

Stalin announces CM's Pharmacy Scheme, presents Independence Day awards

Chennai August 15 2024: Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin hoisted the National flag at St. George Fort in Chennai on the 78th of Independence day. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, during his Independence Day speech he announced the 'Mudhalvar Marundhagam' (Chief Minister's Pharmacy) scheme aimed at providing generic medicines to citizens at subsidised rates in the State. He said a total of 1,000 such pharmacies will be operational in Tamil Nadu from the

day of Pongal, the harvest festival, next year.

Hoisting the national flag on the rampart of Fort St. George in Chennai, Mr. Stalin also announced the 'Mudhalvarin Kaakkum Karangal' programme, which extends loans to military personnel up to Rs. 1 crore to start a business. The aid would include 30 percent capital subsidy and 30 percent interest subsidy, he said.

In light of the devastating landslides that hit Wayanad in



Kerala, the Tamil Nadu government would undertake a detailed study to explore the possible impacts of heavy rains in hilly areas in the State, such

as those in the Nilgiris and Kodaikanal, Stalin said.

CM said, "The symbol of diversity is the National flag. It has

been 77 years of freedom in India."

"Freedom did not come easily. It was achieved after 300 years of struggle. Let us

commit to fulfilling the purpose of those who fought for freedom. Tamil Nadu is better than other states in India in honouring Martyrs," he added. The CM also

stated: The Dravidian model government is working with emphasis on social development projects. It was the former Chief Minister M Karunanidhi who got State Chief Ministers the right to hoist the National flag 50 years ago.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin presented the Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise to nurse A. Sabeena, who risked her life to rescue the victims of the Wayanad landslides. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin presents the

Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise to nurse A. Sabeena, who risked her life to rescue the victims of the Wayanad landslides | Photo Credit: B. Jothi Ramalingam. The CM on Thursday presented the 'Thagaisal Thamizhar' award to veteran Congress leader Kumari Ananthan, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam award to ISRO scientist P. Veeramuthuvel, and Kalpana Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise to nurse A. Sabeena, who rescued people affected in the Wayanad landslides.

Southern Railway celebrates 78th Independence Day

Chennai August 15 2024: Southern Railway celebrated the 78th Independence Day today (15.08.2024) at the Railway Stadium, Perambur, Chennai. Shri R.N. Singh, General Manager, Southern Railway hoisted the National Flag in the presence of

Shri G.M. Eswara Rao, IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner, RPF, and took the salute at the RPF parade consisting of RPF contingents including Women Platoons and St John's Ambulance Brigade.

The Independence Day programme was

attended by Shri Kaushal Kishore, Additional General Manager, Principal Heads of Departments of Southern Railway, Shri B. Viswanath Eerya, Divisional Manager/Chennai, Smt Sonia Singh, President of Southern Railway Women's

Headquarters Organisation, Officers & Staff and their family members, and Representatives of Labour Unions and Associations of Southern Railway.

While addressing the gathering, the General Manager expressed pride in Indian Railways and its



dedicated workforce, emphasizing their profound contributions to the Nation's progress and unity. The General Manager also highlighted that Southern Railway has consistently played a pivotal role in the overall development of Indian Railways, including the augmentation and modernization of the rail network, as well as providing exceptional service to its valued passengers.

Cultural programmes by RPF, Impressive Dog Show by Southern Railway Dog Squad and performances by various departments including the Railway schools and Ashraya school for special children, followed the Flag Hoisting and

March Past.

The General Manager also inaugurated the New Renovated Building of Ashraya School at Perambur in the presence of Smt Sonia Singh, President of Southern Railway Women's Headquarters Organisation (SRWHQ), Members of SRWHQ, Officers & Staff.

Shri Sushil Kumar Maurya., Chief Administrative Officer, Railway Construction Organisation, Egmore, Shri B. Viswanath Eerya, Divisional Railway Manager, Chennai, and Shri P. Balasundar, Chief Workshop Manager, Perambur Carriage Works hoisted the

National flag at the respective Railway offices in Chennai.

Justice Shri K. Kannan, Former Chairman, Railway Claims Tribunal, hoisted the National Flag in the presence of Shri Vijayath Singh, Hon'ble Member Judicial/Chennai at Railway Claims Tribunal, Chennai.

It is noteworthy that Shri G.M. Eswara Rao, IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner of Southern Railway has been conferred with the prestigious President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service, awarded on the occasion of Independence Day 2024.

The vintage

building housing the Southern Railway Headquarters, Dr. MGR Chennai Central, and other major station buildings across the zone are beautifully illuminated in the nation's hues in commemoration of the 78th Independence Day. As part of the celebrations, exhibitions showcasing photographs of the 'Horrors of Partition' were set up at various stations, and veteran freedom fighters and their families were felicitated. Additionally, railway employees of the zone enthusiastically participated in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, hoisting the national flag at their homes and posing for selfies with the Tricolour.

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Flipkart celebrates India's 78th Independence Day with the eight edition of its flagship Samarth sale event 'Crafted by Bharat'

Chennai, August 15 2024: Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, today announced the eighth edition of its flagship sale event, 'Crafted by Bharat', a Flipkart Samarth initiative to be held on August 15, 2024, marking India's 78th Independence Day. The event is dedicated to celebrating India's vibrant culture and rich heritage by featuring over 25000 handicraft products from culturally renowned brands across the country. In celebration of India's rich cultural heritage, the sale event will showcase over 100 traditional art forms such as wooden art, metal-casting art, and traditional furniture, offering a unique shopping experience that highlights the creativity and craftsmanship of Indian artisans.

Over 100s of sellers and artisans associated with the Flipkart Samarth program will participate in the event, displaying home and kitchen products, including furniture, furnishings, and household items. The event will feature a dedicated storefront for women, including those from government, NGO, LGBTQ+, and rural backgrounds, emphasizing Flipkart's

commitment to inclusivity and diversity. These include MSMEs from Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities such as Agra, Jaipur, Lucknow, Saharanpur, Surat, and Varanasi. Flipkart will provide the necessary resources to thrive on Flipkart's platform and to ensure the successful participation of these sellers, thereby boosting their visibility and discoverability on the platform.

Commenting on the 8th edition of Crafted by Bharat, Rajneesh Kumar – Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Flipkart Group, said "To celebrate India's 78th Independence Day, we at Flipkart are thrilled to launch the eighth edition of 'Crafted by Bharat', a testament to our commitment to promoting local handicrafts and supporting MSMEs through the Samarth program. This Samarth Sale event not only enhances the visibility and reach of our sellers but also empowers them to thrive in the digital marketplace. By focusing on uplifting seller communities across India, especially MSMEs, we create meaningful opportunities for artisans, showcasing their unique crafts and ensuring they receive the recognition they deserve. Our initiatives

have positively impacted over 1.8 million livelihoods of sellers, driving economic growth, and fostering a thriving e-commerce ecosystem throughout India."

Speaking about the upcoming sale, Mr. Rishabh Bharadwaj, Vishal Handicrafts said, "Flipkart's support through the Samarth program has been instrumental in growing our business. The enhanced visibility and dedicated storefront during the Crafted by Bharat sale will allow us to showcase our unique products to a wider audience. Having participated in previous editions, I have seen firsthand how impactful the event can be. I am excited to connect with even more customers across the country and continue sharing our traditional crafts with a broader market."

Mr. Shahrukh, Crown Insta, said, "The support that my business has received through Flipkart's Samarth program has been invaluable in helping us refine and expand our business. The dedicated storefront during the Crafted by Bharat sale will provide us with a fantastic opportunity to present our traditional products to a wider audience. This event has always been a



significant boost for our brand, and I am thrilled to continue sharing our unique offerings with customers across the country. Participating in this sale has been a key factor in our growth, and I am eager to connect with even more customers this year."

Flipkart Samarth, launched in 2019, is a nationwide initiative that aims to open new growth opportunities for MSMEs, artisans, and underserved communities through e-commerce. The program's primary objective is to provide underserved indigenous communities and enterprises with an inclusive, nationwide digital platform and help them develop the capabilities for earning a better living. The growing participation in the Samarth program has been secured through the help of strategic engagements with State and Central Ministries, Government Departments, and other entities across India.

Flipkart's service arm, F1 Info Solutions & Services Strengthens its Collaboration with Google with the Launch of Three Dedicated Service Centers

Chennai, August 15 2024: Flipkart's service arm, F1 Info Solutions & Services Private Limited, strengthened its collaboration with Google with the opening of three dedicated service centers in Bengaluru, Delhi, and Mumbai. The dedicated service centers in Bengaluru and Delhi have been inaugurated and a third in Mumbai will open soon. These state-of-the-art facilities are set to provide after-sales services to the range of Google products that are available in India, including Pixel Mobiles & Watches, Buds, Fitbit, Nest, and wearables, among others, with convenient walk-in support, regardless of offline or online purchase.

Building on Google's existing alliance with F1 for after-sales services across the entire F1 service network since last year, this

collaboration aims to further elevate the level of post-purchase service offered to Google's customers.

The dedicated service centers will offer Google's customers the convenience of getting technical issues like screen and physical damage, battery replacement, and other functional and software issues resolved as much as possible on the same business day by reliable technicians. These are Google's first dedicated service centers in India, providing focused repair and replacement services for both in-warranty and out-of-warranty devices through an external service provider. Each center will have dedicated technicians trained and certified by Google, ensuring high-quality service. Regular assessments and quarterly training sessions will keep the technicians up-to-date with the latest technical

and soft skills.

Hemant Badri, SVP, Group Head of Supply Chain, Customer Experience & Re-commerce Business at Flipkart Group, stated, "At F1 Info Solutions & Services Private Limited, our unwavering commitment is to deliver customer-centric after-sales service that addresses evolving consumer requirements. We are excited about strengthening our relationship with Google. Through the shared vision of elevating the customer experience, the collaboration aims at offering customers reliable and prompt solutions to technical challenges confronted by customers using Google products. The extension of the engagement with Google validates F1 expertise in delivering best-in-class post-purchase services. With these new service

centers, Google customers will receive unparalleled professional assistance from our highly skilled technicians, ensuring that their devices are in the best hands."

Speaking about the collaboration, Ana Corrales, COO of Consumer Hardware, Google, said, "As we deepen our commitment to Pixel users in India, we're thrilled to expand our collaboration with Flipkart and launch our first three Google-owned Walk-in Centers in India. These brand new centers will offer state-of-the-art support for all Google products in India, whether in or out of warranty. In the vast majority of cases, we'll also offer same-day turnaround on repairs, replacements, or query resolutions. Pixel has always exemplified a premium smartphone experience, and we'll continue to deliver service that matches."

Nissan expands network in Karnataka, launches 3 touchpoints simultaneously in Bengaluru & delivers the first 4th Generation X-TRAIL in India

Chennai August 15 2024: Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. (NMIPL) announced today, the expansion of its network to 273 touchpoints across India with the launch of three new customer touchpoints in Bengaluru, comprising two showrooms and a service workshop. The addition of these new sales and service touchpoints to Nissan's pan-India network demonstrates the company's growing commitment to the Indian market and its valued customers, marking a significant milestone in our ongoing journey toward enhanced customer centricity.

The new Jubilant Nissan showrooms and service workshop were inaugurated by Mr. Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India. These inaugurations further enhance the brand's reach and provide accessibility for customers and deepens the relationship between Jubilant MotorWorks and Nissan Motor India extending their reach from Delhi NCR to now in Bengaluru city. The new touchpoints are part of Nissan's broader strategy to strengthen its presence in key markets such as Bengaluru, and with the state of Karnataka playing a pivotal role in this plan.

Nissan also delivered the first of its recently introduced All-New 4th Generation 'Made in Japan' X-TRAIL, powered by Variable Compression Turbo technology to its very first customer in India at the Jubilant Nissan Showroom launch at Nagarbhavi. This is in line with Nissan's commitment to start customer deliveries in August of the much-awaited 4th Generation X-TRAIL in India. The X-TRAIL is designed and delivered for automotive aficionados and customers seeking a



harmonious blend of versatility, reliability, and practicality.

With the addition of Jubilant Nissan's 3 new touchpoints in Bengaluru, Nissan now operates a total of 18 customer touchpoints in Karnataka, that includes 10 sales and 8 service touchpoints in Karnataka. The Karnataka state network will soon expand to 20 touchpoints with the addition of 2 new touchpoints in Mangalore, aligning with the brand's aggressive growth strategy for the South region.

Commenting on the opening of the new touchpoints, Mr. Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India Pvt. Ltd. (NMIPL), said, "The Southern region is a significant contributor to Nissan's sales in India, with Karnataka emerging as one of our strongest markets, and Bengaluru being a key city in this region. In line with our commitment to enhancing customer experiences, we have expanded our network in this vibrant city. The new Jubilant Nissan touchpoints will further strengthen our presence in Karnataka and meet the growing demand for Nissan domestic and CBU products. We are on track to touch 300 touchpoints by the end of this fiscal and the delivery of the first 4th

Generation X-TRAIL to a former X-TRAIL owner and Nissan aficionado is testament to our CBU business plans in India."

The two new Jubilant Nissan showrooms have a combined display area of 6,600 sq. ft., while the state-of-the-art high-capacity Jubilant Nissan service workshop spans 13,600 sq. ft. Both the showrooms and the service workshop are equipped with high-quality amenities and staffed by knowledgeable, well-trained, and passionate sales and service professionals, ensuring a seamless car-buying and ownership experience for customers.

The new touchpoints extend Nissan's reach and reinforce its commitment to providing exceptional value to customers by offering a one-stop shop for all their automotive requirements.

Nissan recently launched its All-New 4th Generation X-TRAIL as a CBU in India. Designed for a refined driving experience, the X-TRAIL features the world's first production Variable Compression engine, delivering exceptional power and fuel efficiency. The SUV is equipped with the latest 3rd generation XTRONIC CVT, which includes D-Step Logic Control and Paddle Shifters for enhanced

acceleration and seamless shifting. Furthermore, the 12V ALiS (Advanced Lithium-ion Battery System) mild hybrid technology significantly improves fuel economy, offering benefits such as torque assist, extended idle stop, quick restart, and reduced CO2 emissions.

As part of Nissan's steadfast commitment to the Indian market and to meet the evolving needs of the customers, the company recently expanded its product lineup with the launch of the Nissan Magnite EZ-Shift and the Magnite KURO Special Edition. These additions to the bestselling Magnite family cater to diverse customer needs, offering a full range of transmission options including naturally aspirated and turbo engines with Manual Transmission (MT), Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT), and Automated Manual Transmission (AMT) gearboxes.

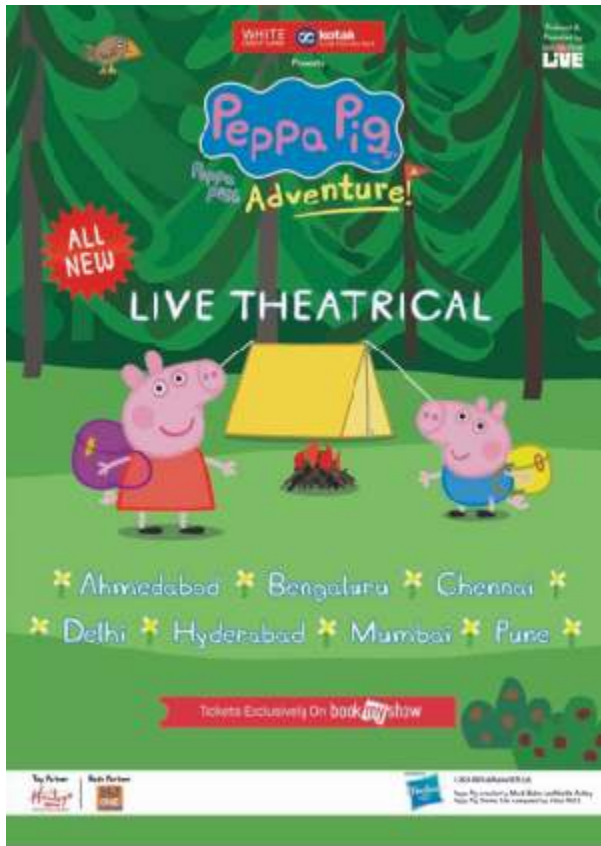
Nissan Motor India operates on a 'phygital' distribution approach, providing a hassle-free, one-stop solution to customers for all their needs. This ensures a seamless, convenient experience with an integrated offline-online payment option that can be accessed at the customer's preferred showroom.



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Embark on an exciting journey with 'PEPPA PIG's Adventure', brought to India by BookMyShow Live

Chennai, August 15 2024: Get ready to join everyone's favourite little piggy, Peppa Pig, on an unforgettable adventure filled with laughter, friendship and fun! 'PEPPA PIG's Adventure', a brand-new live stage show produced and promoted by BookMyShow Live, the live entertainment experiential division of BookMyShow, licensed from leading toy and game company, Hasbro, Inc. and presented by Kotak White Credit Card, promises to delight audiences of all ages.



Children's favourite and one of the most charming, animated characters, Peppa Pig is coming to India for a third oink-tastic season, as she brings her friends and family on a trip, for a brand-new fun-filled season that promises a snout-standing spectacle complete with bucketful of surprises and fun.

Scheduled to go snorting out on laughter and learning across seven cities in India - Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Chennai and Ahmedabad, 'PEPPA PIG's Adventure' will enamour each city with six shows per weekend from September 21, 2024 onwards and this time with a brand-new script specially crafted to tickle Indian audiences pink!

Exclusive Pre-Sale of tickets for Kotak credit card customers will begin on August 23, 2024 at 12 Noon (PM) IST on BookMyShow, offering first access to tickets for this high-demand show, with special offers available for Kotak White and White Reserve credit card holders. General On-Sale of tickets for

PEPPA PIG's 'Adventure' will go live starting August 25, 2024 at 12 Noon (PM) IST, exclusively on BookMyShow, India's leading entertainment destination. Tickets for both the Pre-Sale and General On-Sale will be available for the first leg of the live show across Mumbai, Pune and Delhi. This will be followed by a phased release of ticket sales throughout the season.

Commenting on the announcement, Owen Roncon, Chief of Business Live Events, BookMyShow, said, "Peppa Pig has captured the hearts of children and families around the world and this live stage show is a fantastic opportunity for fans to experience Peppa's world. Following the resounding success of two previous seasons, we're thrilled to announce the return of everyone's favourite character to India with PEPPA PIG's 'Adventure', introducing a fresh storyline that promises to captivate audiences. This latest instalment of the beloved theatrical production aligns with our commitment to offering engaging and immersive

entertainment for all ages. Not only does it spark creativity and imagination, but it also imparts valuable life lessons to children. Our goal is to create a magical and transcendental shared experiences for families, forging cherished memories that will endure over time. With the overwhelming success of past editions, we are confident that 'PEPPA PIG's Adventure' will continue to delight children and families alike, fostering a sense of fun and togetherness with loved ones."

Sharing the enthusiasm, Frederick Dsouza, Business Head - Credit Cards, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. said, "Kotak curates experiences for its credit card customers who appreciate premium live entertainment. Kotak is thrilled to present the globally adored PEPPA PIG's Adventure live show to India, in partnership with BookMyShow Live. Peppa Pig is a beloved character not only for children but it also resonates with families, globally. Parents and kids can secure their tickets by booking their preferred seats during the pre-

sale. We're thrilled to create this unique offering for our credit card customers with the opportunity to have first access to tickets and we are confident the kids are in for a memorable, joyful evening."

Following the tremendous success of previous PEPPA PIG live productions over two seasons of 'PEPPA PIG Celebration!' in India featuring 82 shows across 11 cities, 'PEPPA PIG's Adventure' takes families on a magical journey they will not forget. Packed with interactive dialogues, charming songs and of course, plenty of muddy puddle jumping, this live show brings the beloved characters from the hit animated series to life in a whole new way.

Join Peppa, her little brother George, Mummy Pig, Daddy Pig, Suzy Sheep, Pedro Pony, Gerald Giraffe and a whole cast of beloved characters as they set off on a thrilling camping trip full of surprises. With colourful sets, catchy music and plenty of audience participation, 'PEPPA PIG's Adventure' is the perfect outing for families looking for a dose of entertainment.

The colourful world of Peppa will feature a never-seen-before theatrical guaranteeing giggles and snorts for all Peppa fans with catchy songs, wiggly dances, fun lessons and much more! This isn't just any ordinary outing it's a day filled with laughter, surprises and unforgettable moments. With vibrant sets, lively music and interactive elements, 'PEPPA PIG's Adventure' is a sensory feast whether you're a die-hard Peppa fan or discovering the magic for the first time.

Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar (SSN) College of Engineering Shine in NIRF 2024 Rankings

Chennai August 15 2024: Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering, the flagship engineering institution under the Shiv Nadar Foundation, ranked 46th in the top 100 engineering institutions and 81st in the top 100 overall category of the 2024 National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) released recently by the

Ministry of Education, Government of India.

This is a significant recognition of the Foundation's drive towards excellence in education, research and innovation.

Overwhelmed by the recognition, Dr. Kala Vijayakumar, President of SSN Institutions, said, "Our consistent performance in the NIRF rankings is a testament to the hard work and commitment

to excellence in education, research, and inclusivity. It reflects the dedication of our faculty, the hard work of our students, and the support of our community in driving innovation and academic success, fostering holistic development. Looking ahead, our goal is to further elevate our standards and make a positive impact on society. This ranking serves as a catalyst for

us to push the boundaries even further and explore new horizons."

Empowering India through transformative education lies at the embodiment of the Shiv Nadar Foundation, and the remarkable performance in the NIRF 2024 rankings only reinforces its vision as a leader in shaping the future of education in India.

Apollo Hospitals Chennai reaches new Milestone of 6,000+ successful Robotic Procedure

Chennai August 15 2024: Apollo Hospitals Chennai has reached a significant milestone in medical innovation and surgical excellence by successfully completing 6,000+ robotic procedures. Since the inception of its flagship robotic surgery program in 2011, the hospital has been the largest multispecialty robotic surgery program in India, offering cutting-edge technology to enhance patient care and surgical outcomes.

This landmark accomplishment underscores Apollo Hospitals' commitment to leveraging state-of-the-art technology to improve patient care and surgical results. The robotic surgery program has continually pushed the boundaries of medical technology, providing



numerous advantages such as smaller incisions, reduced pain, quicker recovery, and shorter hospital stays to the patients. The program has reached this remarkable milestone across a diverse range of specialties, including Urology, Colorectal Surgery, Cardiac Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Head & Neck Surgery, Gynecology, and General Surgery.

Dr. Prathap C Reddy, Founder-Chairman of Apollo Hospitals Group, said, "I'm truly proud that Apollo has reached

this incredible milestone of over 6,000 robotic surgeries. It shows just how committed we are to bringing the best of healthcare innovation to our patients. My heartfelt thanks go out to our amazing team of doctors and healthcare professionals at Apollo Hospitals. Their hard work and skill have made this achievement possible. Robotic surgery has really changed the game for us, giving our patients better outcomes and shorter recovery times. It's wonderful to see Apollo continuing to raise the bar for

healthcare in India"

Ms. Preetha Reddy, The Vice Chairman of Apollo Hospitals Group, said, "We are proud of our multidisciplinary team at Apollo Hospitals Chennai, whose expertise and dedication have made this achievement possible. As leaders in healthcare, we continue to invest in cutting-edge technologies and enhance our capabilities to provide world-class care to our patients."

Apollo Hospitals Chennai continues to be at the forefront of medical technology and patient care, setting benchmarks for healthcare excellence in India and beyond. The hospital remains dedicated to advancing its robotic surgery program and exploring new frontiers in medical innovation.

IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner of Southern Railway bags President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service 2024

Chennai August 15 2024: Shri G.M. Eswara Rao, IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner of Southern Railway has been conferred with the prestigious President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service, awarded on the occasion of Independence Day 2024. A distinguished officer of the Indian Railway Police Force Services (IRPFS) from the 1990 batch, Shri Eswara Rao has made significant contributions to the Railway Protection



Force (RPF) over his three-decade-long career.

Shri G.M. Eswara Rao has previously received the President's Police Medal for Meritorious service during Independence Day 2014. Having served South Central Railway, Eastern Railway, South Western railway, East Coast Railway in various capacities, Shri Eswara Rao took over as the IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner of Southern Railway in 2022.

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Indian Overseas Bank Celebrates 78th Independence Day with Patriotic Fervor

Chennai, August 15 2024: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), a leading public sector bank, celebrated the 78th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and pride at its Central Office. The event commenced with the hoisting of the National Flag by Shri Ajay Kumar Srivastava, Managing Director & CEO, at 08:00 hours, accompanied by the National Anthem and followed by a grand parade.

The celebration was further enriched by a display of unity, as Shri Srivastava led the gathering in taking the Pledge of National Integration. In a special recognition, the bank's volleyball team was lauded for their exceptional performances in various state-level tournaments held in Coimbatore, Bargur, Thindal, Chennai, and the Hockey Team in



Madurai.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Srivastava praised the bank's employees for demonstrating their patriotism by participating in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign and hoisting the national flag at their homes.

The event was

sense of pride and enthusiasm that permeated the celebration.

The bank continues to lead with innovative digital solutions, enhancing customer experience through offerings such as Tab Banking, My Account My Name, Instant Safe Deposit Locker through a web-based portal, Instant Account Number Portability, and Instant Jansuraksha Policy Enrolment.

IOB's Independence Day celebration was a true reflection of its commitment to fostering unity, patriotism, and dedication among its employees and stakeholders. As India marks 78 years of independence, Indian Overseas Bank remains steadfast in its mission to contribute to the nation's growth and progress.

graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Shri Joydeep Dutta Roy and Shri Dhanaraj T, Executive Directors, and Shri Rajeev Kumar, Chief Vigilance Officer. Several General Managers and Senior Executives of IOB were also present, reflecting the deep

Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd. Reports Stellar Earnings for Q1FY25, PAT Jumps 125% YoY

Chennai August 15 2024: Hi-Tech Pipes Limited one of the leading Steel Pipes companies in India, reported its financial results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2024.

For Q1FY25, Revenue from operations increased by 35% to Rs.866.98 Cr. as compared to Rs. 642.16 Cr. in Q1FY24. PAT increase by 125% to Rs. 18.05Cr. as compared to Rs. 8.02 Cr. in Q1FY24, mainly on account of increase in sales realization and contribution of value added share. Total sales volumes is of 1,22,155. tonnes in Q1FY25 as compared to 84489 tonnes in Q1FY24. an increase of 45% YOY. EBITDA increased by 101% to Rs. 42.69Cr. in Q1FY25 as compared to Rs.21.19 Cr. in Q1FY24. EBITDA/ton at Rs.3494 in Q1FY25 vs. Rs.2508 in

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Q1FY24 increased by 31% YoY.

Commenting on the performance, Mr. Ajay Kumar Bansal, Chairman and Managing Director, Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd. Said, "We are proud to report an exceptional financial performance in this Quarter, with revenue increasing by 35%, EBITDA by 101%, and PAT by 125% Y-o-Y. Sales volumes have surged by 45%, reaching an all-time high of

1,22,155 tonnes. This remarkable achievement is a resounding testament to our company's unwavering commitment to excellence, innovation, and customer satisfaction.

The Contribution from our Recently commissioned Sanand Unit -II Phase 1 plant and Our focus on increasing the share of value-added products has yielded this impressive results and

will continue to drive growth, profitability, and market share gains. The upcoming brownfield expansion in Sanand Unit II Phase 2 and a greenfield manufacturing facility at Sikandrabad, U.P. will further enhance our production capabilities, enabling us to meet the growing demand for our products and expand our market share.

We are confident that our strategic initiatives, combined with our team's expertise and dedication, will drive sustainable growth and create long-term value for our stakeholders. The new facilities will not only increase our production capacity but also enable us to improve our quality, reduce costs, and enhance our competitiveness."

Trailer of Thalapathy Vijay's 'GOAT' to be unveiling on Saturday, 17 August...New poster Released

Chennai, August 15 2024: The trailer of the powerhouse Thalapathy Vijay's much anticipated film, "The Greatest Of All Time", will be unveiled by the makers on 17th August. The announcement was made today, 15th August 2024, with a new poster, coinciding with India's Independence Day.

This Tamil-language Pan India action film, directed by blockbuster filmmaker Venkat Prabhu and bankrolled on a lavish budget by Kalpathi S Aghoram, Kalpathi S Ganesh and Kalpathi S Suresh of AGS Entertainment as their 25th production, has already created a massive buzz, making



it one of the most anticipated releases of the year.

"The audiences are in for a treat, the collaboration of Venkat Prabhu and Thalapathy Vijay is spectacular. Both creatively and visually the film pushes boundaries and we are looking forward to the audience experiencing it with the trailer this Saturday. The trailer though, is just a small glimpse of what's in store" said Archana Kalpathi, CEO, AGS

Entertainment.

'GOAT' headlines Thalapathy Vijay in a dual role, promising fans a thrilling experience with a blend of high-octane action and a gripping narrative. Alongside a stellar cast that includes Prashanth, Prabhu Deva, Ajmal Ameer, Mohan, Jayaram, Sneha, Laila, Meenakshi Chaudhary, and Yogi Babu, the film is poised to be a cinematic spectacle. With the music composed by

acclaimed composer Yuvan Shankar Raja, the film's songs are already a rage.

This film also marks the powerhouse Thalapathy Vijay's 68th appearance as a hero and his dynamic performance is expected to be one of the most pivotal roles of his career.

With the new poster unveiled on a day of national pride, the anticipation for 'GOAT' is at an all-time high.

The film is slated for a worldwide release on September 5, 2024, in both standard and IMAX formats, promising a visual extravaganza that will captivate audiences.

CUTN celebrated 78th Independence Day. CUTN Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Krishnan appreciates Major Achievements and Unveils Initiatives

Chennai, August 15 2024: In his Independence Day address, Prof M Krishnan expressed immense pride in the distinguished recognition bestowed upon CUTN Chancellor Professor G. Padmanabhan, Chancellor of CUTN. He stated, "I am delighted to announce that our Chancellor, Professor G. Padmanabhan, has been conferred the prestigious Vinyan Rathna award by the Government of India. This award is a testament to his unwavering commitment to science, education and society, and it is a great honour for CUTN."

Prof. M Krishnan proudly shared that CUTN has recently been awarded an A+ rating in the second cycle of NAAC assessment and accreditation. "This A+ rating is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our faculty, students, and staff. It not only enhances our reputation but also allows us to expand our offerings through online education, which will generate new revenue streams and extend our reach," he stated.

Prof. Krishnan also highlighted that CUTN has sustained its position among the top 100 institutions in India, a distinction CUTN has



maintained for three consecutive years. This achievement, he noted, makes CUTN eligible to apply for the Department of Science and Technology's Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence (PURSE) grant, which could bring in up to ₹20 crores in funding.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out the significant improvement in CUTN's research impact, as evidenced by the university's H-index, which has risen from 48 to 70 over the past three years. "This remarkable growth in our research output highlights the contributions of our students and faculty to the global academic community," he added.

During his speech, Prof. Krishnan underscored CUTN's dedication to community service, particularly through the efforts of the National Service Scheme (NSS) and National Cadet Corps (NCC) units. "Our students have been

attend conferences and workshops across the country. "Apart from teaching faculty and students, starting this year, non-teaching staff will be eligible for up to ₹60,000 in funding to attend conferences and workshops across the country" he announced.

Prof. Krishnan said CUTN has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with leading industries, including Dexian and Johnson Electric. These partnerships will provide students with three years of specialized training, along with a stipend, offering them hands-on experience and financial support during their education. "This initiative ensures that our students are well-prepared for the workforce and equipped with the practical skills needed to excel in their chosen fields," he said.

The 78th Independence Day was celebrated at CUTN with a march-past by NCC and security personnel. The event was attended by university statutory authorities including Registrar Prof. R. Thirumurugan, Finance Officer CA GR Giridharan, Controller of Examination Prof. Sulochana Shekhar, Librarian Dr. R Parameswaran, along with faculty, officers, staff, scholars, and students.

actively engaged in village outreach programs, providing essential services to rural communities. Recently, as part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, our students visited villages near CUTN, distributing the national flag and promoting patriotism," he shared.

Prof. Krishnan also announced a significant initiative aimed at supporting the mental health of police personnel. In collaboration with a Madurai-based NGO, CUTN's Department of Psychology is leading "Magilchi" program to provide counselling and training to police personnel, addressing the psycho-sociological challenges they face. The Tamil Nadu government has allocated ₹30 lakhs to this important initiative.

Recognizing the invaluable contributions of non-teaching staff, Prof. Krishnan revealed a new financial support program that will allow CUTN staff members to

Kushboo resigns as NCW member

Chennai, August 15 2024: In a sudden development, actress-politician and BJP member Kushboo Sundar on Wednesday resigned from her post as a member of the National Commission for Women (NCW). She was appointed to the post in February last year.

The popular actress said she had resigned the post as she could not get actively involved in day-to-day politics.

While pledging to continue to work for the



consulting BJP national president and Union Minister JP Nadda and Party National General Secretary BL Santosh.

Ms Kushboo said her resignation letter was sent to Rajneesh Mohan Singh, director, Union Ministry of Women and Child Development and it was accepted.

On rumours of she getting a new role in the party, the BJP National Executive Council special invitee said that she had not got any assurance in this regard from the party high command.

She also asserted she had decided to work actively in the party.