

Thalapathy Vijay Unveils Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam Flag and Anthem!

Chennai August 22 2024: Thalapathy Vijay, the President of the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, has officially launched his political party with the unveiling of its flag and anthem. After building a strong fan base over three decades, Thalapathy Vijay transformed his fan clubs into a people's movement and then into the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam. Before forming the party, he engaged in various philanthropic activities, including recognizing and rewarding high-achieving students of 10th and 12th in Tamil Nadu. Today, Thalapathy Vijay unveiled the party's flag and anthem at the party headquarters and addressed the party members.



Tamil cinema on his side, started a party called Tamil Nadu Vetri Kazhagam in his next administration last February.

Before starting the party, Vijay converted his fan clubs, which had been running for many years, into a people's movement. Later it was formed into the present party. Before starting the party, he was doing various good works on behalf of his movement. As a part of this, in 2023 and last June and July this year, he inspired by giving certificates and incentives to the students who obtained the highest marks in the

10th and 12th class examination in all 234 constituencies of Tamil Nadu.

In this case, as the next step, the flag introduction ceremony and the flag song introduction ceremony of the Tamil Nadu Victory Association was held today (22-08-2024) in the morning under the leadership of President 'Talapathi' Vijay.

The general secretary of the association gave a welcome speech after the arrival of the president of the association 'Thalapathy' Vijay.

Mrs. Tahira, Policy Propagation Joint Secretary of the association gave the vote of thanks. The show ended happily.

CM inaugurates multi-disaster warning centre

Chennai August 22 2024: Chief Minister M. K. Stalin inaugurated the upgraded State Emergency Operations Center at Ezhilagam, Chennai. The center, which operates 24/7, has been upgraded into a multi-disaster warning center, spanning 10,000 square feet and built at a cost of ₹5.12 crores, under the Revenue and Disaster Management Department.



The government is focusing on delivering early warning information about disasters such as heavy rain and floods to farmers, fishermen, and the public. This includes strengthening weather monitoring systems to provide timely weather alerts and implementing flood mitigation plans.

As part of these efforts, the Tamil Nadu government is upgrading disaster warning infrastructure, including the installation of 1,400 automatic rain gauges, 100 automatic weather stations, and two radars in Ramanathapuram and

Yercaud. Additionally, multiple disaster response systems have been established.

The State Emergency Operations Center at Ezhilagam provides early warnings for rain, cyclones, floods, landslides, and earthquakes to district administrations, other disaster management departments, the public, and the media.

During cyclone and monsoon seasons, the Chief Minister visits the center, holds consultations with senior officials and district collectors, and issues directives regarding precautionary measures.

This newly upgraded State Emergency Operations Center,

spanning 10,000 square feet and costing ₹5.12 crores, was inaugurated by the Chief Minister today. During his visit, the Commissioner of Revenue Administration briefed him on the center's operations. The upgraded center includes a video-equipped control room for the Chief Minister to communicate with district collectors during disasters, a conference hall with 70 seats for discussions on disaster preparedness, rescue, and relief efforts, and a 24/7 emergency call center equipped with toll-free numbers (1070 and 112) for the public to register complaints.

In addition, there is a disaster technology unit for issuing immediate

warning messages to various departments and the public, a multi-department coordination center with officials from 48 departments for speeding up rescue and relief operations, and facilities for staff working at the control center, such as a dining and rest area.

The center is also equipped with uninterrupted power, communication, and internet services to ensure continuous 24-hour operation during disasters.

Ministers E.V. Velu, M.R.K. Panneerselvam, K. K. S. S. R. Ramachandran, Ezhilan MLA, Chief Secretary Muruganandam, other officials were also present at the event.

The 79th All India Railway Football Championship 2024-25 hosted by Southern Railway inaugurated today

364 Football Players from 13 Railway Zones & Production units to showcase their Sporting talents

Chennai August 22 2024: The 79th All India Railway Football Championship 2024-25 was inaugurated by Shri Kaushal Kishore, Additional General Manager of Southern Railway today, the 22nd of August 2024 at the Ayanavaram Football Ground in the presence of Shri Somesh Kumar, President of Southern Railway Sports Association & Principal Chief Electrical Engineer, Shri P.Balasundar, Hon.Secretary of Southern Railway Sports Association & Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage &

Wagon Workshops, Perambur, Smt K.Saramma, Senior Sports Officer, Southern Railway, Shri V.Devarajan, Asst Sports Officer, Southern Railway, Smt P.Anitha, Officer on Special Duty/Sports, Southern Railway, Sportspersons, and Officers and staff of Southern Railway.

The Southern Railway Sports Association (SRSA) is hosting the prestigious 79th All India Railway Football Championship 2024-25 in Chennai from 22nd August to 31st August 2024. The significant event is

back to Chennai after a gap of 42-years and is being held at the Ayanavaram Football Ground and ICF Grounds.

The Football championship will see participation from 364 football players and 20 officials representing 13 Zonal Railways and Production Units, including Northern Railway, Central Railway, South Eastern Railway, North Central Railway, South East Central Railway, Rail Coach Factory, East Coast Railway, Rail Wheel Factory, Integral Coach Factory, North

Frontier Railway, Kolkata Metro Railway and the host, Southern Railway. The matches will take place across two venues: ICF Ground and Ayanavaram Ground, Chennai, in a league stage format.

This championship holds special significance as the Indian Railways Football team will be selected based on the players' performances during this event. The selected players will have the honour of representing Indian Railways in the forthcoming Santosh Trophy Football Championships.

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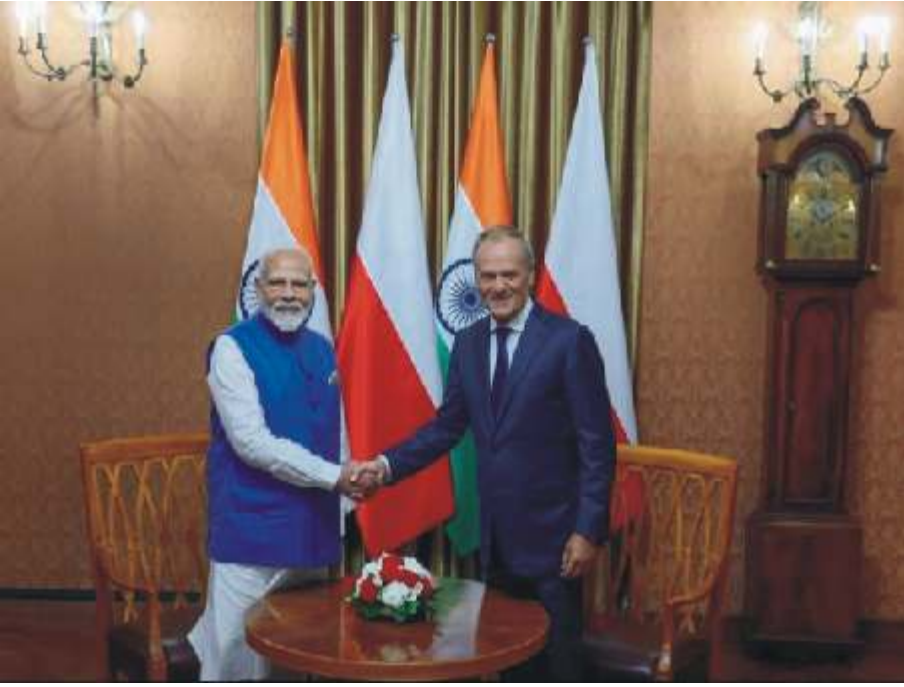
PM Narendra Modi holds talks with Polish counterpart Tusk, meets President Duda

Chennai, August 22 2024: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will kick off the day two of his Poland visit with a meeting with Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk.

In the first such visit in more than 45 years, Tusk will hold Modi and the high-level delegation in Warsaw for talks. Following the talks, the two leaders will make statements to the media later in the afternoon. He is also scheduled to meet Polish President Andrzej Duda.

Later in the day, Modi is also scheduled to lay wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, meet businesspersons of the country, and hold a session with Polish influencers. Earlier on Wednesday, Modi arrived in Poland and addressed the Indian diaspora at an event in Warsaw.

Poland is the first stop in Modi's two-nation visit to Eastern Europe. On Friday, Modi will arrive in Kyiv where he



will meet Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Firstly, Modi's talks with Tusk are scheduled for 1:15 pm in Warsaw. Following the talks, the two leaders are expected to make joint statements at 2:40 pm.

At 5 pm, Modi will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, the national monument of Poland that honours those unknown personnel who made the

supreme sacrifice for the defence of Poland.

Later in the evening, at 8 pm, Modi will interact with Polish business leaders. Tomorrow, Modi will arrive in Kyiv after a 10-hour train journey. All world leaders arrive in Kyiv by train as civilian air travel to the country for leaders is not preferred because of the ongoing fighting.

Modi's visit to Ukraine, the first by any

Indian premier, comes at a turning point in the war where both countries are making dangerous moves. While Russia is nearing the capture of a key logistical hub in eastern Ukraine that could be a major victory, Ukraine has captured more than 1,200 square kilometres of territory in Russia's Kursk region which it hopes to use to its advantage during any negotiations in the future.

Representation of J&K people & Statehood is most important: Rahul

Chennai, August 22 2024: Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi on Thursday said that the representation of the people of J&K and giving back the statehood is most important for the Congress.

"As soon as we (Congress) got to know that elections are going to be held we decided to come here because we want to give a message to the people of every state that for us the representation of the people of Jammu and

Kashmir and their statehood is the most important thing," said Rahul Gandhi while addressing party workers in Srinagar.

He said that in the history of India, after independence, many union territories have become states however there is only one example (J&K) when statehood was taken away and a union territory was created.

"This has never happened before and we want to give this message that the representation of the people of Jammu and

Kashmir is important, it is important for us and it is important for the country," the LoP said.

Addressing the workers, the LoP said that each one of them is a member of the Congress family. "You are not workers, you are family," the LoP said.

Tariq Hamid Karra, President of J&K Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC), Vikar Rasool Wani, former president of JKPCC, G.A. Mir, member of Congress

working committee, senior J&K Congress leaders, Peerzada Sayeed, Tara Chand, Raman Bhalla and others were present during the meeting.

Former JKPCC President, Vikar Rasool told the workers that in the past two years, Congress faced a big storm as the party's 70 per cent structure was dismantled, but he along with his team worked hard to restructure the party again and today JKPCC is a strong and vibrant force.

PlayWithUS: U.S. Mission to India Supports Women's Leadership through Sports Gamechangers Ultimate Frisbee event in Chennai from August 19 to 24

Chennai, August 22 2024: The U.S. Embassy and Consulates in India including the U.S. Consulate General Chennai have launched Gamechangers Ultimate Frisbee, a sports initiative to advance gender equity and leadership development through the mix-gender sport of ultimate frisbee.

The program started in Delhi, then traveled to Guwahati and Hyderabad, and will be in Chennai from August 19 to 24 before continuing on to Mumbai. This

yearlong program will train 100 female coaches from urban and rural communities across these regions. Gamechangers Ultimate Frisbee aims to increase the representation of women in leadership roles by equipping young women with essential leadership skills.

The program kicked off with coach development workshops and gender-equitable coaching sessions conducted at educational institutions and sports complexes. Following

these in-person camps, the coaches will benefit from ongoing support through virtual leaders-in-training sessions throughout the year. This combination of in-person and virtual training will enable the coaches to lead ultimate frisbee sessions in their communities,

fostering leadership and enhancing confidence among girls by promoting inclusion through this mix-gender sport.

The program aims to achieve a 40 per cent increase in

participating coaches serving in leadership roles and for 30 percent of program alumni to actively contribute to gender equality initiatives. The initiative also includes male-allyship workshops, which will promote supportive environments for gender equality in sports and help foster a culture of inclusion on and off the court.

Through our digital media campaign #PlayWithUS, we are showcasing the impact of this initiative and other U.S.-India sports collaboration.

Amrit Bharat Station Update: Tiruvannamalai Railway Station is being revamped at a cost of Rs.7.86 Crores

Chennai, August 22 2024 : Tiruvannamalai, a historic and spiritual hub in Tamil Nadu, is renowned for the sacred Arunachaleswarar Temple from all over. The Arunachala Hill (Arunagiri) at Tiruvannamalai is circum-ambulated by millions of devotees, especially on full moon days, known as Girivalam.

The Tiruvannamalai Railway Station, a critical junction on the Villupuram-Katpadi line, plays a pivotal role in connecting pilgrims and tourists to this vibrant town. Recognizing its significance, the Southern Railway has initiated a series of infrastructural modifications under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme to enhance the station's facilities, with work commencing at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.86 Crore.

Scope of Tiruvannamalai Redevelopment Work under ABSS:

To elevate the travel experience and convenience for passengers, several improvements are



being undertaken at Tiruvannamalai Railway Station under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS).

The station will undergo significant upgrades, including the construction of new ticket booking counters, an AC waiting hall, and second-class waiting halls with enhanced flooring, seating, and toilet facilities. Improvements will also be made to the retiring rooms.

The front side of the station will see substantial roadwork, including the development of parking spaces and pedestrian pathways. An entrance arch and a landscaped circulating area will be added, along with a selfie point.

Platforms will receive new benches, drinking water

facilities, and aesthetic shelters. Additional platform shelters will be provided on the first platform for traveller comfort.

Energy-efficient LED lights will be installed throughout the station buildings to ensure better illumination.

New toilet blocks, a parcel office, and a cloakroom will be built. Tensile fabric shelters will be installed for two-wheeler parking. The station will also feature well-designed ramps for Divyangjan and elderly passengers.

An Integrated Passenger Information System will be implemented to provide real-time updates on train schedules and platform changes.

An exclusive Girivalam Festival

shed with ticket counters and bathroom facilities will be constructed to accommodate the influx of devotees during the Girivalam festival.

Status of ABSS Works:

The redevelopment work of Tiruvannamalai is already in progress, with many of the planned improvements such as new ticket booking counters, waiting halls, toilet blocks, platform shelters, and the Girivalam festival shed nearing completion.

Additionally, the station's retiring room, AC waiting hall, parcel office, and cloakroom are undergoing renovation, and pedestrian pathways are being constructed to improve accessibility.

The modernization of Tiruvannamalai Railway Station will significantly enhance the overall travel experience, making the station an important transit point and a welcoming gateway to this sacred town of Tiruvannamalai.

Kolkata rape: SC questions delay in FIR registration, postmortem

Chennai, August 22 2024: The Supreme Court termed "extremely disturbing" the Kolkata Police's delay in registering the unnatural death of the woman doctor who was raped and murdered at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. It also asked protesting doctors to resume work and assured them that no adverse action would be taken after they rejoin.

Questioning the sequence and timing of legal formalities conducted by police, a bench comprising Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said it was very surprising that the postmortem of the deceased was conducted on August 9 between 6.10 pm to 7.10 pm before the registration of case as unnatural death.

"How was it that the post-mortem was conducted at 6.10 pm on August 9 and yet the unnatural death information is sent to Tala police station at



11.30 pm on August 9. This is extremely disturbing," the bench, also comprising Justice J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, said.

It directed the Kolkata Police officer, who registered the first entry about the rape-murder that has shocked the country, to appear in the next hearing and disclose the time of the entry. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the CBI, told the top court that the most shocking fact

is that the FIR was registered at 11.45 pm after the postgraduate medic was cremated.

"State police told parents it was suicide, then they said it was murder. Victim's friend suspected cover up and insisted on videography," Mehta told the bench.

As the hearing commenced, the top court asked protesting doctors to resume work, and assured them that no adverse action will

be taken against them after they rejoin.

The apex court was told by the counsel for resident doctors at AIIMS Nagpur that they are being victimised for protesting over the Kolkata rape-murder case.

"Once they get back to duty, we will prevail upon authorities to not take adverse action. How will public health infrastructure run if the doctors do not work?" the bench asked.

Athulya Senior Care Collaborates with Greater Chennai Police's "Kaaval Karangal" for Elderly Welfare

Chennai, August 22 2024: In a significant stride towards enhancing the welfare of the elderly, Athulya Senior Care has proudly partnered with the Greater Chennai Police's esteemed "Kaaval Karangal" initiative. This noble endeavor aims to provide integrated services to the abandoned & uncared elderly. The initiative leverages the combined efforts of numerous organizations to deliver comprehensive care.



The event, held at the police commissioner's office was graced by the esteemed presence of Thiru Kapil Kumar C Saratkar (IPS), Additional Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai Police alongside other dignitaries and representatives from Athulya Senior Care. This event marks a significant milestone in Chennai's ongoing commitment to senior care and community welfare.

Athulya Senior Care provided a fully equipped ambulance which is set to significantly bolster the

capabilities of the "Kaaval Karangal" initiative. This dedicated ambulance will be instrumental in the rescue operations, providing immediate medical attention and transportation for the abandoned elderly to appropriate care facilities. The ambulance is equipped with state-of-the-art medical equipment, ensuring that the rescued individuals receive the best possible care during transit.

Mr. Srinivasan G, Founder & CEO of Athulya Senior Care also shared his thoughts on this meaningful collaboration. "At Athulya, we have always been dedicated to better the quality of life for our senior citizens. Joining hands with 'Kaaval Karangal'

allows us to extend our reach and impact, ensuring that abandoned & uncared elderly individuals receive the care and attention they deserve. We are honored to provide an ambulance for this noble cause and look forward to supporting this initiative wholeheartedly. Our goal is to create a safer, more compassionate environment for our elderly population, and this partnership is a significant step towards achieving that vision."

The collaboration between Athulya Senior Care and Kaaval Karangal an initiative of Greater Chennai Police is a crucial development in the initiative's capabilities, enabling it to reach and assist more people in need. Athulya Senior Care has been at the forefront of senior

care services, offering a range of facilities designed to cater to the physical, emotional, and social well-being of elderly individuals. With this partnership, Athulya reaffirms its promise to social responsibility and community welfare. The organization believes in creating a world where every elderly person is treated with respect and dignity, and this collaboration is a step forward to that belief.

This partnership between Athulya Senior Care and Greater Chennai Police's "Kaaval Karangal" initiative sets a commendable example for other organizations to follow. It highlights the importance of community involvement and collaboration in addressing societal issues. Athulya Senior Care looks forward to a long and fruitful association with the Greater Chennai Police and other partners in this initiative, working together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the elderly.

Hi-Tech Pipes Secures INR 105 Cr. Worth Order From Renewable Energy Sector

Chennai August 22 2024: Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd., one of the leading steel tubes and pipes manufacturers in India, is excited to announce the successful procurement of orders for supplying ERW Steel Pipes, totaling of Rs.105 (Inclusive of GST) crores from key customers in the renewable energy sector. These significant contracts reflect the growing demand for sustainable energy solutions and underscore the company's commitment to supporting this vital industry.

The orders will be executed from the company's New state-of-the-art manufacturing facility



located in Sanand Unit II Phase I, over the next three months. This new facility, equipped with cutting-edge technology and efficient production processes, is poised to deliver high-quality steel pipes that meet the rigorous standards of the renewable energy sector.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Ajay

Kumar Bansal, Chairman, Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd, said "We are thrilled to be chosen as a preferred supplier of ERW Steel pipes for such a pivotal sector. Our Sanand unit represents a major investment in both our capabilities and our commitment to sustainability. These contracts not only demonstrate the confidence our clients

place in us but also highlight our role in advancing renewable energy infrastructure."

The steel pipes will be utilized in various applications within the renewable energy sector, including wind farms, solar installations, and other green energy projects. Hi-Tech Pipes is dedicated to providing products that not only meet but exceed industry standards, ensuring durability and performance in the most demanding environments.

With this new contract, we continue to strengthen our position as a leader in the steel pipes manufacturing industry and a key player in the transition to renewable energy."

Japan International Cooperation Agency Hosts Seminar in Chennai to Strengthen Urban Flood Control Measures in India

Chennai August 22 2024: To address urban floods, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) organized a comprehensive knowledge-sharing seminar on 21st August 2024 in Chennai with support from National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and authorities in Tamil Nadu State as a part of the project "Project for Formulation of Comprehensive Flood Control Master Plan in Urbanised River Basins in Chennai". The seminar served as a platform for discussing strategies and sharing practices towards mitigating the severe flood risks across India.

Chennai constantly faces severe flood challenges, notably in 2015 and December 2023. JICA has been supporting to establish a comprehensive flood control master plan for four major basins in Chennai (Kovalam, Adyar, Cooum, and Kosasthalaiyar) since February 2022. Owing to the task force comprising of Tamil Nadu Disaster Risk

Reduction Agency (TNDRA), Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA), Tamil Nadu State Water Resources Department (TNWRD) and Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC), extensive consultations with local authorities have been made for the development of the master plan. This outcome will be finalized this December and reflected on the third master plan for CMA (2027 - 2046) under the preparation by CMDA.

During the seminar, participants engaged in detailed discussions on the formulation of a comprehensive flood control master plan for Chennai, and urban flood challenges, measures in Indian cities and Japan's extensive experience in flood control. The seminar was filled by key representatives from various disaster management and urban development organizations across India, including stakeholders in Tamil Nadu, NDMA, Assam State, Gujarat State,

Maharashtra State, including Maharashtra Metropolitan Institution for Transformation (MITRA) and Telangana State. Further, the representatives from the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, KfW attended for enhancing donor collaboration in the future implementation of the master plan. Japanese companies such as Funayama Co., Ltd., Ishigaki Co., Ltd., KUBOTA Corporation, Padeco Co., Ltd., exhibited their service and the products for flood management and rescue at the venue.

Mr. SAITO Mitsunori, Chief Representative, JICA India stated "The development of a comprehensive flood control master plan for Chennai serves as a blueprint for enhancing Chennai City's resilience against climate change. Chennai's master plan can be a showcase for other Indian cities. The seminar has provided an invaluable opportunity for stakeholders to exchange knowledge including Japan's

expertise in flood management. JICA is ready to provide further support for implementing the infrastructure development in Chennai's master plan and enhance collaboration among stakeholders including donors. Our commitment to this project underscores JICA's broader mission to contribute to sustainable urban development across India, ensuring that cities are more resilient to the growing disaster risks escalated by climate change".

The comprehensive flood control master plan for Chennai includes both fluvial and pluvial floods, hard and soft measures to manage comprehensively and will provide a roadmap for aligning flood control efforts across the Chennai basins. This plan is expected to set a precedent for other Indian cities. JICA is committed to support Chennai's flood management aiming at making Chennai safer gradually and effectively.

The United States and India Strengthen Health Cooperation through Localization

Chennai, August 22 2024: The United States and Government of India are applying insights gained from the COVID-19 pandemic to enhance health outcomes in communities across India. Today in New Delhi, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) hosted an event titled "Advancing Localization: Adapt, Enable, and Empower." The event convened representatives from the Government of India's Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, State Health Departments, international and local development partners, donors, and community leaders. The gathering recognized and celebrated the contributions of local actors and communities in advancing inclusive healthcare through USAID's Momentum-Routine Immunization Transformation and Equity project.



India's COVID-19 vaccination program, spearheaded by the Government of India, was the world's largest vaccination program and administered over 2.2 billion doses. Through the MOMENTUM project, USAID leveraged the expertise of 26 local partners to reach more than 60 million people in 18 Indian states and facilitated the administration of more than 15 million COVID-19 vaccines using the Govt of India's strong Immunization platform. It also supported the Government of India's 'Har Ghar Dastak' (door-to-door) vaccination campaign, aiming to increase vaccination coverage among vulnerable and hard-to-reach populations, including the elderly, tribal communities, and transgender individuals. The insights gained from

the MOMENTUM project are expected to strengthen routine immunization and health systems, as well as address vaccine hesitancy.

USAID/India Acting Mission Director, Alexandria Huerta, said, "The United States and India are partnering to improve health outcomes for the world, fostering healthy and prosperous communities. Locally-led development is at the heart of this collaboration, enabling communities to lead and shape their own futures. The MOMENTUM project exemplifies this approach by engaging more than two dozen local partners, enabling the United States to reach 60 million people. This model illustrates how harnessing local expertise and leadership can drive systemic change, achieve sustainable progress, and set a

powerful example of the importance of how localized efforts can achieve global impact."

Dr. Sanjay Kapur, Managing Director of John Snow India, said, "With a network of over 380 local partnerships, we aimed to reach and vaccinate the unreached 20% of the population by identifying vaccine-hesitant areas, prioritizing populations, engaging local influencers, and coordinating with state governments and local partners."

Representatives from local civil society organizations shared their experiences in mobilizing communities and strategies for promoting vaccine acceptance and overcoming hesitancy. The event highlighted the importance of localization and behavior change communication and the need to tailor health policies to local contexts to achieve successful health outcomes.

ROCKWOOL charts new growth path in India with ambitious venture near Chennai

Chennai, August 22 2024: Today ROCKWOOL announced it will build a new factory located in Cheyyar, 90 km from Chennai in the southern state of Tamil Nadu. ROCKWOOL plans to invest ₹550 Crores and expects to create job opportunities for more than 150 people in the local communities. The new factory will produce ROCKWOOL's non-combustible, recyclable, and long-lasting stone wool insulation. Start of operations is expected in Q1 2026

"India is the world's

most populated country by population, and by 2030, it is expected to be the world's third largest economy, so the growth potential is substantial. We are currently a small player in the Indian insulation market and want to position ourselves to contribute to India creating new generations of energy efficient, acoustically comfortable, and fire-safe buildings. The Indian market's strong potential aligns well with ROCKWOOL's mission to provide sustainable, innovative solutions globally", says

Thomas Kähler, Chairman of the Board, ROCKWOOL Group.

With a focus on renewable energy and energy efficiency Technologies the state of Tamil Nadu is at the forefront when it comes to India's green transition. Moreover, Tamil Nadu is one of the leading states in India to encourage innovative companies to scale up operations. The region is attracting notable industrial investment and economic development, creating employment opportunities and supportive

engagement that local communities have welcomed.

"With our investment in Cheyyar, Tamil Nadu, we are enhancing local employment opportunities as well as contributing to the region's industrial and economic advancement. We look forward to using our expertise in stone wool solutions to address India's growing demand for energy efficiency and sustainability across various sectors. We are in it for the long-term", says Darryl Mathews, Managing Director, ROCKWOOL Asia.

HC orders to provide ration, aadhaar cards to tribals in Kalvarayan hills

Chennai, August 22 2024: The Madras High Court has directed the Tamil Nadu government to organize special camps in the Kalvarayan Hills, covering the Kallakurichi and Salem districts, to distribute Aadhaar and ration cards to the tribal population within four weeks. The order was issued by a division bench comprising Justices SM Subramaniam and V Sivagnanam on



Wednesday during a hearing of a suo motu writ petition, initiated by the court after the Kallakurichi hooch tragedy.

The bench further urged the state to ensure improved infrastructure for the hill communities,

including better road connectivity to facilitate emergency medical vehicles in the challenging ghat terrain.

They emphasized the need for prompt infrastructure development and directed the

government to ensure that primary healthcare centers are staffed with doctors and paramedics, and that local schools have sufficient teachers.

Additionally, Sudhanshu Gupta, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, submitted a status report detailing the schemes implemented in the hills and the steps taken to enhance the livelihood of the tribal residents.

DECATHLON TO INVEST €100 MILLION IN INDIA, EXPANDING STORE & DIGITAL FOOTPRINT AND BOOSTING LOCAL MANUFACTURING

Chennai, August 22 2024: DECATHLON, a global leading multi-specialist sports brand, today announced a significant investment of €100 million in India over the next five years. This investment will be channelled towards expanding the store network to reach 190 stores across India, enhancing digital engagement, and deepening its commitment to local manufacturing.

India has emerged as a pivotal market for DECATHLON, exhibiting remarkable growth. This substantial investment underscores the company's long-term vision for the country, extending beyond business growth to foster sports participation and sustainable development.

Steve Dykes, Global Chief Retail and Countries Officer, DECATHLON: "India is a cornerstone of DECATHLON's global

ambition. Its vibrant market and talented workforce present unprecedented opportunities. We are committed to accelerating our growth here, expanding our reach, and making a positive impact on people's lives through sports. India's potential to become a global manufacturing and innovation hub for DECATHLON is immense and we are excited to nurture local talent and contribute to India's journey towards becoming a sporting powerhouse."

Sankar Chatterjee, Chief Executive Officer, DECATHLON India: "India is a dynamic and growing market with a burgeoning sports culture. This investment reflects our unwavering belief in the country's potential and our commitment to contributing to its economic growth. We aim to make everyone enjoy the benefits of sports, and this investment will enable

us to reach a wider audience and offer a more comprehensive sports experience. We aim to create a lasting impact by fostering sports participation, generating employment in India, and promoting sustainable practices."

Aligned with its global purpose to "Move People Through the Wonders of Sport," DECATHLON's strategy involves a multi-pronged approach. Beyond retail and production, the company is dedicated to creating opportunities for sports participation through initiatives like Play for Practice. This program focuses on events, playgrounds, and coaching classes to bring sports to everyone.

DECATHLON is significantly increasing its commitment to Indian manufacturing. Currently, around 8% of its global product range, including all cricket bats, accessories, and most hockey equipment, is produced in India.

Today 68% of quantities sold in India are made in India. The company aims to boost this figure to 85% by 2026, solidifying India as a major manufacturing hub for DECATHLON.

Moreover, the company is transitioning its Indian manufacturing facilities to green energy, aiming for a 50% reduction in carbon footprint. Additionally, DECATHLON is actively implementing circular economy models to promote sustainability.

DECATHLON is committed to making a positive impact on Indian communities. By collaborating with employees, the DECATHLON Foundation, and local partners, the company will continue to expand access to sports, education, and employment opportunities across the country to contribute significantly to India's economic and social progress.

Rainbow Children's Hospital Introduces Adolescent Health Services in Anna Nagar, Chennai

Chennai August 22 2024: Rainbow Children's Hospital, a pioneer in pediatric care is happy to announce the opening of "Adolescents Clinic" at the Anna Nagar Unit of Rainbow Children's Hospital. This program represents a significant expansion of the hospital's commitment to adolescent health and well-being, with a focus on the special needs of both pre-teens (10-12 years) and teenagers (13-18 years).

Dr. Neeraja Patcha, MBBS, MRCPCH (London, Glasgow & Edinburgh), Senior Consultant Pediatrician & Neonatologist, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Anna Nagar who leads the Adolescents Clinic, stated that the clinic will address a wide range of services



including Adolescent Vaccinations, Nutritional Deficiencies, Hormonal & Pubertal Disorders, Reproductive & Sexual Health, Gadget Deaddiction, Alcohol & Substance Misuse, Management of Behavioral Health Concerns, etc. providing expert guidance on both physical and intellectual well-being through comprehensive and educational sessions.

The event was graced by Mr. Sathish Muthukrishnan, a popular actor and comedian, who

emphasized the need of addressing adolescent health concerns. Several prominent pediatric specialists participated in the event.

The state-of-the-art Adolescents Clinic will offer expert clinical services every Saturday from 2 PM to 4 PM. This program, supervised by experienced consultants, is intended to supplement the hospital's vast variety of specialized pediatric and obstetric services.

"Rainbow Children's Hospital is

honored to introduce an exclusive clinic catering to the needs of Adolescents through which we aim to provide young people and their families with essential knowledge and support," said Mr. Mani Maran, Regional Head, Rainbow Children's Hospital. According to Dr. Anuradha Baskaran, Regional Medical Director, Rainbow Children's Hospital, "Mobile addiction, consumption of unhealthy foods and substance abuse are rampant in adolescents and hence comprehensive, educative, preventive and rehabilitative care is the need of the hour".

For more information about the Adolescents Clinic and other services, please visit Rainbow Children's Hospital in Anna Nagar or contact 1800 2122.

Treating chronic pain: New way to control sense of touch

Chennai, August 22 2024: Rutgers researchers have found a new way to manage the receptors that control the sense of touch, which could lead to treating chronic pain more effectively.

"Identifying a natural molecule that specifically reduces pain sensitivity offers hope for new therapeutic strategies in the management of pain," said Tibor Rohacs, a professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience at

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and a member of the Rutgers Brain Health Institute.

"Our goal is to translate these findings into effective treatments that improve the quality of life for people suffering from chronic pain."

The study was written by Matthew Gabrielle, a doctoral student in the laboratory of Tibor Rohacs at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.

A natural molecule called phosphatidic acid can reduce the

activity of certain touch-sensing ion channels in the body, according to a study published recently.

Researchers found that increasing the levels of phosphatidic acid in cells makes them less sensitive to touch.

This finding was confirmed through experiments on sensory neurons and tests in mice, where the animals became more sensitive to touch when the formation of phosphatidic acid was inhibited.

"This finding adds

to a growing body of evidence suggesting that lipids are key regulators of somatosensation," said Gabrielle, referring to the body's ability to perceive sensations such as touch, temperature and pain. "By targeting the natural pathways that regulate these channels, we can develop more targeted and effective pain treatments that could be especially useful for conditions involving inflammatory pain, where current pain relief options are often inadequate."

Shiv Nadar University Chennai Student placed with Rs.1-crore offer from MOTORQ

Chennai, August 22 2024: Shiv Nadar University Chennai, the third higher education initiative by the Shiv Nadar Foundation, is proud to announce the outstanding success of its students in this placement season. An impressive 100% of the university's B.Com students have been successfully placed. The highlight was a final year student Akash R placed with MOTORQ with an annual offer of around 1 Crore.

Dr. Sriman Kumar Bhattacharyya, Vice Chancellor at Shiv

Nadar University

Chennai said, "We are immensely proud of Akash R and his remarkable achievement. Akash's success reflects both his efforts and the collaborative environment fostered by our faculty, who continually strive to nurture and guide our students toward excellence. We congratulate Akash and the other students who have secured placements, and we look forward to many more such success stories in the future."

Key Highlights from this year's

placement season: Outstanding PPO Achievements:

Akash R from B.Tech AI & DS has started the 2025 batch with an extraordinary PPO offering a CTC of 1 crore.

HCLTech has extended PPOs to 17 of our students, showcasing the demand for our graduates in the industry.

Diverse Internship Placements: Students from B.Com, B. Sc Economics with Data Science, B. Tech in AI & DS, and B. Tech CSE

(IoT) programs have secured internships across various esteemed organizations.

High-Paying Internships: Out of 260 B. Tech students, 7 have secured internship offers with reputed companies, earning more than 1 lakh per month as a stipend, with potential Pre-Placement Offer (PPO) conversions.

The big recruiters of this year were Ernst & Young (EY), Deloitte, HCLTech, Redington, Vishal Mega Mart, ProConnect, etc.