

**India has given Buddha to world, not Yuddha: Modi**

Chennai, July 11 2024: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said India has given 'Buddha' to the world, not 'Yuddha' (war) which means it has always given peace and prosperity, and therefore the country is going to strengthen its role in the 21st century.

Addressing the Indian diaspora in Vienna, Modi also said that India is working towards being the best, the brightest, achieving

the biggest and reaching the highest milestones.

"For thousands of years, we have been sharing our knowledge and expertise. We didn't give 'Yuddha' (war), we gave the world 'Buddha'.

India always gave peace and prosperity, and therefore India is going to strengthen its role in the 21st century," Modi said in Austria, a day after he

arrived here from Moscow where he highlighted the importance of finding a peaceful solution to the Ukraine conflict during his talks with President Vladimir Putin.

Describing his first visit to Austria as "meaningful", Modi said that after 41 years, an Indian Prime Minister has visited the country.

"This long wait has come to an end on a

historic occasion. India and Austria are celebrating 75 years of their friendship," he said.

"India and Austria are geographically on two different ends, but we have many similarities. Democracy connects both countries. Our shared values are liberty, equality, pluralism, and respect for the rule of law. Our societies are multicultural and



multilingual. Both countries celebrate diversity, and a big medium to reflect these

values are elections," he said, amid chants of 'Modi, Modi'.

Recalling the recently concluded general elections, Modi said 650 million people

exercised their right to vote and despite such a big election, the results of the elections were declared within hours.

"It is the power of our electoral machinery and democracy," he said.

More than 31,000 Indians are living in Austria.

The number of Indian students in the country is more than 450, according to the Indian embassy here.

**NEET-UG counselling from July 3rd week, don't want retest: Centre to SC**

Chennai, July 11 2024: A day before the Supreme Court hears a clutch of petitions on the alleged irregularities in NEET-UG, the Centre on Wednesday submitted an affidavit in the court stating that a comprehensive analysis of the results

has revealed that there was no large-scale malpractice or evidence of a local set of candidates benefiting.

The Union government also reiterated its stance that it does not intend to hold a retest of the medical entrance

exam. Doing so on the basis of "unsubstantiated suspicions", it said, would burden nearly 24 lakh students, who had appeared for the exam on May 5.

Importantly, the Centre has said that it intends to start the



counselling process for NEET-UG, which is the final stage for admissions, from the third week of July in four phases. If any candidate is found to have benefited from any irregularity, their counselling will be cancelled in any of the phases or even after, it

While some petitioners in the Supreme Court have demanded that the medical entrance exam be held again in view of the irregularities and the alleged paper leak, others have petitioned against a retest.

**Member Infrastructure Railway Board visits Southern Railway Holds Review Meeting with AGM/SR and Senior Officials**

Chennai, July 11 2024: Anil Kumar Khandelwal, Member Infrastructure of the Railway Board, is currently on a two-day

visit to Southern Railway. Today, July 10, 2024, he held an extensive review meeting with Kaushal Kishore, Additional

General Manager, and the Principal Heads of Departments at the Southern Railway Headquarters.

During the meeting,

Khandelwal discussed various operational aspects and proposed improvements. He particularly focused on the progress of



infrastructural projects, station redevelopment under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, electrification projects, construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road

Under Bridges projects, minimizing disruptions to passenger traffic.

Following the review meeting, Khandelwal proceeded

on a window-trailing inspection of the Chennai Egmore - Villupuram section in a special train, with scheduled inspections of Tambaram, Chengalpattu, and Villupuram stations.

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## Renewal and Scrutiny of Chennai Press Club Membership

Chennai July 11 2024: Dear Members, We are pleased to announce the commencement of the renewal and scrutiny process for Chennai Press Club memberships in batches starting from Monday, July 15, 2024.

Phase One Details:  
The renewal and

scrutiny process will begin for members holding Membership Numbers 101 to 1100. Please note that our numbering starts with 101. This phase of renewal and scrutiny, aimed at updating membership records, applies to all members, including those with no outstanding dues. It will conclude on Sunday, July 21, 2024.

Special Offer:

Recognising the challenges faced by journalists in renewing their memberships, we are offering a 50% concession on renewal dues exclusively during this campaign. However, for those in a position to support the financial health of the Press Club, we gratefully encourage full payment.

How to Renew:

Renewal forms will be available at the Press Club premises from 10 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 5 pm between July 15 and July 21, 2024. Forms will be provided strictly to individual members. Completed forms (for Membership Numbers 101 to 1100) along with necessary enclosures must be

submitted by 5 pm on July 21, 2024.

Membership Number Assistance:

If you are unsure of your Membership Number, please send a message via WhatsApp/SMS to 9445200184 with your Name, Designation, and Organisation.

Documents Required:

Please bring the following documents to initiate the renewal and scrutiny process:

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2. Photocopy of ID Card issued by your current employer
3. For freelancers, evidence of published work in the last six months
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Residential Address: Photocopy of Aadhaar Card/Passport/Driving Licence

Future Phases: Further details regarding renewals for Membership Numbers 1101 onwards will be communicated in due course.

Your cooperation in ensuring a smooth renewal process is

greatly appreciated. Please help us spread the word among fellow members.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Yours sincerely,

D Suresh Kumar

Convener, Sub Committee,

Chennai Press Club Special Guidance Committee.

## Gemini Edibles and Fats India Ltd forays into Tamil Nadu

Launched under the name Be-Rite, the company plans to gain 10-15% of the market share in the next five years

Chennai July 11 2024: Gemini Edibles and Fats India Ltd, India's No 1 Sunflower oil company with 21.7% Market Share All India (Source: NielsenIQ MAT Feb'24 ROCP), launched its products under the brand name Be-Rite, exclusively for the Tamil Nadu market, in Chennai today. High-quality Be-Rite brand products from GEF India will be available in all retail shops and supermarkets in urban Tamil Nadu, from now on.

Gemini Edibles and

Fats India Ltd is into trading, processing, manufacturing and marketing of edible oils and specialty fats for different types of food industry.

Sharing more details about the launch, Mr. P. Chandra Shekhara Reddy, Sr Vice President -Sales & Marketing, Gemini Edibles and Fats India Ltd said, "We are elated to introduce our products to the Tamil Nadu consumers. Though the industry has been growing at a rate of 2.5% to 3%, we have been growing at a

CAGR of 11.6% over



the last 5 years. This entry into TN market will act as a catalyst for our further growth. Sunflower oil constitutes up to 42% share in edible oil

category in Tamil Nadu, with 83% household penetration. Tamil Nadu is one of the major sunflower oil consuming markets. More people prefer

enhancing their lifestyles as the household income increases. They are also becoming health conscious and opt for branded high-quality

products. We want consumers in Tamil Nadu to enjoy all our products. GEF India have manufacturing units with state-of-the-art cutting-edge

technology which helps to maintain high quality standards

without manual intervention. We are a value-for-money brand. We maintain exceptional quality standards to meet the health requirements and also satisfy the taste palate of Tamil Nadu consumers. I am sure consumers in Tamil Nadu will love our products. GEF India has a turnover of 9000 Cr plus (FY23-24), and is committed for long term with strategic investment in brand building. In next 5 years our focus would be on gaining

the market share between 10-15%."

The location of the manufacturing facilities of Gemini Edibles and Fats Ltd in Andhra Pradesh, will help in catering to the needs of the Tamil Nadu market. The oil major plans to focus on the urban markets for the next 5 months and then will roll out the products to the rest of Tamil Nadu. Other variants like Groundnut Oil, Gingelly Oil and Rice Bran will be launched, after setting up the retail distribution network.

## Sharp decline in Indian-American support for Biden

Chennai July 11 2024: There is a sharp 19-per cent decline in Indian Americans supporting incumbent President Joe Biden between the last election of 2020 and the 2024 election cycle, according to a bi-annual Asian American Voter Survey (AAVS), the longest-running survey of Asian-American voters released on Wednesday.

Conducted by Asian

and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote), AAPI Data, Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC) and AARP, the survey reveals that 46 per cent of Indian Americans intend to vote for Biden this year as against 65 per cent in 2020.

The alarming drop of 19 per cent is the largest among all the Asian-American ethnic communities. According to the survey, which was

conducted before the June 27 presidential debate between Biden and his Republican challenger Donald Trump, 46 per cent Asian Americans are likely to vote for Biden, down eight percentage points since 2020, while 31 per cent are likely to vote for Trump, gaining one point since 2020.

However, Trump has gained just 2 per cent in favourability rating (28 per cent in 2020 to 30 per cent in

2024), despite the record 19-per cent drop in Biden's support from Indian Americans.

Asian Americans have been a rapidly-growing group of eligible voters in the United States over the past two decades, growing by 15 per cent in the last four years alone and turning out in record numbers in every federal election since 2016. In 2020, a surge in the number of Asian American voters

-- especially those voting for the very first time -- in battleground states was crucial to Biden's victory.

The sharp decline in Indian American voters' support for Biden might be crucial, given that the community has a sizable presence in many battleground states.

According to the survey, Biden has 55 per cent favourability rating among Indian Americans, while

Trump has a favourability rating of 35 per cent.

Interestingly, both Biden and Trump have the same 42 per cent unfavourability rating among Indian Americans.

Kamala Harris, who is the first Indian American and a woman to be elected as the vice president, has a favourability rating of 54 per cent and an unfavourability rating of 38 per cent. Former South Carolina

governor and US ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, has a favourability rating of just 33 per cent and an unfavourability rating of 46 per cent. Interestingly, 11 per cent said they have not heard of Haley.

"Asian Americans are rapidly diversifying the American electorate and it is critical for us to update our understanding of what motivates them and

informs their voting choices," said Karthick Ramakrishnan, executive director of AAPI Data.

"We see ongoing evidence of dynamism within the Asian-American electorate, including on matters pertaining to presidential vote choice and party preferences on key issues ranging from inflation to healthcare and immigration," Ramakrishnan said in a statement.

## Modi meets Austrian Nobel laureate & Indologists

Chennai July 11 2024: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday met Nobel Laureate Anton Zeilinger, a renowned Austrian physicist, and also met with four leading Austrian Indologists and scholars of Indian history and thought in Vienna.

Nobel Laureate Anton Zeilinger is known for his work on quantum mechanics and was awarded Nobel Prize for

Physics in 2022.

The PM posted on X of the meeting: "Had an excellent meeting with Nobel Laureate Anton Zeilinger. His work in quantum mechanics is pathbreaking and will continue to guide generations of researchers and innovators. His passion for knowledge and learning was clearly visible. I talked about India's efforts like the National Quantum Mission and

how we are nurturing an ecosystem for tech and innovation.

"I am also delighted to receive his book along with a very touching message." On his meeting with the Indologists, the PM posted on X: "In Vienna, I had the opportunity to meet Professor Birgit Kellner, Dr. Martin Gaenszle, Dr. Karin Preisendanz and Dr. Borayin Larios.

"These are well-respected academics

and researchers who have devoted great effort towards studying aspects of Indian history and culture. It was wonderful to hear their extensive insights. I commend them for their role in popularising Indian culture all over the world." Dr. Birgit Kellner is a scholar of Buddhist philosophy and a linguist; Prof. Martin Gaenszle is a scholar of Modern South Asia; Dr. Borayin Larios, is

Professor of South Asian studies at University of Vienna; and Dr. Karin Preisendanz, is Head of Indology Department, University of Vienna.

Prime Minister exchanged views on Indology and various facets of Indian history, philosophy, art and culture with the scholars. He inquired about the roots of Indology in Austria and the impact it has had on its intellectual

curiosity and scholarship. In the discussion, the scholars talked about their academic and research engagement with India, a statement said

PM addresses diaspora

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also addressed the Indian community in Vienna at an event organised in his honour by the diaspora.

The PM highlighted

the progress made by the country in the last 10 years and shared his vision for the future. He also dwelt on India being a 'Vishwabandhu' and contributing to global progress and well-being. He thanked the Indian community for its role in strengthening India-Austrian partnership.

The PM interacted with the members of Indian community in Vienna. The community welcomed

PM with great joy and fervour, the MEA spokesperson tweeted.

On arrival, Prime Minister was greeted with special warmth and affection by the community. The Austrian Federal Minister of Labour and Economy Martin Kocher also attended the community gathering.

The event drew participation of Indian Diaspora from across the country.

## MGM Healthcare Expands Footprint - Acquires SevenHills Hospital to Bring World-Class Care in Vizag

Chennai, July 11 2024: MGM Healthcare, a renowned multi-specialty quaternary-care healthcare group with origins in Chennai, announced a significant expansion of its service area through the acquisition of SevenHills Hospital, Visakhapatnam by participation in the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process of SevenHills Healthcare Private Limited. With this acquisition, MGM Healthcare Group has achieved a landmark of 1000+ beds within the short span of 5 years since the first hospital was launched.

Commenting on the acquisition, Dr. Prashanth Rajagopalan, Director, MGM Healthcare said, "MGM Healthcare's strategic acquisition of SevenHills hospital marks our first foray outside Chennai and is

a milestone in our vision of expanding access to quality, affordable and personalised healthcare. By joining forces with SevenHills, a respected institution with a deep-rooted legacy in Visakhapatnam, we're poised to serve patients in Vizag and from the neighboring states of Telangana, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh. This acquisition aligns with MGM Healthcare's commitment to thoughtful geographical expansion. We will, with dedication, leverage our strengths to improve the lives of patients through outstanding healthcare."

Founded in 1988, SevenHills is one of the oldest multi-specialty hospitals in Vishakhapatnam and is renowned for

providing high quality care for over 35 years. The tertiary care facility provides care for more than 1 lakh patients every year and is accredited by both NABH and NABL. The hospital recorded a revenue of over 100 crores in FY24.

Built on a sprawling campus at Rockdale Layout on Waltair Main Road in the heart of the city, the 11-floor facility has 2,00,000 sq. ft. of built-up area. The hospital has 300 beds and a team of 100+ doctors and 700+ staff. SevenHills Hospital offers preventive and curative care across all major specialities including Cardiac care, Emergency and Critical Care, Medical and Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Urology, Cosmetic Care, Neurology and Neuro-Surgery and Organ-Transplantation. The

infrastructure and facilities include CCU (Critical Care Unit), Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Cath Lab, 128-Slice-CT, an Automated Laboratory Unit, Deluxe Ward, 1.5 Tesla MRI, Priority Clinic Lounge, and Modular Operation Theatres (OT) to name a few.

SevenHills hospital has an in-house nursing college and training facility accredited by the Government of Andhra Pradesh and is also accredited by the National Board of Examinations to conduct Diplomate in National Board programs in Anesthesiology and General Surgery.

The acquisition was completed with the help of the Resolution Professional. Ernst & Young acted as the advisory partner for the acquisition.

## CM announces 15 schemes for Dharmapuri

Chennai July 11 2024: Chief Minister Stalin inaugurated the 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' ('CM with people') scheme in Dharmapuri district today. The inauguration event will be held at the Palayampudur Panchayat Government Higher Secondary School near Nallampalli.

The 'Makkaludan Mudhalvar' initiative aims at conducting special camps in urban and rural areas to redress grievances relating to 13 key state government departments.

After the inauguration, the



camps will be inaugurated across 12,500 village districts today by the respective ministers and MLAs too will participate in the camps, as per the CM's orders.

A total of 2,500 camps will be conducted to provide services under the 'Makkaludan

Mudhalvar' scheme in 12,500 village panchayats. Chief Minister ordered to implement 15 announcements namely chjiInfrastructure Upgrades for Arur Government Hospital, New Railway Overpass, Municipality Upgrades, Dam

Renovations, Value Addition Centers, Agricultural Extension Center, School Renovations, Community Halls, New Buildings for Child Centers, Water supply project, new bridges, road renovations, Tribal road bridge and water supply projects.

## DRDO sanctions seven new projects to the private sector under Technology Development Fund scheme

Chennai, July 11 2024: Providing impetus to Aatmanirbharta, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has awarded seven new projects to industries under the Technology Development Fund scheme for various requirements of the Armed Forces and aerospace & defence sectors. These project sanctions are a testimony to the continuing endeavour of DRDO in nurturing Industries, especially MSMEs & start-ups, in defence and aerospace domains. The indigenous development of these technologies will strengthen the military industrial ecosystem. The details of the sanctioned projects are given below:

Indigenous Scenario and Sensor Simulation Toolkit  
The project involves development of an indigenous toolkit for simulator training of pilots in realistic scenarios. This will help in full

mission planning and large force engagement. The project has been awarded to start-up, Oxygen 2 Innovation Pvt Ltd, Noida.

Underwater Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

The project relates to a versatile marine battlefield accessories which can be deployed in multiple combat roles. The objective is Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) and Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). The project has been awarded to Sagar Defence Engineering Pvt Ltd Pune.

Long-range Remotely Operated Vehicles for Detection & Neutralisation

The vehicles are dual-use systems that will enable detection, classification, localisation & neutralisation of underwater objects while keeping the key assets away from the suspected operational area. The project has been awarded to a start-up, IROV

Technologies Pvt Limited, Kochi.

Development of Ice Detection Sensor for Aircraft

The project aims to develop detecting icing condition in flight, caused by super cooled water droplets that freezes after their impact against the aircraft external surfaces and is utilised by the aircraft for turning on the aircraft Anti-icing mechanism. It has been awarded to Craftlogic Labs Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru.

Development of Radar Signal Processor with Active Antenna Array Simulator

The project will enable deployment of multiple target system for test and evaluation of multiple short range aerial weapon system. It serves as the basic building block for larger radar systems. The project has been sanctioned to Data Pattern (India) Limited, Chennai.

Development of Indian Regional Navigation Satellite

System-based Timing Acquisition & Dissemination System

The project has been sanctioned to Accord Software & Systems Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru. It aims to enable indigenisation of timing acquisition and dissemination system, use of Indian Constellation for acquiring time & development of customised and flexible timing system as per range requirements.

Development of Graphene Based Smart & E-textiles for Multifunctional Wearable Applications

The start-up, Alohatech Private Limited, Coimbatore has been sanctioned the project. It will develop a conductive yarn and fabric-making processes using graphene nanomaterials and conductive inks. The outcome will be a advanced nanocomposite materials-based E-textiles utilising the inherent advantages for practical clothing applications.

Chennai, July 11 2024: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, today announced the launch of five new recharge and bill payment categories, including Fastag, DTH recharges, landline, broadband, and mobile postpaid bill payments on its app. These are in addition to the existing prepaid recharge options. Flipkart has partnered with BillDesk, one of India's leading payment solutions companies, to help integrate the new services with Bharat Bill Payments System (BBPS), developed by the National Payments Corporation of India. As part of a limited-time deal, customers can redeem offers of up to 10% with SuperCoins by using Flipkart UPI. With the launch of these new categories, customers can make their bill and recharge payments while enjoying shopping on Flipkart.

In FY2024, Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) processed approximately 1.3 billion transactions across India, a number

expected to grow to over 3 billion by 2026. With 20+ bill categories and over 21,000 billers active in the BBPS ecosystem, more than 70% of bill payments are now conducted electronically. With the launch of new categories, Flipkart has opened more avenues for customers to pay their bills electronically in a seamless manner while tapping into the growing demand in this space.

Commenting on the launch, Gaurav Arora, Vice President, Payments and SuperCoins at Flipkart, said, "With a rapid surge in the digital payments industry, customers are increasingly opting for electronic mode for paying their bills. We have diversified our



BBPS services to Flipkart, our longstanding partner. This strategic expansion allows Flipkart customers to experience seamless bill payments, receive timely notifications, and check amounts due across their preferred billers, leveraging BBPS capabilities. This collaboration underscores the strong, long-standing relationship between BillDesk and Flipkart, built on a shared commitment to customer satisfaction and innovation."

Recently, Flipkart launched its UPI service, which offers customers an intuitive, safe, and convenient option for recharges and bill payments while earning rewards and cashback. Through the introduction of one-click and quick functionalities, Flipkart offers customers a convenient digital payment experience where they can avail features for online and offline merchant transactions within and outside of the Flipkart marketplace.

Ajay Kaushal, Co-Founder and Director, BillDesk, said, "We are thrilled to extend

## India Yamaha Motor associates with Smile Foundation to celebrate its 69th anniversary

Chennai July 11 2024: Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. (YMC) celebrated its 69th foundation recently, marking an era of offering pure motorcycling joy, at the back of innovative products. On this special occasion, India Yamaha Motor (IYM) with its Blue Streaks riding community collaborated with the NGO - Smile Foundation for a heartening initiative to support the over 500 underprivileged children.

These Blue Streaks riders visited the schools operated by the NGO in 12 cities, interacted with the students and provided essential educational materials like notebooks, pens, and pencils. Furthermore, these riders organised



exclusive sessions to educate the children on basic road safety measures, emphasizing the importance of following pedestrian rules, wearing helmets, and understanding traffic signals. This endeavour is aimed to instil a sense of basic road safety awareness, contributing to the overall development of children and nurturing a future generation that is aware and more responsible towards traffic obligations. Children, on the other

hand, happily presented stunning performances of singing and dancing in front of the riders and other students. Alongside, the company's dealer network, on behalf of the India Yamaha Motor, extended the celebrations of Yamaha Day 2024 to customers by inviting them to the showrooms and hosting a cake-cutting ceremony for them, thanking them for their trust in the brand. The dealer partners also apprised the customers

about the company's rich legacy and the iconic products introduced by the brand in the last 69 years. Yamaha India celebrated the day with a series of engaging activities for its employees and their families as well.

The foundation day, known as "Yamaha Day," is celebrated globally on 1st July every year to develop a deeper understanding and affection for the brand, ultimately expressing "The unique style of Yamaha" through its products and services.

## Rushil Decor Ltd. Board Sets August 09 as Record Date for Stock Split in 1:10 Ratio

Chennai July 11 2024: Rushil Decor Limited a prominent name in the manufacturing of eco-friendly MDF, laminates, and plywood, has announced that its board has set August 09, 2024 as record date for its 1:10 stock split. Recently, the board approved a stock split the ratio of 1:10 i.e Sub-division/ split of each equity share of face value of Rs. 10 into 10 equity shares of face value of Re. 1.

Earlier, the company announced its strategic expansion into South America. With exports already reaching over 50 countries, Rushil Decor is set to penetrate one of the largest markets for MDF globally. On the eve of Interzum



Bogota, Mr. Rushil Thakkar, Executive Director at Rushil Decor expressed hope and confidence about growing with the multi-billion-dollar global wood panel market. Interzum Bogota is an international industry fair for furniture and wood technology, being organised between May 14 and 17, in Colombia, South

America. As a leader in MDF manufacturing in India, Rushil Decor is well-equipped to meet the high demand in South America. The company recently posted a 9% growth in the January to March 2024 quarter compared to the same period last year. Export revenue contributed 28% to the total

revenue in the fourth quarter of FY24, highlighting the company's significant international footprint. According to Precision Reports, the global MDF market was valued at USD 24,942.77 million in 2024 and is projected to reach USD 29,965.13 million by 2027.

Rushil Decor's strategic expansion is part of its broader vision to achieve annual revenues of INR 2500 crores by 2029. With state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities and a strong distribution network, the company is poised to meet the increasing demands of the global market while maintaining financial stability and operational efficiency.

## Cleartrip Introduces Corporate Benefits for Business Travellers with Cleartrip for Work

Chennai July 11 2024: Cleartrip, a Flipkart company, announced the launch of its latest offering, 'Cleartrip for Work' (CFW). This solution, specifically curated for business travelers, urban entrepreneurs, and startup founders, provides access to exclusive corporate flight fares and additional benefits.

How is Cleartrip for Work different?

- Save up to 10% on travel expenditures through exclusive fares and GST input credit
- A complimentary in-

flight meals, low/zero cancellation fees and free seat selection

- Earn Supercoins, an exclusive reward benefit available only to Flipkart, Cleartrip and Myntra users on every transaction and use them to make your CFW booking further beneficial

- For the first time in the industry, compare all fare types in one place for easy decision-making

CFW stands out for its hassle-free, one-click onboarding process and ease of use. Users can sign up using their mobile

number and access its features directly from the Cleartrip home page, making it incredibly convenient, especially for frequent fliers.

Speaking on the occasion Anuj Rathi, Chief Business and Growth Officer stated, "Of the 30mn+ micro-entrepreneurs in India, most travel often and need flexible travel benefits including cancellation, seat selection and meals at affordable prices. With CFW, Cleartrip has brought all the flexibility along with special airline fares, combining it with

Supercoins to make it the most flexible and affordable destination for business travellers. We will continue to invest in CFW and are committed to introducing innovative and value-based offerings to our customers."

CFW allows users to make multiple bookings with the same login, offering flexibility and convenience for frequent travelers. It is available on Cleartrip's Android and iOS app and on the mobile web. The desktop version will be launched soon.

## India's safest vehicle is now an EV Punch.ev receives 5-stars from Bharat-NCAP making it India's safest vehicle, Nexon.ev too receives 5-stars by Bharat-NCAP

Chennai, July 11 2024: Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd. (TPEM), a subsidiary of Tata Motors and the pioneer of India's EV revolution, has started FY 25 on a high as the company announced its SUVs the Punch.ev and the Nexon.ev achieved the coveted 5-star safety rating by Bharat-NCAP. Notably, the Punch.ev earned the highest rating by any Indian vehicle tested. With this result, all Tata.ev SUVs are 5-star certified by Bharat-NCAP.

Carrying forward Tata Motors' legacy of safer vehicles for Indian roads, the Tata.ev portfolio not only meets the needs of discerning customers but also excels in safety. The EVs boast features typically found in segments 2-3 tiers above their own, offering exceptional value to Indian consumers. Additionally, all Tata.ev models come standard with ZConnect connected car technology across all variants.

Punch.ev is the newest offering in the

Tata.ev portfolio. Based on Tata.ev's Pure EV architecture it's a versatile and multi-talented EV, elegantly packaged in a stunning, classical SUV design. The Punch.ev seamlessly brings together features like Arcade.ev, air purifier, end to end LED DRLs with welcome and goodbye function, frunk, sunroof, all digital instrument cluster and infotainment among others. It also features 6 airbags, electronic stability program, ISOFIX, hill hold assist, roll over mitigation, iTPMS as standard features. While 360 degree camera, blind spot view monitoring, SOS calling, electronic parking brake with auto hold, all 4 disc brakes, and hill decent control are offered in select variants.

The kickstarter of India's EV revolution, the Nexon.ev has sold over 68,000 units since its launch in 2020. It disrupts the market by not just offering a digital driving experience, featuring a 12 inch infotainment

screen by Harman and a 9-speaker JBL sound system, but also through offerings like end to end LED DRLs with welcome and goodbye function, Arcade.ev a first of its kind infotainment app store, and Vehicle to Vehicle charging and Vehicle to Load technology something which is found only in luxury vehicles. Its standard safety feature list includes 6 airbags, electronic stability program with iVBAC, ISOFIX, hill hold assist, roll over mitigation, iTPMS, and rear parking camera. Furthermore, 360 Degree camera, Blind Spot Monitoring, SOS Calling, Electronic Parking Brake with Auto Hold, All 4 Disc Brakes, and Hill Decent Control are offered in select variants.

India's fastest booked EV, the Tiago.ev, truly democratized electric mobility, while the 4-star GNCAP rated Tigor.ev accentuates the feeling of luxury and comfort. Together, they offer features like leatherette seats,

automatic climate control, projector headlamps, cruise control, electric ORVMs with auto-fold, and rain-sensing wipers. Safety is paramount with 6 airbags, ABS with EBD, headlamp levelling, corner stability control, seatbelt reminder, rear parking camera, tyre pressure monitoring system, and more.

The Indian EV market is currently in its growth phase and is consistently outperforming the overall passenger vehicle industry growth. In CY2023, the EV segment grew by over 90% against the 8% growth recorded by the PV industry. With a market share of over 74% in FY 24, Tata.ev grew by over 48% year-on-year led by the introduction of the new Punch.ev and the upgraded Nexon.ev. This growth was built on factors like ease of driving an EV, reducing range anxiety, and increasing charging infrastructure.

## SC adjourns hearing on Senthil Balaji's bail plea

Chennai July 11 2024: There was no immediate relief to MLA and former Tamil Nadu minister V Senthil Balaji as the Supreme Court on Wednesday adjourned the hearing on his bail plea in a money laundering case to July 12 (Friday). A two-judge bench comprising Justice Abhay S Oka and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan ordered the adjournment.

Mukul Rohatgi, a senior advocate



appearing for Balaji, Court sought the detailed reply to the petition filed by Balaji against a Madras High Court order refusing him bail in the case.

In the first week of April, the Supreme

the ED arrested the former minister in connection with a money laundering case related to a cash-for-jobs scam, alleging his involvement in corruption.

On June 14, 2023,