dawra, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India participated in an industry interaction organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Employers’ Federation of India (EFI) on 5th July 2024 at Hyderabad.

In her inaugural address, Smt. Sumita Dawra, Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, highlighted India’s fast growth rates, and emphasized that India’s demographic dividend and labour reforms are pivotal to driving future growth, alongside other growth engines of manufacturing, expansion of service sector, infrastructure, etc.

Citing the RBI’s

KLEMS data, she conveyed that about 8 crore new employment opportunities were created in India during past five years [ending 2021-22], largely driven by various government initiatives aimed at incentivising and promoting manufacturing (such as PLI, Make in India), expansion of services sector, access to micro credit, investments, emergence of new areas such as Gig and Platform workers, Global Capability Centres (GCCs) and Startups, etc. She further highlighted the growing gig economy, which is estimated to employ about 2.3 crore people by 2030.

Smt. Dawra discussed the consolidation of 29 labour laws into four comprehensive codes aimed at simplifying

regulations and administrative processes, including the decriminalization of labour laws, thereby enhancing ease of doing business and reduction in compliance burden. This will in turn be attractive for enhanced domestic and foreign investment flows, and in bringing supply chains and global value chains to India, she added. She further said that the reforms will stimulate the economy, enhancing employment opportunities, increasing female workforce participation, and improvements in social security and labour welfare, all of which are expected to drive inclusive growth in India. Currently, India’s GDP is more than USD 3 trillion and is expected to reach USD 33 trillion by 2047 riding on various initiatives, including labour reforms, she

added. Smt Dawra underscored the importance of expanding social security coverage for the unorganized and informal sectors while recognizing the need for governance reforms in the Employees’ State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) and the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). She also highlighted various systemic reforms initiated in ESIC and EPFO such as auto settlement of claims, reduction in rejections, and improving the pace of claims settlement in EPFO, as well as enhancing the coverage and quality of services in ESIC.

During the interaction, presentations on various systemic reforms in ESIC and EPFO were



made, outlining topics such as digitization, e-governance, and compliance simplification, with discussions aimed at gathering suggestions from participants to further improve these systems.

The National Career Service (NCS) portal of Ministry of Labour and Employment was also showcased as a comprehensive solution for career counselling

and employment networking. It was highlighted that more than 1 crore vacancies were mobilised on NCS portal during 2023-24. The portal is also integrating SIDH database from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to ensure availability of rich pool of skilled jobseekers on the portal to reduce skill gap in labour market. The

ongoing integration of databases of the two Ministries will effectively link the youth to both skills and employment, resulting in aligning the demand-supply gap in the labour market, it was informed.

The session highlighted the collaborative efforts between the government and industry to create a positive environment for economic development and employment growth.

Such interactions are crucial for creating awareness and implementing effective reforms, besides getting feedback from industry and other stakeholders.

The session witnessed participation from over 300 industry representatives keen to engage in discussions on critical labour and employment reforms shaping India’s economic landscape. Senior officials from the Ministry of Labour and Employment, EPFO, ESIC and State Government of Telangana also attended the session.

The event aimed to foster dialogue between government officials and industry stakeholders, focusing on employment generation, labour reforms, and ease of doing business in India.

Mayavati to visit Chennai, appeals for peace in TN

Chennai, July 06 2024: Several workers of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) were detained by Chennai Police on Saturday for staging a protest on the main road outside the

hospital where the body of slain BSP leader K Armstrong was brought for an autopsy.

Meanwhile, the murder of BSP’s Tamil Nadu unit president K

Armstrong has not only sent shockwaves in the State but has also triggered responses from political leaders from across the country, including party supremo Mayawati and

Congress leader and opposition leader in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi.

Condemning Armstrong’s murder in Chennai on Friday, Mayawati said she



would come down to the city on Sunday to pay tributes and meet his grieving family

Taking to ‘X’, Mayawati wrote, “Considering the seriousness of this extremely sad and worrying incident, I am planning to go to the Chennai tomorrow morning to pay my tributes to Mr. Armstrong, meet his

grieving family and console them. I appeal to all to maintain peace and order.”

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Saturday condemned the tragic killing of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief of the Tamil Nadu unit, stating that the state government will ensure culprits are brought to justice expeditiously.

Supporters of Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)’s Tamil Nadu unit president K Armstrong gathered outside the Rajiv Gandhi Government Hospital Mortuary here raising slogans, demanding the arrest of the culprits.

The protesters said they did not have faith in the Tamil Nadu government and have

demanding a CBI inquiry into the murder. They have also sought the resignation of Chief Minister M K Stalin.

The chief minister Stalin said he had ordered the police to conduct the investigation expeditiously and ensure that the culprits are punished according to law.

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Honourable Justice R. Mahadevan, Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Chennai Inaugurates IIRSI 2024, India's Premier Convention on Eye Surgery

Chennai July 06 2024: The two-day Indian Intraocular Implant & Refractive Surgery Convention 2004 (IIRSI Convention), a flagship annual event of Intraocular Implant & Refractive Society, India (IIRSI), began today with the participation of over 4000 ophthalmologists from across the country, and about 50 expert speakers, including international luminaries in the fields of intraocular implantation (IOL) and LASIK & refractive surgery.

Honourable Justice R. Mahadevan, Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Chennai inaugurated the convention in the presence of Dr. Jagat Ram, President, Prof. Dr. Amar Agarwal, Secretary General, and other office bearers of IIRSI.

Organised in association with Sustain Eye, a global coalition of eye societies, this national event aims at promoting the latest developments in ophthalmic care and surgery for the benefit of ophthalmologists

across the country. The convention includes invited lectures, live surgery, hands-on Wetlab, Ophthalmic Premier League, IIRSI Film Festival Awards (IFFA), IIRSI photography competition, court martial in ophthalmology, symposiums, sessions for young ophthalmologists, and many other activities. The event also features a trade area for ophthalmic materials and equipment.

Addressing the convention, Justice R. Mahadevan emphasised that vision care is crucial as it directly impacts one's quality of life, pursuits of knowledge acquisition, productivity, and social participation. However, there is inadequate public awareness about the measures needed to protect vision health. Consequently, there has been a sharp rise in various eye health issues, including refractive errors. Adding to the problem are environmental pollution and lifestyle changes, such as the overuse of digital



gadgets for work and entertainment. Nevertheless, it is heartening to note that ophthalmic science and technology are making great strides, and the noble field of ophthalmology continues to produce experts. The need of the hour is to harness the power of technology and human expertise and reach the unreached. This is precisely why professionals from different subspecialties in ophthalmology should meet and stay abreast of developments. In this context, I am delighted to see the overwhelming

participation of eye specialists in this annual convention, which is truly a landmark event in promoting useful solutions for vision health. In his remarks Prof. Amar Agarwal, Secretary General, IIRSI, and Chairman, Dr Agarwals Group of Eye Hospitals said, "We are happy that this annual convention continues to grow in size and significance year after year, and elicits the interest of ophthalmologists within and outside India. The two-day conference comprises valuable programmes and live surgical

session telecasts that will make sure that the participants will learn new techniques in cataract and refractive surgery. They can gain hands-on experience in the Wetlab courses on several key areas that will equip them to practice with confidence. Their interactions with global experts will clarify their doubts."

The felicitation message from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Mr. M.K. Stalin was read out at the inaugural session of the event. Assuring his support for the convention and the future endeavours of IIRSI, the chief

minister said that Chennai, a city renowned for its leading eye care institutions, was indeed privileged to host this national event. "The convention's robust lineup, including invited lectures, live demonstrations, hands-on Wetlabs, the Ophthalmic Premier League, the IIRSI Film Festival Awards, and the photography competition, reflects the breadth and depth of knowledge and expertise that will be shared," he noted.

IIRSI Convention 2024 has over 40 scientific sessions on topics such as cataract

and refractive surgery, ophthalmic advances, pediatric ophthalmology, oculoplasty, and glaucoma. The event will honour Indian and global ophthalmologists with awards for their contributions to their specialisation. The international awardees are Dr. Nicole R Fram from the USA, the recipient of the J. Agarwal Global Icon Gold Medal, Dr. Andres Benatti from Argentina, Dr. Christopher S Sales, USA, Dr. David Gunn, Australia, Dr. Divya Srikumaran, USA, Dr. Durval M. Carvalho Jr, Brazil, Dr. Ike Ahmed, Canada, Dr. Jeff Hale Petty, USA, Dr. Laura De Benito Llopis, UK, Dr. Lisa K Feulner, USA, Dr. Morgan Micheletti, USA, Dr. Naveen K Rao, USA, Dr. Radhika Rampat, UK, Dr. Shady Awwad, Lebanon, Dr. Sumithra Khandelwal, USA, Dr. Ticiana De Francesco, Brazil, Dr. Yassine Daoud, USA, and Dr. Yuna Rapoport, USA.

The Indian awardees are Dr. Satanshu Mathur, to be awarded with the IIRSI

President Gold Medal, Dr. Rohit Om Parkash with the Dr. Daljit Singh Gold Medal, Dr. Prema Padmanabhan with the Dr. Mrs. T. Agarwal Gold Medal, Dr. Rajesh Fogla with the Om Parkash Gold Medal, and Dr. Santosh Honavar with the Subodh Agrawal Gold Medal. Furthermore, the IIRSI Gold Medal winners are Dr. Inder Mohan Rustogi from Haryana, Dr. Rishi Swarup from Hyderabad, and Dr. Prafulla K Maharana from Delhi.

In addition, the event will also have ophthalmic photography competition and awards. The photography categories include external photography, smartphone photography, slit lamp photography, fundus photography, and imaging. The convention will also honour ophthalmologists who took part in the IIRSI Film Festival Award Show 2024 with their short films on educational ophthalmic films under different categories.

Cardiological Society of India's National Conference of Interventional Cardiologists Begins in Chennai

Chennai July 06 2024: National Interventional Council (NIC) 2024, a four-day national-level conference of interventional cardiologists, organised by the Tamil Nadu chapter of Cardiological Society of India (CSI), has begun today. Over 1500 interventional cardiologists from across the country are taking part in the event which will be held till July 7, 2024 at the Chennai Trade Centre.

NIC 2024 has lined up 25 internationally reputed speakers from the field of interventional cardiology, who would address Fellows Course, an engaging and collegial environment for young interventional professionals to interact with experts. The conference would showcase 20 live cases

transmitted from abroad and would feature 60 "Case in a Box" presentations by leading cardiologists. The participants will also benefit from hands-on workshops designed to enhance practical skills.

The highlights of NIC 2024 are: the release of data on the burden of heart diseases, procedures, and expenditures for heart ailments, and the launch of a dedicated hall for the innovators in the field of interventional cardiology and the industry catering to this specialty.

Mr. Sridhar Vembu, CEO, Zoho Corporation, inaugurated the conference, in the presence of Dr. S. Gurushankar, Chairman, Meenakshi Hospital, Thanjavur and Meenakshi Mission Hospital and

Research Centre, Madurai, the Guest of Honour; Dr. V. Murugesan, Organising Chairman, and Dr. B. Kesavamoorthy, Organising Secretary, CSI NIC 2024 and Senior Interventional Cardiologist, Meenakshi Hospital Thanjavur. Key office bearers of CSI, including Dr. D.P. Sinha, Honorary General Secretary; Dr. P.C. Rath President, and Dr. Sanjay Tyagi, President-Elect, besides Dr. P.K. Sahoo, Scientific Chairman, Dr N Pratapkumar Chief Coordinator CSI NIC 2024, also spoke.

Addressing a press meet organised in this regard, Dr. Kesavamoorthy, Organising Secretary, CSI NIC 2024 and Senior Cardiologist, Meenakshi Hospital Thanjavur said that the annual conference of the National



Interventional Council, a wing of the Cardiology Society of India, representing more than 3000

interventional cardiologists, will go a long way in advancing the cardiological practices and fostering

global collaboration in interventional cardiology in the country. The highlights of the conference

would include the release of NIC 2024 cardiology data collected from over 1700 hospitals spread across the country. A competent team was formed to collect and analyse the data, the only compilation of its kind available in India in this context, and is crucial for healthcare planning in the country. NIC 2024 data, thus, marks a significant milestone in cardiological research and practice. Another major contribution is that for the first time, we are introducing a dedicated hall for the innovators in the field of interventional cardiology and the industry catering to this specialty. We will have lectures by innovators - be it physicians, engineers or product managers who are critically involved in the evolution of the product and its utility at national or

international arena." NIC 2024 will have cutting edge technologies, a wide spectrum of didactic lectures, debates, point-of-view sessions on hot topics of interventional cardiology and more than 500 case presentations on various complications, nightmares and newer technologies. The event would also have various hands-on training sessions, focused symposiums, theme-based sessions on coronary, structural, peripheral, CTO interventions.

It is to be noted that the participation at NIC 2024 will be accredited with Credit Hours by Tamil Nadu Medical Council. This is done to encourage the participation of the new generation of young and dynamic interventional cardiologists.

Modi to raise issue of Indian soldiers with Putin Russian President to host private dinner for PM

Chennai, July 06 2024: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to take up the issue of the "early discharge" of Indian nationals serving in the Russian Army on the Ukraine war front, during his summit talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow, Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra said here today.



"The issue of early discharge of Indian nationals who have been misled into the service of the Russian army is also expected to figure in the discussion," the Foreign Secretary said at a special briefing ahead of PM Modi's visit to Russia and Austria from July 8 to 10.

Prime Minister Modi will arrive in Moscow in the late afternoon on July 8, and President Putin will host a private dinner for him.

The following day, PM Modi will have an interaction with the Indian community in Russia, and as part of

the programme he will lay a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

There will be restricted level talks between the two leaders followed by delegation level talks. He will leave for Vienna in the afternoon of July 9.

"The 22nd India-Russia annual summit talks will provide an opportunity to the two leaders to review the whole range of bilateral issues, including defence, trade linkages, investment ties, energy cooperation, science and tech, education, culture and people to people exchanges," said

the FS. "They will also exchange perspectives on global and regional developments of mutual interest," he added.

The PM is expected to take up the issue of Indian nationals who have been duped into serving in the Russian army and being made to fight in the Ukraine war, said Kwatra.

He said that India and Russia have a special and privileged partnership since 2020 which has remained resilient in the wake of multiple geopolitical challenges in the world referring to the Ukraine

conflict and the resultant Western sanctions on Russia.

He said the bilateral trade is more than USD 60 billion, which is heavily skewed in favour of Russia.

The trade imbalance is a matter of priority in discussions with Russia, he added.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay an Official Visit to Russia from July 8-9 for a bilateral summit with President Vladimir Putin, and then go to Austria July 9-10, in the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Austria in 41 years.

Hathras stampede accused surrenders: Lawyer

Chennai, July 06 2024: Devprakash Madhukar, the main accused in the July 2 Hathras stampede which claimed 121 lives, has been taken into custody by Uttar Pradesh Police after he surrendered in Delhi, his lawyer said on July 5.

Madhukar, the 'mukhya sevadar' of the 'satsang' where the stampede occurred, is the only accused named in the FIR lodged at Sikandra Rao police station in Hathras in connection with the incident.

In a video message, Madhukar's lawyer A P Singh claimed that his client had surrendered in Delhi, where he was undergoing treatment.

"Today, we have surrendered Devprakash Madhukar, who has been called the main organiser in the



FIR in the Hathras case, after calling the police, the SIT and the STF in Delhi since he was undergoing treatment here," Singh said.

"We had promised we would not apply for anticipatory bail since we did no wrong. What is our crime? He is an engineer and a heart patient. Doctors said his condition is stable now and so we surrendered today to join the probe," the lawyer said.

Singh said police

may now record his statement or question him but they must take into consideration his health condition and ensure that "nothing wrong happens with him".

"We did not do anything like filing anticipatory bail or moving court which would have been viewed as an effort to save ourselves and being scared... questions were being raised about his (M a d h u k a r)

whereabouts and if he had run away," he claimed.

Madhukar will join the probe and share information about the "anti-social elements" at the event, he added.

Uttar Pradesh Police had announced a reward of Rs 1 lakh for information leading to Madhukar's arrest.

On July 3, the Supreme Court lawyer, had claimed that he also represents Surajpal alias Narayan Sakar Hari alias Bhole Baba, the self-styled godman at whose 'satsang' the stampede occurred, and that some "anti-social elements" were behind the tragedy.

Surajpal was ready to cooperate with the state administration and police and had sought an investigation into the entire matter, Singh had said.

Ministry of Labour and Employment Forwards State Governments' Reports to NHRC

Chennai, July 06 2024: Ministry of Labour and Employment has forwarded the report received from the Labour department of Tamil Nadu government

in the matter of discrimination against married women by Foxconn to National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

In a separate

communication, the Ministry has also sent the Haryana Government's detailed report on the issues of Amazon workers at their warehouse to NHRC. The report mentioned

about violations of certain provisions of labour laws by Amazon and informed that the State Government has initiated legal action as per provisions of the concerned labour laws.

NBEMS conducts Foreign Medical Graduate Examination for 35,819 candidates across 71 centres in 50 cities in India

Chennai, July 06 2024: National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), an autonomous body of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, conducted the Foreign Medical Graduate

Examination (FMGE) for 35,819 candidates, today.

The examination has been conducted in 71 centres, spread across 50 cities in 21 states. As a measure towards stringent examination security, NBEMS appointed more than 250

appraisers to supervise the conduct of examination. This was further augmented with a flying squad comprising of 45 faculty members.

As directed by Union Health Minister, Director General of Health Services

(DGHS), MoHFW and other Institutions had also deputed a senior person at all the examination centres. No untoward incident has been reported anywhere and the NBEMS will declare the result of today's FMGE in due course.

FSSAI approves proposal to display nutritional information labelling of total sugar, salt and saturated fat in bold letters and bigger font size in 44th meeting of Food Authority

Chennai July 06 2024: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has approved a proposal to display nutritional information regarding Total Sugar, Salt and Saturated Fat in bold letters and relatively increased font size on labels of packaged food items.



inviting suggestions and objections.

The information regarding per serve percentage (%) contribution to Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDAs) would be given in bold letters for total sugar, total saturated fat and sodium content. Regulation 2(v) and 5(3) of FSS (Labelling and Display) Regulation, 2020 specifies requirements to mention serving size and nutritional information on the food product label, respectively.

Along with empowering consumers make healthier choices, the amendment would also contribute towards

efforts to combat the rise of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) and promote public health and well-being. The prioritisation of the development of clear and distinguish labelling requirements would help in the global effort to combat NCDs.

Further, FSSAI has been issuing advisories from time to time to prevent false and misleading claims. These include advisories sent to e-commerce website for removal of the term 'Health Drink' as it is not defined or standardized anywhere under the FSS Act 2006 or rules/regulations made thereunder, apart from directive mandating all

Food Business Operators (FBOs) to remove any claim of '100% fruit juices' from the labels and advertisements of reconstituted fruit juices, the use of the term wheat flour/ refined wheat flour, the advertisement and marketing of ORS along with prefix or suffix, nutrient function claim for multi-source edible vegetable oils etc. These advisories and directives are issued to prevent misleading claims by FBOs.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; States and Union Territories attended the meeting. Representatives from industry associations, consumer organizations, research institutes and farmers' organisations were also present in the meeting.

Ministry of Culture initiates Project PARI for the 46th World Heritage Committee Meeting

Chennai, July 06 2024: India has long been a vibrant centre of artistic expression, with its rich history of public art reflecting the country's cultural and spiritual diversity. From ancient rock-cut temples and intricate frescoes to grand public sculptures and vibrant street art, Bharat's landscapes have always been adorned with artistic marvels. Historically, art has been deeply intertwined with daily life, religious practices, and social customs, manifesting through various modalities such as dance, music, theatre, and visual arts.

Project PARI (Public Art of India), an initiative by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, being executed by Lalit Kala Akademi and National Gallery of Modern Art seeks to bring forth public art that draws inspiration from millennia of artistic heritage (lok kala/lok sanskriti) while incorporating modern themes and techniques. These expressions underscore the intrinsic value that art holds in Indian society, serving

as a testament to the nation's enduring commitment to creativity and artistic expression.

The first intervention under Project PARI is taking place in Delhi. It coincides with the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee scheduled to be held in New Delhi, India between 21-31 July 2024.

The representation of art in public spaces is particularly significant, reflecting the nation's rich and diverse cultural heritage. The democratization of art through public installations transforms urban landscapes into accessible galleries, where art transcends the confines of traditional venues such as museums and galleries. By integrating art into streets, parks, and transit hubs, these initiatives ensure that artistic experiences are available to one and all. This inclusive approach fosters a shared cultural identity and enhances social cohesion, inviting citizens to engage with art in their daily lives.

Project PARI aims at stimulating dialogue, reflection, and inspiration, contributing to the dynamic cultural fabric of the nation.

More than 150 visual artists from all over the country have come together to create the various wall paintings, murals, sculptures and installations being prepared under this project. The creative canvas includes but is not limited to artwork inspired by and /or drawn in styles of Phad paintings (Rajasthan), Thangka painting (Sikkim/Ladakh), miniature painting (Himachal Pradesh), Gond art (Madhya Pradesh), Tanjore paintings (Tamil Nadu), Kalamkari (Andhra Pradesh), Alpona art (West Bengal), Cheriya painting (Telangana), Pichhwai Painting (Rajasthan), Lanjia Saura (Odisha), Pattachitra (West Bengal), Bani Thani Painting (Rajasthan), Warli (Maharashtra), Pithora Art (Gujarat), Aipan (Uttarakhand), Kerala Murals (Kerala), Alpana art (Tripura) and

more.

The proposed sculptures being created for Project PARI include wide ranging ideas that include but are not limited to paying tributes to nature, ideas inspired by the Natyashastra, Gandhi ji, toys of India, hospitality, ancient knowledge, Naad or Primeval Soun, Harmony of life, Kalpataru - the divine tree etc.

In sync with the proposed 46th World Heritage Committee Meeting some of the artworks and sculptures draw inspiration from World Heritage Sites such as Bimbetka and the 7 natural World Heritage Sites in India find a special place in the proposed artworks.

Women artists have been an integral part of Project PARI and their participation in large numbers is a testimony of Bharat's NARI SHAKTI. Come and join the celebrations. Click your selfie with a Project PARI creation and share your pictures on social media with #ProjectPARI.

LIC undertakes agency transformation initiative "Jeevan Samarth" for higher empowerment of Agents

Chennai July 06 2024: To continue its proud legacy of agency-led growth, LIC has embarked on an ambitious mission "Jeevan Samarth" that aims on future-proofing its entire ~14 Lakh agent workforce to meet the rapidly evolving needs of customers. To achieve this, LIC has partnered with globally renowned strategy consulting firm M/s. A. T. Kearney which will undertake this agency transformation project by reviewing the existing agency framework of LIC on an end-to-end basis. It will also entail revamping the agency operations at the Branch, Division and



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Zonal level directed towards establishing global best practices in the wake of fast-changing industry and regulatory landscape of the insurance sector in India.

Speaking on this occasion, CEO & MD of LIC, Shri S. Mohanty said, "Through the 'Jeevan Samarth' project, we aim to transform our agency ecosystem to align with

the rapidly evolving needs of millions of Indian families and providing them suitable long-term savings, protection, health insurance, ULIP and pension solutions."

Highlighting the importance of enabling and empowering the agents, CEO & MD of LIC said, "This transformation exercise should result into giving our already very

committed agents more tools and additional skills thereby making our bond between agents and LIC much more stronger." CEO & MD also called upon the young men and women of India to join hands with LIC by choosing life insurance marketing as a rewarding career and participate in shaping the future of insurance industry in India.

Strengthening India-Mexico Law Enforcement Cooperation

Chennai July 06 2024: Rashtriya Raksha University, pioneering security and police university of India, hosted a two-week training program for Mexican law enforcement officials from June 25, 2024, to July 5, 2024, under the ITEC framework of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. This initiative represents a significant stride towards bolstering international collaboration in the law enforcement and security domain.

The primary objective of this program was to elevate the competencies and proficiencies of Mexican senior law enforcement officials through shared learning experiences and the exchange of best practices.

A valedictory program was organized on July 5, 2024, where His Excellency Mr. Federico Salas Lotfe, Ambassador of Mexico to India, was present and appreciated the activities and work carried out by RRU.

Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Vice-Chancellor, RRU, joined the event through video conferencing and other university senior officials, including Prof. (Dr.) Kalpesh H. Wandra, Pro-Vice Chancellor, RRU; Mr. Sushil Goswami, Dean Academics, RRU; Maj Gen Deepak Mehra, Director of the School of Internal Security and SMART Policing (SISSP); and Mr. Ravish Shah, Head of the International Cooperation and Relations Branch (ICRB), RRU, were also

present during the valedictory session of the two-week training program.

During the valedictory session, H.E. Mr. Federico Salas Lotfe, Ambassador of Mexico to India, and the chief guest expressed his satisfaction with the training programme and requested the organization of similar programmes for Mexican officials in the near future. He conveyed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University for spearheading initiatives that leverage the university's expertise to enhance the skills of their officials.

Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel, Vice-Chancellor of RRU, underscored the enduring bond between India and Mexico, emphasizing their shared values and mutual respect through his video conferencing. He noted that this programme signifies another significant milestone in the long standing relationship between the two countries, founded on common values, mutual respect, and a dedication to global peace and security. Prof. Patel elaborated on the historical alliance between India and Mexico, highlighting the substantial advancements achieved across various sectors, particularly in security cooperation.

He further emphasized the Prime Minister's vision that "India and Mexico are bound by our joint aspirations for development and prosperity." Their

collaboration encompasses diverse areas such as trade and investment, science and technology, cultural exchange, and security cooperation, with the aim of fostering a safer and more prosperous world for their citizens.

Mr. Ravish Shah, Head of the Head International Cooperation and Relations Branch (ICRB), reported that to date, a total of 930 participants from 53 countries worldwide have undergone upskilling and capacity building programmes at the university over a period of approximately two and a half years through the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) initiative and in support of Ministry of External Affairs, India. This is a great contribution from RRU towards further strengthening the bilateral relationship between two countries.

During the two-week training programme, senior law officers from Mexico received comprehensive training in various fields from experts at the University. The training covered Police Reforms, Effective Police Interviewing Techniques, Surveillance and Monitoring Methodologies, Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS), Predictive Analysis in Law Enforcement, Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence, Cybersecurity, and Dark Web Operations.

India has significantly

strengthened its relations with the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) region, focusing on collaboration in various sectors, including internal security. The ties between India and LAC countries have been bolstered through high-level visits, bilateral agreements, and strategic dialogues. These partnerships have facilitated the exchange of best practices and technologies in areas such as counterterrorism, cyber security, drug trafficking, and transnational crime.

The collaboration extends to capacity building and training initiatives, similar to the current programme for Mexican officials. Such initiatives aim to enhance the operational capabilities of law enforcement agencies across the LAC region, fostering a shared commitment to global peace and security. The partnership with Mexico is a testament to this growing relationship, reflecting a mutual desire to address contemporary security challenges through cooperation and knowledge exchange.

As the training programme progresses, it is expected that the exchange of knowledge and expertise will significantly enhance the operational capabilities of the participating Mexican officials. The programme not only aims to impart advanced skills but also to foster a spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding between the law enforcement agencies of India and Mexico.

Tata Motors' Holistic After-Sales Services Keep Tamil Nadu's Trucks Moving

Chennai July 06 2024: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, has made significant strides in the Indian trucking industry by continuously strengthening its service ecosystem and playing a pivotal role in ensuring higher uptime of vehicles, a crucial element in meeting today's tight freight delivery timelines. Focused on offering a robust service network, range of value-added services, easy access to genuine spare parts, along with prioritizing driver well-being, the company consistently assures customers of an excellent ownership experience.

Keeping a vehicle running smoothly with

minimal downtime remains critical to the success of customers' business. Recognizing this early on, Tata Motors has established an extensive service network across Tamil Nadu, with 143 strategically located service touchpoints across the state. Moreover, easy access to genuine spare parts is assured through well-stocked dealerships. Central to Tata Motors' service excellence are highly skilled technicians, continuously trained by the company.

To further enhance the ownership experience, Tata Motors offers a suite of value-added services, including uptime assurance, on-site

service, annual maintenance contract,

and fleet management solutions. Initiatives such as Tata Alert and Tata Kavach provide swift roadside assistance and repairs for accidental vehicles, while Zippy Assurance ensures timely resolution of service concerns. Together, these services minimize downtime and maximize vehicle reliability, boosting business efficiency.

As a responsible corporate entity that prioritizes the safety and comfort of drivers, the backbone of India's logistics industry, Tata Motors has consistently worked towards driver welfare. Through comprehensive driver training initiatives, Tata Motors ensures drivers are equipped

with the latest skills and knowledge to operate vehicles safely and efficiently. The company's driver welfare efforts also extend beyond training. By offering programs like 'Tata Samarth', the company focuses on drivers' health, safety, and well-being, thereby improving the quality of life for them and their families.

By staying close to its customers and prioritizing their needs, Tata Motors ensures that every Tata owner is a proud owner. This unwavering commitment to aftersales service has not only strengthened customer loyalty but also underpins the company's long-term growth in Tamil Nadu.



Installation Ceremony of the President, Rotary Club of Nanganallur Elite for 2024-25 Rotary Year, Dist Governor 3234 Rtn N S Saravanan as chief guest and Asst Governor Rtn col Bhupinder Singh as guest of honour. Rotary Club of Nanganallur Elite Launched 3 ongoing projects, Elite Singer of TamilNadu-Season 3 (Fund Raising Project), Free Fridays (Free Ortho Consultation at Vels Ortho Clinic), Blood Donation Camp on 1st Sunday every month. Rtn PHF Sathish Rajasekar as the new President for 2024-2025 and Rtn PHF Sivashanmugam as the new Secretary.