

TN tops in higher education admission, students excel: CM M K Stalin

Chennai August 02 2024: Chief Minister Stalin attended an felicitation ceremony organized by the School Education Department in Kotturpuram, Chennai, for government school students who have been admitted to top higher education institutions. Tamil Nadu ranks No. 1 in higher education admissions; the education sector has been revived under the DMK regime - Chief Minister Stalin!

In his speech, he remarked that Tamil Nadu students excel in everything. The intellectual prowess of Tamil Nadu students is a pride not only for the nation but for the world. He congratulated the teachers and parents from the bottom of his heart. Tamil Nadu is ranked number one in



India for higher education admissions. Students have enrolled in higher education institutions as representatives of the Tamil Nadu government. After a decade, students from Tamil Nadu have been continuously enrolling in top higher education institutions in India for the past three years. Under the DMK government, in 2022, 75 government school students went to higher education institutions. In 2023, it was 274 students. This year, it has doubled to 447 students. College admissions have increased by 17%. If given the opportunity,

our students can support and achieve anything; soon, even in space, government school students will dominate. Tamil Nadu ranks No. 1 in higher education admissions; the education sector has been revived under the DMK regime - Chief Minister Stalin!

He urged the vice-chancellors and college principals to provide the necessary encouragement to the students, who have joined their institutions as representatives of the Tamil Nadu government. "You students have overcome many obstacles to reach this point; more obstacles may come, but don't worry about anything and focus solely on your studies," he advised.

Four college students killed in car accident at Chennai OMR

Chennai August 02 2024: Four private college students, including three women and one man, tragically died in a road accident at Padur on OMR. Their car flipped multiple times and landed on the side of the road on Thursday.

The youth driving the car is in critical condition, according to the police. The Pallikaranai traffic investigation wing identified the deceased as Mahi Swetha (21), Pavithra (21), Caroline Paul (21), and Lingeswaran (23). "All five were students at a private law college in Padur. On Thursday evening, they were heading to Kelambakkam from Kovalam in the car driven by Siva. Eyewitnesses reported that Siva was speeding. Near the Padur Bypass road,



Siva lost control while taking a turn, causing the car to overturn and flip multiple times," a police source stated. Caroline succumbed to her injuries at the hospital. Passersby alerted the police, who rushed to the scene. Due to the car's mangled state, the police initially struggled to recover the bodies. All five students sustained severe injuries. Swetha, Pavithra, and Lingeswaran died on the spot, while

General Manager Congratulates Southern Railway's Outstanding Aquatics Team and Chess Champions

Chennai August 02 2024: Shri R.N. Singh, General Manager, Southern Railway, congratulated the Southern Railway Aquatics Team for their outstanding performance at the 64th All India Inter Railway Aquatics Championship 2024-25, held in Mumbai. The General Manager also appreciated the stellar performance of

the Zone's Chess Players who had clinched medals in recent tournaments. Shri Somesh Kumar, President of Southern Railway Sports Association (SRSA) &

Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Shri Balasundar, Secretary of SRSA & Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage & Wagon Workshop, Perambur, Shri V. Devarajan, Asst. Sports Officer, Shri Adi Sekar and Smt. P. Anitha, Officers on Special Duty/Sports, Southern Railway, were present.

Railway Aquatics Championship 2024-25, held in Mumbai recently. In a remarkable achievement, Shri Pawan Gupta, working as Commercial Clerk-Ticket Collector in Chennai Division, has set a new record in the 50m freestyle event, earning him the title of the Fastest Swimmer of Indian Railways.



Shri R.N. Singh expressed his heartfelt congratulations to all the athletes and Chess champions and highlighted the continuous support and encouragement provided by the Southern Railway administration to promote sports and nurture talent among its employees. He emphasized the importance of sports in fostering teamwork, discipline, and a spirit of healthy competition.

Chess Champions' feat Southern Railway's Chess Grand Masters have also brought laurels to the organization. International Champion S. Nitin won a Bronze medal in the All India Railway

Individual Chess Championship held recently at Jabalpur. Grand Master N.R. Vignesh secured Gold in the recent Commonwealth Blitz Chess Championship held in Sri Lanka. Both Nitin and Vignesh have qualified to represent Indian Railways in the National Chess Championship to be held in Haryana shortly. The Southern Railway Sports Association (SRSA) remains committed to providing the best facilities and coaching to its athletes, ensuring they continue to excel at national and international levels. The Southern Railway fraternity takes immense pride in the accomplishments of its sports stars and looks forward to more such glorious moments in the future.

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Wayanad landslides death toll up to 308; 200 missing

Chennai, August 02 2024: The death toll in multiple landslides in Kerala's Wayanad district has risen to 308, Health Minister Veena George said on Friday. Nearly 200 people are still missing.



So far 195 bodies and 113 body parts have been recovered as rescue operations are underway to trace missing people, she told newsmen.

More than 213 people are undergoing treatment at various hospitals after massive landslides struck the hilly areas near Meppadi in Wayanad early on Tuesday, officials said.

Meanwhile, 40 search teams have been formed to conduct search in six zones. The first zone

consists of Attamala and Aranmala, the second zone is Mundakai, the third zone is Amlimattam, the fourth zone is Vellarmala Village Road, the fifth zone is GVHSS Vellarmala and the sixth zone is Atiwarra.

Each team will have three locals, one forest department employee and members of Army, Navy, Coast Guard, National Disaster Response Force and others.

The teams, with the

support of police and local swimmers, will also conduct search in a 40-km stretch of Chaliyar river areas coming under the jurisdiction of eight police stations.

A parallel search will be conducted using a police helicopter.

A team of 10-member trained specialist 'Search And Rescue' (SAR) dogs has also been deployed in rescue operations.

The expertly trained dogs are

capable of sniffing human body scent from even 10-12 feet of rubbles. Additionally, drone-based radar will also be used to detect bodies up to a depth of 30 meters in soil and water, sources said.

Three dogs from the Army's elite canine unit, three from Kerala Police and four from Tamil Nadu are actively involved in the rescue operation now, sources said. Expertly-trained dogs, such as Belgian Malinois, Labradors, and German Shepherds, are in the team.

The Kerala Police deployed three canines - Murphy, Maya and Maggi - for search operation. Jackey, Dixy and Sara are of Labrador Retriever breed of the Army.

India top nation in number of IPOs, issuances globally: SEBI chairperson

Chennai, August 02 2024: India stands at the first spot when it comes to the total number of IPOs or initial public offerings and issuances anywhere in the world, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch said on Friday.

Buch was addressing the FICCI's 21st Annual Capital Markets

Conference 2024 on the theme 'Capital Market Reforms 2.0 for Viksit Bharat' event, held in Mumbai.

She further highlighted that the market regulator body is working towards simplifying the IPO documents and filing templates. For easing the mechanism for listing startups, Sebi is working to tweak the key

performance indicators, she said.

IPOs are a mechanism for private companies to offload their shares to the general public via the stock exchanges. "We are creating a demystified IPO document... the document will say that you fill in the given blanks..." she said, adding that for any ifs

and buts, there will be separate columns. "We had set up 16 working groups for ease of doing business. So, the idea is that throughout the life of an entity that comes under our jurisdiction, there should be ease of doing business, and we should ensure that we are accountable for what we do, and this is our transparency," Puri said.

Vietnam PMs meet in New Delhi; 9 bilat pacts inked Talks focus on defence, maritime trade, green economy Both nations key to Indo-Pacific vision: Modi

Chennai, August 02 2024: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said his talks with visiting Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh were very productive, and the two sides reviewed their ties and discussed sectors like defence, maritime trade, green economy and MSME where they see immense scope for closer relations.

In a post on X, PM Modi said: "Earlier today, held very productive talks with PM Pham Minh Chinh of Vietnam. India cherishes the strong friendship with Vietnam."

"Over the years, we have deepened cooperation in trade, energy, technology, security, connectivity and more. Cultural and people-to-people linkages have also become stronger."

"In our talks today, we took stock of the ground covered in the

last few years and also discussed sectors like defence, maritime trade, green economy, MSME where we see immense scope of closer relations." India and Vietnam inked nine agreements in the field of agriculture, capacity building, legal, media, medicine and conservation and restoration of shared heritage.

The two PMs also virtually inaugurated an Army Software Park at Telecommunications University, Nha Trang, Vietnam, built with Indian assistance.

PM Modi in his address following the bilateral talks once again conveyed condolences to the people of Vietnam over the passing of senior Vietnamese leader Nguyen Phu Trong. "He was a good friend of India. Under his leadership too, India and Vietnam relations got a strategic

direction," PM Modi said.

He said during their discussions today the two sides comprehensively discussed all areas of mutual cooperation and have taken several steps towards planning the future.

"We believe that due to 'Viksit Bharat 2047' and 'Vision 2045' of Vietnam, development has gained momentum in both the countries, which is opening up many new areas of mutual cooperation. To further strengthen our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, today we have adopted a new Plan of Action," PM Modi said, adding that they have taken new steps for cooperation in the field of Defence and Security.

He said the agreement on a \$ 300 million credit line will strengthen Vietnam's maritime security.

"We have also decided to emphasise cooperation on the issues of terrorism and cyber security." PM Modi also said that in order to realise the potential of mutual trade, the review of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement needs to be concluded as soon as possible.

Both sides have also reached an agreement between their central banks for Digital payment connectivity.

"We have decided that the focus will be on the areas of Green Economy and new emerging technology. Capabilities of both the nations in Energy and Port development sector will be harnessed for mutual benefit. Work will also be done to connect the private sector, small and medium enterprises and start-ups of both the countries," PM Modi said.

PM Modi said that agriculture and Fisheries are an important part of the economy of both countries and are directly related to people's livelihood and food security.

"We have decided that germplasm exchange and joint research will be promoted in these areas. To conserve our shared cultural heritage, India will cooperate in the conservation of the temples of "Block F" of the UNESCO World Heritage Site My Son.

With Buddhism being the common heritage of both nations, PM Modi invited Vietnamese people to the Buddhist circuit in India. He also urged the youth of Vietnam to take advantage of the Nalanda University.

He said that in India's Act East policy and Indo-Pacific vision, Vietnam is an important partner and both share



unison in their views regarding the Indo-Pacific region. "We support evolution, not expansionism," PM Modi said, adding that both sides will continue their cooperation for a free, open, rules-based and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

PM Chinh, in his address, stated that he had held open and practical talks with PM Modi, which resulted in many common perceptions and important results, affirming that the two

With the streamlining and enhanced supply, this product.

We deeply appreciate the patience of our valued customers during the temporary halt period and regret any inconvenience. We are confident that the re-opening of the Innova Hycross top-end grades will further enrich our customers' driving experiences and fulfil their mobility aspirations."

Commenting on the announcement, Mr. Sabari Manohar Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business - Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "We are thrilled to announce the re-opening of booking for top-end grades of the Innova Hycross, ZX and ZX (O), effective August 1st, 2024. This reflects our commitment to provide access to our varied product choices to cater to the customer desires. The Innova Hycross has become a highly sought-after model, appreciated for its unmatched comfort and convenience. With its advanced technology, strong hybrid electric system, and robust design, the Innova Hycross has set new benchmarks in the market. We are truly humbled by the strong acceptance and confidence entrusted

by our customers on acceleration and best-in-segment fuel economy that makes the Innova HyCross a wise choice for a greener tomorrow. Designed for family needs, the feature-laden Innova Hycross is a vehicle for every occasion, offering glamor, toughness, comfort, safety, and advanced technology. Drawing inspiration from Toyota's rich global SUV heritage, the Innova Hycross boasts a muscular and tough design with ample space, providing flexible and comfortable seating for all. This versatile vehicle is perfect for families wanting a car that can handle rough roads while delivering a seamless, fatigue-free drive.

We are doing our best to ensure a seamless booking experience and timely delivery. Customers can make their bookings online on www.toyotabharat.com or also visit their nearest Toyota dealership.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Reopens Booking for Innova Hycross ZX & ZX (O) Grades

Madurai, August 02 2024: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced the re-opening of bookings for the Innova Hycross ZX & ZX (O) models, effective 1st August 2024. Since its launch (Nov 2022), the Innova Hycross has received overwhelming customer response, appreciated for its proportions & poise of an SUV with the spaciousness of an MPV. The versatile Innova Hycross, available in both self-charging strong hybrid electric variant [SHEV] as well as gasoline variant, is celebrated for its glamor quotient, advanced technology, comfort, safety features and a thrill to drive.

Owing to high demand situation, the bookings for the top end grades were put on hold temporarily. During this period, bookings for other grades of the Innova Hycross, both hybrid and gasoline, continued unabated.

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Based on Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA), the Innova Hycross celebrates Toyota's globally recognized Quality, Durability and Reliability and reflects the brand legacy. It is powered by a 5th Generation Self-Charging Strong Hybrid Electric System, featuring a TNGA 2.0-litre 4-cylinder gasoline engine and a monocoque frame with an e-drive sequential shift, delivering a maximum power output of 137 kW (186 PS). This provides rapid

confidence entrusted

Kotak - GOQii Smart Vital Plus smartwatch launched

Chennai, August 02 2024: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd ("KMBL" / "Kotak") has teamed up with GOQii to launch the Kotak - GOQii Smart Vital Plus smartwatch, revolutionizing the way customers make payments. Priced at INR 3499, this innovative wearable device combines contactless payments with health monitoring features. Powered by RuPay On-The-Go, the smartwatch enables seamless transactions up to INR 5000 without requiring a PIN.



Launching the product, Rohit Bhasin, Head Retail Liabilities Product & Chief Marketing Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank said, "With the rise of digital payments, customers seek fast and cashless payments for frequent, low-value transactions. The Kotak GOQii Smart Vital Plus smartwatch eliminates the need for cash, cards, or smartphones, enabling secure and seamless banking on the go."

The Kotak GOQii Smart Vital Plus allows users to track blood pressure, body temperature, and SpO2 levels directly from their wrist. Additionally, its user-friendly interface

ensures easy access to payments. Customers can seamlessly sign in with their Kotak accounts and enable contactless payments on the device, which provides the same level of safety and security as traditional contactless cards and mobile devices.

Vishal Gondal, Founder & CEO, GOQii, said, "Health is wealth is a timeless adage. At GOQii, we have always believed in the importance of preventive healthcare and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Partnering with Kotak Mahindra Bank to offer customers contactless payments integrated with GOQii's advanced health ecosystem is a step towards making

this a reality. This integration is crucial, as it enhances convenience, promotes health and safety, ensures secure transactions, and aligns with the growing trend of technological integration in daily life. This functionality supports the vision of a seamless, healthy, and efficient lifestyle, which is particularly crucial in today's fast-paced world".

Rajeeth Pillai, Chief Relationship Management, NPCI said, "We are happy with the launch of Smart Vital Plus smartwatch for contactless payments on NPCI's innovative RuPay On-The-Go range. This collaboration

empowers users to carry out their day-to-day transactions conveniently and securely while on-the-go. Innovative form factors for payment solutions are redefining the payments ecosystem, offering an enhanced user experience, and making transactions swift and seamless. With the acceptance infrastructure growing rapidly, the demand for contactless payment solutions is poised to rise with tech-savvy consumers."

Kotak Bank customers can purchase the smartwatch through the bank's mobile app or website. Non-Kotak customers will need to open a Kotak account to avail this facility.

Samsung Announces 'India Cheers for Neeraj' Campaign

Coimbatore August 02 2024: Samsung today announced that it is requesting fans to come forward and send their good wishes for Neeraj Chopra through the 'India Cheers for Neeraj' campaign. With the campaign, Samsung India's aim is to support and empower Neeraj to strive for excellence and push beyond boundaries.

To channelize consumer enthusiasm and amplify the collective cheer of the nation, Samsung India has unveiled a film to bolster support for Neeraj Chopra. Embodying the spirit of resilience and determination of the ace athlete as he fights through multiple challenges, this film highlights how Samsung's recently-launched Galaxy Z Fold6 smartphone aids his journey.

Galaxy Z Fold6 pushes the bar with its powerful Galaxy AI technology, offering unparalleled experiences to consumers. Powered by Galaxy AI, the Galaxy Z Fold6 comes with AI features such as Interpreter and Note



Assist, allowing users to communicate more effectively, enhancing their productivity and changing the way they work and live.

"Samsung believes in empowering individuals to push beyond their limits and achieve greatness. We are putting our might behind Neeraj Chopra, who embodies excellence and limitless possibilities, values that are deeply respected at Samsung. With the 'India Cheers for Neeraj' campaign, we aim to harness the collective energy of the nation and 'Unfold the Best' in cheering for Neeraj," said Aditya Babbar, Vice President, MX Business, Samsung India.

Apart from

receiving the all-new Galaxy Z Fold6, Neeraj Chopra would also receive the Special Edition Galaxy Z Flip6 and a personalized Flipsuit case.

"I am grateful to Samsung India for their unwavering support and the motivation provided through the 'India Cheers Neeraj' campaign. The encouragement and well wishes from fans are invaluable and fuel my determination to succeed. With each challenge that I overcome; I'm drawn closer to my targets and unfolding this journey with me is the all-new Galaxy Z Fold6. This remarkable device with its cutting-edge Galaxy AI features

empowers me to perform at my best. The mantra of 'GalaxyFoldIsGold' embodies my drive to push beyond boundaries," said Neeraj Chopra.

Neeraj Chopra is now also a part of Samsung's exclusive 'Team Samsung Galaxy'. Users and fans can send their wishes to Neeraj Chopra - the man with the golden arm - by visiting Samsung India's website on: Cheer for Neeraj Chopra Send a wish | Samsung India. Believing that every wish can make a difference, Samsung India is facilitating users to send their wishes on WhatsApp by messaging "NEERAJ" to 9870-494949. Additionally, they can drop a comment on Samsung's social media channels by tagging the brand @SamsungIndia. Samsung encourages its consumers to join the conversation with the hashtags: #IndiaCheersNeeraj, #GalaxyFoldIsGold, #GalaxyZFold6, #GalaxyAI, and #Samsung.

Demerger of CV business undertaking of Tata Motors Ltd into a separate listed company

Chennai, August 02 2024: In furtherance to the announcement made on March 4, 2024, the Board of Directors of Tata Motors Limited (TML), today, has approved a Composite Scheme of Arrangement amongst TML, TML Commercial Vehicles Limited (TMLCV), Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited (TMPV) and their respective shareholders under Sections 230-232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("Scheme").

As a part of the Scheme, TML will demerge its Commercial Vehicle undertaking involving

the Commercial Vehicle business (all the assets, liabilities and employees relating to the Commercial vehicle business) and all its related investments into TMLCV. Further, pursuant to the Scheme, the existing Passenger Vehicle business in TMPV, will be merged into TML, the existing listed entity. Upon the Scheme becoming effective, both TMLCV and TML will be renamed, resulting in two separate listed entities: 1) The Commercial Vehicle business and its related investments, under the name TML, and 2) The Passenger Vehicle business, the Electric

Vehicle (TPEM) business, JLR and their related investments, under the name TMPV.

Pursuant to the Scheme, shareholders of TML will receive ONE share of TMLCV of face value Rs 2/- fully paid up for every ONE fully paid-up share of Rs 2/- held in TML of the same class ("Entitlement Ratio").

These actions would further empower the respective business groups to pursue their differentiated strategies with greater agility while reinforcing accountability and will enhance shareholder value. The Scheme will not have any adverse impact on

employees, customers, creditors and other business partners.

The Scheme is subject to all the necessary shareholder, creditor and regulatory approvals which can take around 12-15 months to complete.

PwC Business Consulting Services LLP has provided the share entitlement report for the transaction, with SBI Capital Markets acting as fairness opinion provider for share entitlement ratio for the demerger. AZB & Partners are the legal advisors to the transaction. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP are the tax advisors for the transaction.

Sarveshwar Foods Ltd. Board Approves Allotment of Warrants

Chennai, August 02 2024: Sarveshwar Foods Limited engaged in the business of manufacturing, trading, processing, and marketing of branded and unbranded basmati and non-basmati rice and other products in the domestic and international markets has announced that its board has approved the allotment of convertible warrants on preferential basis to various promoter and non-promoter/public group entities, including FPI Nova Global Opportunities Fund PCC-Touchstone.

Recently, the company entered into partnership with Boomitra O2C Tech India to revolutionize sustainable agricultural practices. This landmark agreement also aims to boost productivity, improve soil health, and generate income through sale of carbon credits for Sarveshwar Foods Ltd and ~17,000+



farmers covering 45,000 acres associated with Sarveshwar Foods Ltd.

This partnership marks a significant leap towards sustainable agriculture. Boomitra, a leader in the soil carbon marketplace, will bring its expertise to help farmers associated with Sarveshwar Foods Ltd adopt regenerative agricultural practices. By promoting sustainable farming, the initiative aims to enhance productivity, improve soil health,

reduce the carbon footprint, and generate additional income for farmers. Farmers and Sarveshwar Foods Ltd will generate additional revenue through the sale of carbon credits generated by the GHG reduction initiatives. The partnership highlights the joint commitment of Sarveshwar Foods Ltd and Boomitra to environmental sustainability, the economic empowerment of farmers, and the

promotion of regenerative agricultural practices in India.

Boomitra is the leading international soil carbon marketplace. Powered by AI and remote sensing technology, it empowers farmers and ranchers to transform agricultural practices, earn new streams of income, and create a thriving planet. Boomitra sells the carbon credits to corporations and governments worldwide, enabling them to meet their sustainability goals. The majority of the proceeds from each carbon credit sold is given directly to the farmers, allowing them to reinvest in themselves and their communities. With over 5M+ acres currently under management, Boomitra is working with farmers and ranchers to accelerate carbon removal on a gigaton scale, while helping them produce more with less.

Food Safety and Drug Administration (FDA), Tamil Nadu, National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) and Nestlé India expand Project 'Serve Safe Food' in Tamil Nadu

Coimbatore August 02 2024: Expanding the geographical footprints of Project 'Serve Safe Food' in Tamil Nadu, Nestlé India has continued its collaboration with FDA, Tamil Nadu, and National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) to train over 1,000 street food vendors in Tiruppur and Erode districts, taking the total to 5,600 street food vendors in the state. Since its inception in 2016, Project 'Serve Safe Food' has benefitted over 68,500 street food vendors across 26 states and 4 union territories by bringing together various stakeholders to create a comprehensive training programme.

Dr B Vijayalalithambigai, Designated Officer, Food Safety and Drug



Administration Department said, "We are extremely happy with the progress made through this collaboration between the Food Safety and Drug Administration Department, NASVI and Nestlé India. More than 4,600 street food vendors in the state have already benefitted from Project Serve Safe Food and we are hopeful that the project will positively impact many more street food vendors in the coming years. I extend my best wishes to the entire team and wish them all

the best."

Mr. Sanjaya Khajuria, Director, Corporate Affairs and Sustainability, Nestlé India said, "Project Serve Safe Food embodies our commitment to improve the food safety environment by going beyond the quality and safety of our own products. The project has been working towards empowering the street food vendors by upgrading their skills through relevant trainings on hygiene

and food safety practices. We are confident that we would continue to work closely with our partners and make a positive impact in the society."

Nestlé India launched Project Serve Safe Food in 2016 and has trained street food vendors across states including Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

Be wary of US missiles, China tells Philippines

Chennai August 02 2024: Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Philippine Foreign Secretary Enrique Manalo here on Friday, warning the Philippine side over the US intermediate missile system deployment.

Wang, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, said that China and the Philippines are close neighbors across the sea, and good neighborliness, mutually beneficial cooperation and

common development are in the fundamental interests of the two countries.

He noted that the positive and negative lessons of China-Philippines relations in recent years have proved time and again that it is not easy to build good relations, but it is easy to destroy them.

At present, Wang said, China-Philippines relations are facing serious difficulties and challenges, which are rooted in the fact that the Philippine side has repeatedly violated the

consensus of the two sides and its own commitments, continuously pushed the infringement of rights at sea and magnified the speculation of public opinion.

China is gravely concerned about and firmly opposes it, Wang said.

He added that if the Philippines introduces the U.S. intermediate missile system, it will create regional tension and confrontation, triggering an arms race, which is totally not in line with the interests

and aspirations of the Filipino people. Wang said that China has recently reached a temporary arrangement with the Philippines on the transportation and replenishment of humanitarian supplies to Ren'ai Jiao in order to maintain the stability of the maritime situation. The key is for the Philippine side to fulfill its commitments and refrain from changing its position, said the Chinese foreign minister. Otherwise, he noted, China will definitely respond resolutely.

Flipkart Unveils FlipInTrends To Drive Growth For Made-in-India Fashion Brands In The Run Up To The Festive Season

Chennai August 02 2024: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, brought together over 100 Made-in-India fashion brands from across the country for the launch of FlipInTrends, with the intention to help them maximize growth opportunities in the run up to this year's festive season. Available on the Flipkart app, this introduction is based on early-stage generative AI innovations, utilizes innovative merchandising & technological enhancements and leverages the understanding of over 500 million registered users. When it comes to the fashion industry, the speed of trends changing is tremendous and FlipInTrends is aimed towards enriching trendy product offerings to effectively meet



consumer demands. This strategy also provides deeper engagement with the fashion seller ecosystem by incorporating deeper trend forecasts into the dashboard on the Flipkart Seller app, ensuring sellers stay updated with the latest trends.

Industry leaders from Meta, WGSN and Libas joined Flipkart in sharing their learnings on brand building and engagement with the audience at the launch event in New Delhi. A

true culmination of all things fashion, the event's standout moments were an interesting conversation on style featuring renowned stylist Rhea Kapoor and a ramp walk featuring Bollywood star Mouni Roy, who showcased collections from Made-in-India fashion brands alongside models wearing curated pieces. The event also witnessed the launch of the 'Flipkart Fashion Trends 2024' coffee table book that unveiled upcoming seasonal styles, providing

valuable insights about emerging trends in the fashion industry.

Speaking on the success of the event, Pallavi Saxena, Senior Director - Flipkart Fashion said "The launch of FlipInTrends marks a significant milestone in our journey to curate cutting-edge trends and redefine the fashion shopping experience for our customers. We are dedicated to supporting and focusing on Indian fashion brands by ensuring that they have access to the best insights, which in turn enables brands to bring the trendiest collections to the Flipkart marketplace. The launch event celebrated fashion in every way, with brands, influencers and industry thought leaders coming together to experience what we believe is the future of fashion in India."

HCL 80th National Squash Championship Set to Commence at Bombay Gymkhana Club with Record Participation

Chennai August 02 2024: HCL Group, a leading global conglomerate, in collaboration with the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI), is all set to host the HCL 80th National Championship at the prestigious Bombay Gymkhana Club in Mumbai from August 04th - 10th August 2024. This year's championship marks a historic milestone with an unprecedented number of 670 participants, solidifying its position as the largest national squash event in India with a prize pool of 9 Lakh Rupees.

The revival of the National Championships in Mumbai after a 17-year hiatus, since 2007, is expected to reignite the city's passion for squash. The city's rich sporting heritage and passion for squash make it the perfect stage for this prestigious event. The championship will feature an impressive line-up of matches,

featuring top talents, including recent Nationals champions Anahat Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar at the HCL 79th National Squash Championships held at the Indian Squash and Triathlon Academy (ISTA), as well as Rathika Suthanthira Seelan who won her maiden PSA Challenger title in the Indore leg of the HCL Squash Tour in May.

The last three national squash championships were held at The Squash Academy in Chennai. The 78th National Championship saw a total participation of 450 players, while the 79th National Championship featured 417 players from 26 states.

This championship will feature a diverse group of 670 players from 25 states representing the growing popularity of squash across the nation. Maharashtra leads the participation with an impressive 313 players, followed by

Karnataka with 51, and Delhi with 40. Other notable representations include Uttar Pradesh with 27 players, Jammu and Kashmir with 26, and Tamil Nadu with 23. The introduction of a women's over-35 category marks a significant step forward in encouraging greater female participation in squash and promoting a healthy, active lifestyle for women.

The championship serves as a crucial selection platform for the World Squash Federation (WSF) Men's and Women's Team Championships scheduled for December 2024 in Hong Kong.

Rajat Chandolia, AVP and Head of Brand at HCL, said, "We are excited to witness more than 600 squash players competing at the HCL 80th National Squash Championship in Mumbai. This overwhelming participation is a

testament to the concerted efforts by HCL and SRFI to develop the sport in India. Through our flagship Squash Podium Program, HCL aims to foster the growth of squash by increasing awareness and participation while unlocking the full potential of athletes, coaches, and referees by providing them with global opportunities."

Cyrus Poncha, Secretary General of the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI), added, "The overwhelming response to this year's championship is a testament to the growing popularity of squash in India. We anticipate fierce competition and believe this event will inspire countless individuals to take up the sport."

The finale and prize distribution ceremony is planned for 10th August, promising an exciting conclusion to the event.

Six of India's top 10 most-ordered dishes are vegetarian: Swiggy's Order Analysis

Chennai August 02 2024: Swiggy, India's pioneering on-demand convenience platform, has launched its first-ever Green Dot Awards, spotlighting the restaurants selling the best in vegetarian food across the country. Six of the country's top 10 most ordered dishes are vegetarian, this includes, Masala Dosa, Paneer Butter Masala, Margherita Pizza and Pav Bhaji.

According to Swiggy's order analysis, Bangalore isn't just the Silicon Valley of India—it's the Veggie Valley too. With 1 in every 3 vegetarian orders originating from the city. The city's top vegetarian dishes were Masala Dosa, Paneer Biryani, and Paneer Butter Masala. while in Mumbai, Dal Khichdi, Margherita Pizza, and Aamchi Mumbai's iconic Pav Bhaji reign supreme. Hyderabad finishes in the top three, loving their Masala Dosa and Idli.

As expected, Breakfast is the golden hour for vegetarian orders, with over 90% of breakfast orders being vegetarian. Masala Dosa, Vada, Idli,



and Pongal topped the morning charts. Masala Dosa enjoys nationwide popularity and is a popular choice for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Margherita Pizza takes the lead as the most popular snack with Samosa and Pav Bhaji trailing close behind. Even international QSR chains are seeing a surge in vegetarian orders.

Feeling green already? You're not alone! On average, a whopping 60,000+ veg

salad orders are placed weekly on Swiggy, as more folks crunch their way to a healthier lifestyle. Top pick? Green Salad. Vegans have also made a strong mark, with Swiggy Guiltfree witnessing a significant 146% rise in vegan orders last year.

Swiggy Green Dot Awards

To recognise and celebrate the vast variety of vegetarian dishes and restaurants available on the platform, Swiggy has launched its first-ever

'Green Dot Awards' today.

The awards will honour popular restaurants serving vegetarian dishes across 80+ cities. With over 9000 brands nominated and 60+ categories including Pure Veg Brands, Cakes & Desserts, Veg Pizza, Veg Burger, Paneer Dishes, Veg Biryani, and Dal Makhani, the Green Dot Awards aim to celebrate this growing preference for vegetarian culinary delights nationwide.