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### Government committed to supporting both large enterprises and MSMEs for employment generation, promoting employability and formalisation of labour force under the ELI schemes: Secretary L&E

2024: meeting with eastern workers. States viz., Odisha, C h h a t t i s g a r h , employment generation Jharkhand, West Bengal and enhancement of

address, Ms. Sumita Government is consolidated 29 labour the gaps and divergences Dawra, Secretary, committed to supporting laws into 04 Labour in their respective draft Labour and Employment both large enterprises Codes, Secretary added, rules by harmonizing (L&E) set the context by and Micro, Small and with the objective of and aligning them with highlighting the need for Medium Enterprises promoting labour the Central rules under strengthening (MSMEs) for welfare, as well as the Labour Codes. collaboration and employment generation, promoting investments

issues.

Chennai, Sep 21 Central Government and Secretary, States/UTs for bringing Ministry of Labour & synergy in efforts to E m p l o y m e n t, facilitate generation of Government of India quality employment and chaired a regional ensuring welfare of all

Smt. Dawra said

and Andhra Pradesh in skilling and Bhubaneswar today. employability are key This is the fourth aspects to the realization meeting in a series of of the Hon'ble Prime force under the ELI regional consultations Minister's vision of being held by the Viksit Bharat@2047. In



formalisation of labour generation. schemes, she added.

employability and and employment to

been holding a series of unorganized workers at Further, the labour consultations to build par with organized Ministry of Labour & this direction, the reforms undertaken by consensus on the Employment nationwide Employment Linked Government of India, operationalisation of the with the States/Union Incentive (ELI) scheme including the Labour Codes with workers' and Territories (UTs) on key was announced in Union Codes were discussed. In employers' associations, labour and employment Budget 2024-25 with an a landmark initiative, the besides with States and outlay of Rs 1,07,000 Government of India has UTs. In this context, the In her opening Crores, she noted. The updated, simplified and States were urged to plug

Government's vision

comprehensive social The Ministry has protection for the 30 crore unorganised workers was highlighted

through demonstration of progress under eShram. The importance of onboarding workers in the unorganised sector, including Building and Construction Workers (BoCW), street vendors, auto drivers etc. onto workers including employment related to be held in Lucknow eShram portal to access migrant workers, was data, feeding into a for the central States and

provide portal, was discussed.

It was noted that over workers have registered on eShram portal since its launch in 2021. The need for States to expedite two-way integration with e-Shram BoC workers. portal to make it a more including access to

emphasized the role of developing better the recently launched policies for stimulating BoCW Management quality employment Information System generation. (MIS) portal in aiding the States/UTs in data- of States shared their driven planning and ideas, insights and best more effective practices on key labour implementation of and employment issues, welfare schemes for particularly the digital BoC workers. States interventions were requested to undertaken for ease of complete onboarding on compliance and webthe MIS portal, for based inspections. The verified information of State Principal coverage of social Secretaries, Secretaries, security including Labour Commissioners

effective 'one stop held on the need for the efforts. solution' for easier Centre and States/UTs to access to welfare set up a joint mechanism this series of regional schemes of Centre and fortimely compilation of consultations with States for unorganised more accurate States/UTs is scheduled social security schemes flagged as an action centralized dashboard the NCT of Delhi on 27th equipped with advanced September 2024. analytics, which will aid

The meeting States/UTs in

The representatives education of wards for appreciated the interactive meeting and Discussion was also assured on collaborative

The next meeting is

#### skilling and jobs, on one dialogue between the promoting **General Manager Conducts Window Trailing inspection and Speed Trial in Villupuram - Tirunelveli Section and also** inspects the Station Redevelopment works of Villupuram, Virudunagar, Madurai and Tirunelveli Railway Stations



Chennai, Sep 21 Tiruchchirappalli, 2024: Shri R. N Sigh, Senior Officials, other General Manager, branch Officers Southern Railway accompanied him. Shri conducted Window Naseer Ahamed, Chief Trailing inspection and Project Manager, Gati Speed Trial from Shakthi elaborated about Villupuram to the ongoing station Tirunelveli Section redevelopment works today 20th September, and explained that 50 % 2024 and reviewed track work has been section.

At Villupuram

In the morning, Shri R. N Singh, General Manager, Southern Railway conducted a thorough inspection of the ongoing officials to ensure that the General Manager redevelopment works at Villupuram Railway Station. The inspection aimed to review the progress of the station's transformation under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. Shri M. S. Anbalagan, Divisional Railway Manager, General Manager

security and passenger facilities, passenger

At Madurai, Virudunagar and Tirunelveli

In the afternoon, the of work, directing

conditions, signalling completed. The General c o n d u c t e d a officials to ensure that s y s t e m s, a n d Manager critically comprehensive review the redevelopment meets infrastructure reviewed the of the redevelopment the highest standards of development along the construction of new works in progress at safety, amenities, and platforms, platform M a d u r a i a n d passenger experience. enhancements and the Virudunagar Stations. new Foot Over Bridge at Shri Sharad Srivastava, the station and suggested Divisional Railway improvements. He also Manager and other discussed on the officials accompanied importance of safety the General Manager. measures, directing During the inspection, the station meets the examined the highest standards of modernization of

amenities, and safety

measures at both

stations. He emphasized

the importance of timely

completion and quality

Later, on reaching Tirunelveli, Shri R. N. Singh was met by Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Robert Bruce, who held discussions about the Railway development of the region. The General Manager was also met by Passenger Associations at the station. Later the General Manager reviewed the ongoing yard remodelling works at Tirunelveli Railway station.



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#### analytica Anacon India, India Lab Expo, and Pharma Pro& Pack Expo to host the largest-ever edition in Hyderabad

Following a 2024: highly successful edition in 2023, analytica Anacon India and India Lab Expo along with Pharma Pro&Pack Expo are set to make their mark in Hyderabad, the pharma hub of India, from 26-28 September. This year's event will be the largest edition to date, featuring over 500+ technology suppliers from 14+ countries. The triad event is set to create transformative experience for the pharmaceutical, analytical, biotechnology, and R&D sectors. The 2024 edition of analytica Anacon India, India Lab Expo, and Pharma Pro&Pack Expo will offer an extensive support program tailored to empower industry

Chennai, Sep 21

Day 1 will feature the Anacon Technology Showcase in collaboration with Indian Analytical Instruments Association(IAIA)and a session on building the ecosystem for Food Testing Labs in India, presented in collaboration with Association of Food Scientists & Technologists  $India(AFSTI).\,\square\,On$ Day 2, the conference t e c h n o l o g y forge valuable solutions and high- and enthusiasm for the Advancements in partnerships.

professionals.



(FABA).

The event will also feature Career Connect, offering young talents a unique opportunity to engage with leading pharmaceutical organizations, paving the way for the next generation of industry CEO, Messe President, IPMMA, HR professionals.

Designed to enhance business networking, the Buyer-Seller Forum at this event offers a dynamic platform where exhibitors can connect directly with top decision-makers. This exclusive forum facilitates meaningful will be conducted on interactions and helps

partnership with the Additionally, the Indian Pharmaceutical Hosted Buyer Association (IPA), and Program brings in Day 3 will see a buyers from various conference on Pharma countries, including World CaseCon with Russia, Vietnam, Pharma State Nepal, Indonesia, Academy, along with a Egypt, Ghana, Libya, Career Connect South Africa, and the session hosted by the Philippines. The trade Federation of Asian fair will also feature Biotech Associations 50+ exhibitors President, IAIA, showcasing over 120 new product and technology launches. scope, it solidifies its This Innovation position as the leading Launch Pad will give trade platform for the attendees a first-hand pharmaceutical, life

Bhupinder Singh, professionals it will Muenchen India, says, says, "As India's also feature panel "It is with great largest pharma discussions on women anticipation that we m a c h i n e in sciences and AMA present the largest-manufacturers (Ask Me Anything) ever edition of association, IPMMA sessions with industry analytica Anacon is committed to India, India Lab Expo, creating the right and Pharma Pro&Pack platform for pharma Expo in Hyderabad, a companies and city synonymous with machine makers to pharmaceutical discuss challenges and excellence. This event future - ready holds considerable solutions. Our significance for the successful roadshows pharma and laboratory throughout 2024 have as it serves as a pivotal commitment to this platform for advanced mission, showcasing are committed to

providing industry professionals with a distinctive opportunity to engage with state-of-the-art innovations, encourage meaningful partnerships, and enhance their strategic outlook through exposure to the latest developments in smart manufacturing, automation, and regulatory compliance. This event will un doubtedly contribute to shaping

Chandrahas Shetty, remarks, "As the event expands in scale and look at the sciences, and advancements set to laboratory technology transform the industry. industries in India."

the future trajectory of

the industry."  $\square$ 

Harshit Shah, technology industry, further solidified our technological the immense potential

#### 'Ayush Food Innovations for a Sustainable World'

Chennai, Sep 21 Ayush-based nutrition. 2024: On the second day of World Food India 2024, the Ministry of Ayush organized an exclusive session on "Revolutionizing Nutrition: Ayush Food Innovations for a Sustainable World," at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The session brought industry leaders, policymakers, researchers, and innovative startups together to explore the vast potential of Ayush foods and nutraceuticals from global markets perspective.

The 90-minute session focused on how Ayurvedic principles and products can be adapted to modern nutritional needs while retaining their ancient therapeutic benefits. All speakers actively engaged in the discussion that covered topics around the theme including, startup growth, international market expansion, and the science behind

Director All India might lack taste.

Dr. Anupam Srivastava, Professor & Head, Department of Ras Shastra & Bhaishiya Kalpana, National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) emphasized on Revolutionizing Nutrition: Ayush Food Innovations for a Sustainable World. He highlighted the significance of food security in India and the categories and the Ayush proposed the vote regulatory

requirements.

Mr. Viral Tiwari, Co-Institute of Ayurveda Founder, Nuskha Prof. Tanuja Nesari Kitchen shared insights mentioned in her on 'Accelerating opening remarks that Growth and Innovation "Ayurvedic food is not in Ayush Startups, Mr. only healthy but also Ashish Dixit, Head tastes great. However, Regulatory Affairs, many people still think Dabur, Expanding that if it's Ayurvedic, it Global Reach explained won't be tasty."There is a the the topic 'Elevating need to emphasize that Ayush Nutrition for event was tailored for Ayurvedic food can be International Markets'. both nutritious and Dr. Manish Pande, flavorful, addressing the Director & Head of misconception that Project Analysis and health-oriented food Documentation Division (PAD Division), Quality Council of India (QCI) delved deeply on the subject of 'Ensuring Quality and Compliance' and Dr. Sonali Mohan, VP -R&D & BD (North), Avesthagen shared here views on 'Ensuring Holistic Health while Addressing Stigma and Perceptions'.

The session concept of Ayurveda moderator Dr. Radhe Ahara. He discussed its Krishan, Senior Media benefits, various Advisor, Ministry of

of thanks and lauded the participants of the session for their inputs and anticipated that this will help the stakeholders, especially, startups to gain multifaceted insights into the innovations happening around

Ayurveda Aahar. The well attended professionals in the Ayush and wellness sectors, including policymakers, business leaders, investors, regulatory officials, and academics. It was an opportunity to explore innovations and expand the global market for Ayush practices.

The session was aimed to build awareness and drive growth in the Ayush sector. All the Participants gained insights into strategies for market expansion, enhancing quality standards, and leveraging collaboration for international

# **Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital Organises 17th Edition of** Kalpavriksha Annual Ophthalmology Educational Workshop

Chennai, Sep 21 2024: Kalpavriksha 2024, the 17th edition of the two-day postgraduate continuing medical education (CME) program for ophthalmology students, organised annually by Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital and Eye Research Centre, the research and the hospital, commenced today, with the participation of about 30 renowned faculty and over 250 students from across the country.

Mr. Rajesh Lakhani IAS, Chairman, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, inaugurated the CME, in the presence of Prof. Athiya Agarwal, Director, Dr. Agarwals Group of Eye Hospital, and organising secretaries: Mr. Rajesh Lakhani



Presentation.

In his comments,

Naveen from Dr Kalpavriksha. It is Agarwals Eye inspiring to see a program that offers Modeled on a crash young ophthalmology educational wing of c o u r s e f o r students the chance to postgraduates, the engage with program comprises distinguished experts expert talks in exam- and gain valuable related topics in insights from their ophthalmology, a wet presentations on lab session on day one clinical cases. I am and a quiz program on confident that this day two. Registered initiative will enhance PGs can present exam the skills of the cases, and the best participating presented clinical case ophthalmologists, will be awarded Dr. enabling them to (Mrs.) T. Agarwal provide even better Award for Best Case care and service to the broader community and their patients."

On the benefits of cases."

the CME, Prof. Dr. Athiya Agarwal said, "Since its inception in 2007, Kalpavriksha has established itself as a leading National Postgraduate CME Program for ophthalmology students across the country. This year, we are pleased to have over 250 students from more than 35 medical colleges and institutes participating. The program offers a valuable opportunity for students to engage with and learn from top experts in ophthalmology. A distinctive feature of this event is the engaging case presentations on the second day, where students receive direct insights and practical tips from faculty on presenting and discussing clinical

#### **Apollo Hospital Chennai hosts a Hands-on workshop** On GAPS & Controversies in Deep Brain Stimulation

Chennai, Sep 21 The workshop 2024: Apollo included presentations the Workshop: Hospitals Chennai from eminent raises the bar of neurologists and excellence in thorough discussions neuroscience by regarding the latest organizing a one-day scientific findings hands-on workshop on related to DBS, which & were beneficial for GAPS Controversies in Deep neurology experts to Brain Stimulation led understand the by well-known experts developments and Prof. Dr. P. clinical issues of both Vijayashankar, DM techniques. In the ever-

Neurology, clinical head, Apollo changing world of Advanced Movement Parkinson's disease Disorders program, (PD) management, and Dr. Arvind Deep Brain Sukumaran, a Stimulation (DBS) and specialist in functional Focused Ultrasound neurosurgery and deep Thalamotomy (FUS) brain stimulation with have gained significant over a decade of attention. DBS has experience. The been a primary option workshop featured an for over 30 years, internationally offering the ability to renowned neurologist, adjust and reverse the Prof. Dr. Jens therapy to address Volkmann, Professor different patient needs  $a\;n\;d\quad C\;h\;a\;i\;r\quad o\;f$ and medical cases. Neurology at the FUS has proven University of effective in treating Wurzburg, Germany. patients with unilateral This event served as a tremor-dominant PD platform to bring for over a decade. The neurology experts adaptable and versatile from various hospitals nature of DBS in Chennai together to establishes it as a share the latest cornerstone therapy technological for a broad spectrum of developments in Deep Parkinson's symptoms, Brain Stimulation essential tremors, and (DBS) for Parkinson's dystonia.

disease (PD).

Key Highlights of & Chair of Neurology \* In-Depth discussions about the

limitations of DBS \* Expert insights from doctors from around the world and

leading neurologists from various hospitals

very happy to host this patients." special workshop to latest DBS advances. excellence through This workshop events like the handshighlights the need to understand the gaps G A P S and debates in these Controversies in Deep treatments. I believe Brain Stimulation. professionals have a forefront of medical duty to inform advances. By working Parkinson's patients together and sharing about current what they know, treatment options. We Apollo Hospitals are thrilled to have Chennai keeps setting Prof. Dr. Jens new standards in share his know-how."

Prof. Dr. Jens in India. Volkmann, Professor

at the University of Wurzburg Germany, said, "It's an honor to benefits and take part in this workshop and share my insights on the newest DBS developments. The sharing of ideas and experiences among \* Networking experts will bring opportunities with about new thoughts and perspectives on how to treat P. Parkinson's disease. Vijayashankar, DM The workshop Neurology Clinical emphasis's on gaps and head, Apollo debates in DBS will Advanced Movement spark important talks Disorders Program, and discussions, which Apollo Hospitals should lead to Chennai, said, "We are improved results for

Apollo Hospitals help neurology doctors Chennai demonstrates stay up-to-date on the its commitment to on workshop about we as healthcare This proves it's at the Wolkman join us to neurology and raising the bar for medical care



### **Charting the course to progress in gender equality** and challenges in India's pursuit of a Viksit Bharat

**Authored by- Dhruvi Shah, Executive Trustee & CEO, Axis Bank Foundation** 

Chennai, Sep 21 empowerment a non- boasts a substantial collaborating with 2024: member of the Bangiya making, policy Nari Samaj and a implementation, and commissioner of the societal acceptance are Female Labour intricate and Investigation multifaceted. Commission, Ultimately, true spearheaded efforts w o m e n 's that culminated in empowerment can be women's right to vote achieved only through in the 1926 Indian social and behavioural General Elections.

Nearly five decades later, in Chamoli district's Reni village, Gauri Devi emerged as commercial logging.

Indian history is abounded with examples of women who have not only advanced their own lives but also their communities. Yet, gender parity remains a challenge socially and economically. While efforts have been made towards inclusion work Policy Milestones from a broader perspective, acceptance of such strategies, laws and provisions are heavily influenced by i m m e d i a t e communities, families, social and religious beliefs and economic status.

change - something slow to attain over a long period of time,

often over generations.

Indian environmental contributes their economic movements—the substantially to independence and Chipko Movement. economic growth. empowering them to Her courageous Increased female labor actively contribute to resistance against force participation can decision-making deforestation led to the boost GDP, while processes affecting formation of a women-owned their lives. c o m m i t t e e t o businesses create jobs investigate the issue in and drive innovation. the Alaknanda valley Microfinance and a subsequent ten-initiatives, often y e a r b a n o n targeting women, have demonstrated a remarkable ability to alleviate poverty and s t i m u 1 a t eentrepreneurship. An UN Women estimate shows that bridging the gender gap has the health, and nutrition,

Legislative and

trillion.

India, government initiatives have been steadily creating possibilities for women to have an equitable stake in the country's economic growth. Recent data highlights the impact of schemes like Stand-Up India and Pradhan India's vast Mantri MUDRA geographic diversity, Yojana, with women coupled with complex comprising 84% and w o m e n ' s Furthermore, India greatly

In 1921, linear process. The pool of women STEM these grassroots Kamini Roy, a leading influences on decision- graduates, constituting women-led groups. 43% of the total.

The maternity leave to 26 empowerment of weeks, marks a significant stride in India's journey towards gender equality in the workplace. This policy change is expected to substantially increase the number of women Studies have who rejoin the one of the most consistently shown that workforce after giving significant figures in empowering women birth. By enhancing

> Besides, women's self-help groups have undergone a transformative journey in recent decades to don leadership roles in their communities. Initially platforms for financial inclusion and knowledge sharing on topics like agriculture, potential to boost the SHGs have evolved global economy by \$7 into powerful advocacy tools. Today, women-led SHGs are at the forefront of combating issues like domestic violence and gender-based discrimination. According to the Economic Survey 2023-2024, the Deendayal Antyodaya endeavours. The Yojana-NRLM has stories we tell in empowered over 89 unified voices of our million women experience of through 8.3 million e x c 1 u s i o n, SHGs.

Funding agencies socio-economic 69% of beneficiaries and corporate factors, renders respectively. foundations benefit

They have the power to 2 0 1 7 aid the real-world amendment to the acceptance of laws, Maternity Benefit Act, policies, schemes and 1961, extending provisions made for the

Still work in

women.

Despite substantial progress, deep-rooted socio-cultural barriers and persistent economic disparities continue to hinder w o m e n 's advancement. Challenges such as the gender pay gap, limited access to financial services, and inadequate childcare remain prevalent.

It is an imperative that efforts are made in tandem by workplaces, governments, law enforcement, judiciary, funding agencies, corporate foundations and civil society organisations. Only through these concerted efforts can systems rightly support equitable inclusion of women within their homes, communities as well as in the workforce.

Above all, it is on women from varied strata—the educated, uneducated, employed, unemployed, urbandwellers and ruraldwellers—to define the narrative of our discrimination, abuse and oppression have the power to define the path to a true Viksit

# Besant Nagar Beach Clean-up - A.M. Jain College

A.M. Jain College participated in a beach clean-up at Besant Nagar today, marking International Coastal Clean-Up Day, with 760 students volunteering under the direction of Principal Dr. B. Mahavir and Dean Dr. M. M. Ramya. The event was backed by the Prithvi



Parishad (Enviro Club), Karuna Club, Rotaract Club, and NSS, showcasing the students' dedication to keeping the beach clean and protecting the marine environment.

### **KFC PIONEERS QSR INDUSTRY-FIRST SIGN** LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES

Chennai, Sep 21 2024: Sometimes, all it takes is a sign to understand each other. In celebration of International Day of Sign Languages, KFC is taking a monumental step in the hospitality industry, as it becomes the first QSR in India to launch a Sign Language training program for 100% of its employees. The first-of-its-kind training is required to be undertaken by all 17,000+KFCemployees, who are spread across 240+ cities in 1200+ restaurants, as well as those working in the brand's corporate offices.

Designed in consultation with a Sign Language expert, the online training covers multiple modules specifically crafted for a beginner to grasp the basics of ISL. The first module is focused on the alphabets in ISL, while subsequent ones focus on greetings and regular phrases that are key for holding a conversation in Sign Language. The training is part of KFC India's Kshamata program, which is aimed at feeding people's potential, and bridging the gender and ability gap. Through Kshamata, KFC is committed towards empowering women and the speech and hearing-impaired across restaurants; and



aims to double the potential and number of speech and opportunities for the hearing impaired (SHI) Hearing-impaired employees, by 2026.

This year, as an extension of the #SpeakSign campaign, KFC aims to bring the entire hospitality industry together with the launch of India's first interactive Sign Language kiosk that allows individuals to learn to order their favourite food items from across brands & cuisines using Indian Sign Language. This exhibit was unveiled at Select CityWalk, New Delhi and Ambience Mall, Gurugram, inviting consumers to learn to sign 30+ popular food items like Pizza, Burger, Dosa, Momos, Pasta, along with KFC favourites like Hot & Crispy, Chicken popcorn, Zinger.

Speaking about the initiative, Moksh Chopra, General Manager, KFC India & Partner Countries, said, "Through our KFC Kshamata program, one of the areas of focus has been to help unlock the

community. One of the most important steps towards this is spreading the usage of Sign Language and since 2021, our annual #SpeakSign campaign focuses on enabling this goal. This year, we are 100% of our teams will making our restaurants across the country more inclusive. We're also taking this Sign Language movement beyond just our organization into the hospitality industry. With the interactive kiosk at popular locations, we're encouraging consumers to learn to order their favourite food items across brands using Sign

franchise partners consumers learn how to Devyani International sign and order their KFC Limited (DIL) and favorites, along with Sapphire Foods India short tutorial videos on Limited (SFIL) have KFC's social media played an integral part in channels and website. the Kshamata journey.

Language."

Deepak Taluja. President & CEO-KFC at Sapphire Foods India Limited (SFIL) said, "Creating a culture where everyone feels valued is at the heart of SFIL, and all of us are extremely proud of the KFC Kshamata initiative. The rollout of Sign Language training for all employees is a significant step, and shows how small but powerful changes can help businesses foster truly inclusive environments. We at SFIL are committed towards feeding people's potential with KFC Kshamata."

The interactive proud to announce that kiosks are available in Select CityWalk, New be trained in basic Delhi & Ambience Mall, Indian Sign Language, Gurugram until 21st September.

Consumers can visit any of the 54 Special KFCs (operated by speech and hearing impaired employees) on International Day of Sign Language on 23rd September, and learn to #SpeakSign with team members as they e n c o u r a g e communication in ISL. Special Sign Language buckets and Sign Language menus have K F C I n d i a 's also been created to help

#### Servotech Power Systems Ltd. to Electrify Karnataka's Green Mobility, **Gets order to Install 11 Public EV Charging Stations for BESCOM**

Chennai, Sep 21 Servotech 2024: Power Systems Ltd. India's largest EV Charger manufacturer, has secured a substantial contract to charging stations from making it more convenient for EV owners to charge their Director of Servotech regions of Karnataka.

manage the entire project execution, from planning and design to final installation. This includes developing a goal of transforming customer base and

comprehensive plan India into an EVfor the installation of powered nation. We build 11 DC Fast EV EV charging stations at are creating our green each RTO location, footprints, capturing Bangalore Electricity ensuring optimal every state, and every Supply Company placement and region of India. Limited (BESCOM). capacity. High-quality Having recently This contract involves charging stations will collaborated with Servotech installing be manufactured, ANERT and now with public electric vehicle tested, and inspected to BESCOM our robust (EV) charging stations meet strict safety and desire towards at 11 Regional performance creating an EV Transport Office s t a n d a r d s . charging framework is (RTO) premises across Additionally, growing stronger day Karnataka. The project Servotech will provide by day and we plan to will significantly warranty support and enhance our presence enhance the charging handle all necessary by collaborating with infrastructure for electrical connections other Nodal Agencies electric vehicles, and power supply and DISCOMs in arrangements.

vehicles across various Power Systems Ltd. said, "We are glad to be Servotech will working on this project for BESCOM. As a leading player in the EV sector, this initiative brings us closer to our collective

Sarika Bhatia,

future as well. Our efficient hardware and software solutions will ensure dependable EV charging stations, catering to the growing demand for sustainable travel options. This project is key to support the expanding EV

strategically scaling EV charging stations in high-demand areas. Together, with a shared vision and dedication, we are driving a smooth transition to green mobility through sustainable transport solutions.

Earlie, the company secured a substantial contract for installing 12 EV charging stations from the Agency for New and Renewable Energy Research and Technology (ANERT), Department of Power, Govt. of Kerala. Under this contract Servotech has to build 12 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations with 30KW Fast DC EV Chargers at the various locations of Kerala Motor Vehicle Department. This contract involves Servotech supplying, commissioning, and construction of EV charging stations.

## **ALVAREZ & MARSAL APPOINTS BHARAT GARG AND SAMEER AMTE AS** MANAGING DIRECTORS TO STRENGTHEN ITS INDIA LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chennai, Sep 22 2024: Leading global professional services firm Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) India has announced the appointment of Bharat Garg and Sameer Amte as Managing Directors in its Business Transformation Services practice. focus on expanding market. These appointments A&M's consumer and align with A&M's retail practice and strategy to expand strengthening the capabilities across key firm's capabilities in sectors in India by e n d - t o - e n d attracting top talent transformation and and providing clients driving operational S a m e e r 's with comprehensive improvements. solutions. The firm remains focused on delivering bespoke services to support clients in the consumer, retail, and industrial sectors, helping them navigate challenges to unlock growth opportunities.

in Mumbai, brings over transformation, supply 16 years of strategic chain planning, and consulting experience o m n i - c h a n n e l across diverse sectors transformation including FMCG, initiatives. Prior to direct-to-consumer joining A&M, Sameer brands, fashion, and held senior leadership retail. Bharat has been roles at Accenture driving large-scale Strategy and b u s i n e s s Consulting leading the transformations, retail and life sciences corporate strategy practice in India. formulation, and end- S a m e e r h a s to-end margin spearheaded major improvement for digital transformation prior role as a Partner at clients navigate A&M, Bharat will rapidly evolving and



Sameer Amte, based in Pune, joins A&M with over 20 years of consulting experience across industrial, retail, and life sciences sectors. Sameer has a proven track record in EBITDA improvement Bharat Garg, based programs, digital landscape. clients globally. His projects, helping A&M, commented:

Himanshu Bajaj, Managing Director and India Co-Country Leader at A&M, said:

"Bharat and appointments underscores our sector is poised for commitment to strengthening the leadership team and expanding our service launched by the GOI to offerings in India. Their deep expertise in coupled by shifts in the industrial and consumer sectors. The organizations have combined with their a unique opportunity to ability to deliver take advantage of this practical, hands-on dynamic situation and solutions, will help our expedite their growth clients unlock new ambitions. However, growth opportunities. organizations must As we continue to carve out clear growth grow and evolve in path, and strengthen India, their leadership their operations by will be instrumental in leveraging digital and ensuring we meet the gen AI to give needs of businesses themselves an looking to thrive in this excellent chance to fast-changing take advantage of this

Bharat Garg, Managing Director at

Boston Consulting complex challenges in income levels and the reach enables us to Group (BCG) saw him sales, supply chain, corresponding growth deliver comprehensive k e y and cost optimization. in consumer spending solutions that drive transformation At A&M, Sameer will are reshaping the transformation projects for global strengthen the firm's consumer and retail agendas of the Fortune 200 industrial sector landscape. Companies organization. I am c o m p a n i e s, capabilities and need to adapt to the happy to join the firm significantly leverage digital evolving demands of at such a dynamic time improving operational strategies to drive customers to stay and look forward to efficiencies and growth for clients relevant. A&M's helping our clients strategic outcomes. At across sectors in a operational expertise achieve their strategic

understanding of market dynamics position us uniquely to deliver solutions that help businesses scale effectively and profitably while staying responsive to consumer needs. I am excited to join A&M and contribute to its mission of driving transformative growth for clients globally.

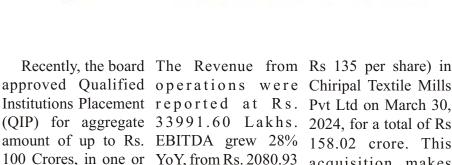
Sameer Amte, Managing Director at Alvarez & Marsal,

"India's industrial

substantial growth, fueled by "Make in India" initiative White. promote investments global supply chains. opportunity. A&M's unique combination of developing growth and RTM strategies, digital led operational "India's rising excellence and global

### **Vishal Fabrics Ltd. Allots Convertible Warrants to FPI North Star Opportunities Fund, amongst Others**

Chennai, Sep 21 Vishal 2024: Fabrics Ltd., a premier supplier of top quality stretch denim fabric, has announced that its board has allotted compulsorily convertible warrants at a floor price of Rs. 30.60 per warrant to persons belonging to non-promoter category, aggregating to Rs. 153 Cr. FPIs North Star Opportunities Fund VCC Bull Value Incorporated VCC Sub-Fund, Eminence Global Fund PCC-EUBILIA Capital Partners Fund, and other public category persons Elysian Wealth Fund India EIF I Fund.



Further, the company announced

approved Qualified operations were Chiripal Textile Mills Institutions Placement reported at Rs. Pvt Ltd on March 30, (QIP) for aggregate 33991.60 Lakhs. 2024, for a total of Rs amount of up to Rs. EBITDA grew 28% 100 Crores, in one or YoY, from Rs. 2080.93 more tranches. The Lakhs (Q1FY24) to fund-raise will be Rs. 2668.71 Lakhs subject to approval of (Q1FY25). PAT the Company's jumped 106% YoY, shareholders and from Rs. 231.86 Lakhs receipt of applicable (Q1FY24) to Rs. regulatory approvals. 477.83 Lakhs (Q1FY25).

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Earlier, Vishal (Formerly Silver stellar earnings for Fabrics Ltd acquired a Stallion Ltd) & Vikasa Q1FY25 (Quarter 37.72 per cent stake 2023. ended 30 June 2024). (1,170,500 shares at

158.02 crore. This acquisition makes Chiripal Textile Mills an associate company of Vishal Fabrics. Chiripal Textile Mills is a manufacturer and trader of various yarns and fabrics, with a turnover of Rs 539.03 crore for the financial year ending March 31,

### **HP** introduces the new Color LaserJet **Pro printers for businesses in India**

Chennai, Sep 21 2024: HP introduced a new range of HP Color LaserJet Pro 3000 series, the latest addition to its office print portfolio. Catering to businesses in India, this new range leverages energyefficient TerraJet toner technology to deliver sharper colors and faster print speeds. The HP Color LaserJet Pro 3000 series includes two models in India: the single-function HP Color LaserJet Pro Printer 3203dw and the multi-function HP Color LaserJet Pro Printer 3303sdw, which offers printing, scanning, and copying capabilities in Color and Black and

The HP Color LaserJet Pro 3000 series delivers exceptional speed and efficiency. With a print speed of up to 25 pages per minute and a rapid first printout time of just 10.9 seconds, these printers ensure fast and reliable results. The default duplex printing feature helps reduce paper usage and costs by automatically printing on both sides of each page. Additionally, the device has a robust duty



and has a toner yield of solution is designed to up to 1300 black and help businesses 1200 color pages.

"As small and medium-sized businesses in India continue to expand, efficient and secure printing has become a critical component of their operations. We recognize the challenges faced by SMB leaders in LaserJet Pro MFP balancing their growing 3303sdw unleashes requirements. HP has needs with the right productivity with hightechnological solutions. speed two-sided color reliable monochrome Therefore, we are printing at 26 ppm duplex laser printers, pleased to introduce the (Letter) and 25 ppm and now enhancing new HP Color LaserJet (A4), featuring a 50- portfolio with robust Pro 3000 series. sheet Automatic color printing options. Featuring innovative Document Feeder and TerraJet technology, this reliable Wi-Fi® for series offers exceptional seamless connectivity. color quality, The HP Smart app professional speed, and streamlines printing and energy efficiency within scanning with timecycle of 40,000 pages a compact design. This

minimize downtime, efficiency, and stay competitive in an everevolving market", said Sunish Raghavan, Senior Director, Printing Systems, HP India

Market.

saving shortcuts. Security is prioritized with HP Wolf Pro Security and the optional HP Security Manager, ensuring your data is protected. Designed for sustainability, this printer uses low-energy HP TerraJet Toner, incorporates autoon/auto-off technology.

Availability and

HP Color LaserJet Pro Printer 3203dw is priced at INR 50,304 on **HPeStore** 

HP Color LaserJet maintain operational Pro Printer 3303sdw is priced at INR 61.181 on **HPeStore** 

HP offers a comprehensive range of both monochrome and color Laser duplex highspeed printers, The HP Color addressing a broad spectrum of business consistently delivered

> Devices are available for sale via HP eStore and also via HP authorized partners in

#### Al Adoption Soars in India, But Energy Demands and Infrastructure **Challenges Threaten Sustainability Goals, Reveals Pure Storage Survey**

highlighting the energy consumption, AI government, healthcare, enterprises in India to more. compete in a business landscape characterized by two key trends – AI and sustainability. The report, "India's AI Journey: Balancing Innovation with Sustainable Growth" found that while AI is a top priority, companies are concerned about its impact on energy consumption and that meeting their ESG goals will become impossible piloting them, and 12% for AI, 74% of without a modern robust are still exploring organizations plan to IT infrastructure.

Industry Significance:

AI is rapidly emerging as a transformative power across various industries in India, driven by the urgent demand for innovation, increased productivity, and improved customer experiences. A recent report by TeamLease Digital indicated that AI could contribute approximately \$450-500 billion to the nation's GDP by 2025, representing 10% of India's ambitious \$5 trillion GDP goal. However, AI is also putting a strain on data

data storage technology Agency, data centers adoption with 68% and and ESG goals. and services has already account for 1 to 70% rates, respectively, released a new report 2 percent of global while sectors like

Survey Highlights:

India's AI Momentum gaining tech and media sectors traction: Over the next three years, 48% of respondents have prioritized AI to towards on-premises maintain their solutions due to competitive edge. compliance and security Currently, 52% of concerns. IT organizations have infrastructure is a key deployed AI technologies, 35% are deployment: To prepare integration strategies.

being leveraged across enhance data storage various functions, infrastructure, and 61% including marketing and plan to invest in data sales, IT operations and security and compliance fraud detection, to ensure secure and reflecting its versatility. efficient data flows. Today, 64% of the secure and efficient IT environments and 40%use it for new product development (NPD) and

show more cautious adoption, with higher percentages in the piloting phase. While prefer cloud-based AI solutions, BFSI and government sectors lean challenge in AI upgrade data Current A I management tools and Applications: AI is processes, 65% plan to

banking, financial growth also drives questionnaire.

Chennai, Sep 21 centers by requiring services, and insurance higher energy 2024: Pure Storage® more resources such as (BFSI); technology, consumption, with 74% (NYSE: PSTG), the IT electricity, water and media, and of organizations pioneer that delivers the space. According to the telecommunications concerned about AI's world's most advanced International Energy (TMT) sectors lead in AI impact on energy use

Executive Insight:

"As AI adoption preparedness of will push this up even and manufacturing surges in India, organizations are driving innovation across sectors, but they struggle with rising energy demands and meeting ESG goals. Our report highlights the urgent need to invest in robust, energy-efficient systems that can power AI-driven growth while securing a greener future for all." - Ajay Singh, Chief Product Officer, Pure Storage

Methodology

Pure Storage's study is based on a survey conducted across India's enterprises in sectors such as BFSI, Tech-Telecom-Media, Healthcare (Pharma R&D and Diagnostics), Government, Airlines, Transportation, Supply Rising Energy Chain and Logistics, organizations use AI for Consumption and Manufacturing, etc. their virtual Sustainability from June to August assistant/chatbot Concerns: As AI 2024. The study function, 45% use AI technologies expand, involved 210 across IT operations and the demand for respondents including cybersecurity reflecting s u p p o r t i n g key IT decision-makers the critical need for infrastructure has and those with the surged. 42% of authority to influence IT organizations report a purchasing decisions. doubling in compute The insights were power needs, while 41% gathered through a innovation. AI Adoption have seen their storage combination of in-depth Across Sectors: The demands double. This interviews and a survey