

PM's address at the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 programme

Chennai Oct 02 2024: My colleagues in the Union Cabinet, Shri Manohar Lal ji, Shri C.R. Patil ji, Shri Tokhan Sahu ji, Shri Raj Bhushan ji, all other dignitaries, ladies, and gentlemen!

Today is the birth anniversary of Pujya Babu and Lal Bahadur Shastri ji. I humbly bow to these great sons of Maa Bharti. This day inspires all of us to work together to fulfill the dream that Gandhi ji and the country's great figures had envisioned for Bharat.

On this 2nd of October, I am filled with a sense of duty and also deeply emotional. Today marks 10 years of the Swachh Bharat Mission. This journey of the Swachh Bharat Mission is a symbol of the unwavering commitment of crores of Indians. Over the past 10 years, countless Indians have embraced this mission, made it their own, and incorporated it into their daily lives. On this milestone of 10 years, I extend my heartfelt appreciation and praise to every citizen, our sanitation workers, our religious leaders, our athletes, our celebrities, NGOs, and media friends. You all have together made the Swachh Bharat Mission such a massive public movement. I express my gratitude from the heart to the President, Vice President, former Presidents, and former Vice Presidents, who also contributed to this program by engaging in cleanliness drives, providing immense inspiration to the nation. I extend heartfelt thanks to the President and Vice President for their contributions. Today, cleanliness-related programs are being conducted across the country. People are enthusiastically cleaning their villages, cities, neighborhoods, whether it be chawls, flats, or societies. Many state Chief Ministers, ministers, and other public representatives have also participated and led this program. Over the past fortnight alone,

crores of people across the country have participated in cleanliness drives. I have been informed that during the 15 days of the "Seva Pakhwada" (Service Fortnight), more than 27 lakh programs were organized nationwide, with over 28 crore people participating. We can keep Bharat clean only through continuous efforts. I express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every Indian.

At this important juncture today, new projects worth around 10,000 crore rupees related to cleanliness have also been launched. Under the AMRUT mission, water and sewage treatment plants will be constructed in many cities across the country. Whether it's work related to "Namami Gange" or biogas production from waste through "GOBARdhan" plants, these initiatives will elevate the Swachh Bharat Mission to new heights. The more successful the Swachh Bharat Mission is, the brighter our country will shine.

Even a thousand years from now, when 21st-century Bharat is studied, the Swachh Bharat campaign will undoubtedly be remembered. Swachh Bharat is the world's largest and most successful people-led, people-driven public movement of this century. This mission has shown me the energy of the people, whom I regard as divine. For me, cleanliness has become a celebration of the power of the people. I am reminded of so much... When this campaign began, millions of people simultaneously took to cleaning. From weddings to public events, the message of cleanliness was everywhere. While an elderly mother sold her goats to contribute to the construction of toilets, some sold their mangalsutras, while others donated land for the construction of toilets.



Some retired teachers donated their pensions, and soldiers dedicated their retirement funds to cleanliness. Had these donations been given to temples or any other event, they would have made headlines in newspapers and been discussed for a week. But the nation must know that those whose faces did not ever appear on TV, whose names were never in the headlines, have made contributions, be it time or wealth, giving this movement new strength and energy. This reflects the character of our nation.

When I spoke about giving up single-use plastic, crores of people started using jute and cloth bags for shopping. I am grateful to them. Otherwise, if I had spoken about banning single-use plastic, those involved in the plastic industry might have protested, gone on hunger strikes... but they didn't. They cooperated, even at economic loss. I also thank the political parties that perhaps could have protested, claiming Modi has banned single-use plastic, causing unemployment, but they didn't. I'm thankful their attention didn't go there, though it might now.

Our film industry has also not lagged behind in this movement. Instead of focusing on commercial interests, the industry made films to spread the message of cleanliness. In these 10 years, and I feel this is not a one-time matter, it is a continuous task that needs to be carried out every moment and every day. When I emphasize this, I live by this belief. As you may recall, I have mentioned cleanliness around 800 times in "Mann Ki Baat". People send lakhs of letters sharing their efforts and dedication to cleanliness.

Today, as I witness the achievements of the country and its people, a question arises: Why didn't this happen earlier? Mahatma Gandhi had shown us the path to cleanliness during the freedom movement. He not only showed us but also taught us. Then why was no attention given to

cleanliness after independence? Those who sought power in Gandhi's name and garnered votes in his name forgot about his favorite topic—cleanliness. They didn't see the lack of toilets as a problem for the country, as if they had accepted filth as a way of life. As a result, people were forced to live in filth. Filth became a part of routine life. Cleanliness ceased to be discussed. So, when I raised the issue from the Red Fort, it caused a storm. Some mocked me, saying talking about toilets and cleanliness isn't the job of Bharat's Prime Minister. They continue to mock me.

The impact of the Swachh Bharat Mission on the lives of ordinary citizens of the country has been invaluable. Recently, a study was published in a renowned international journal. This study was conducted by scientists from the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington, USA, the University of California, and Ohio State University. It found that the Swachh Bharat Mission has saved the lives of 60,000 to 70,000 children annually. Even if someone donates blood and saves just one life, it is a monumental event. But we, through cleanliness, removing garbage, and eliminating filth, have been able to save the lives of 60,000-70,000 children - what greater blessing from God could there be? According to the WHO, between 2014 and 2019, 300,000 lives were saved that otherwise would have been lost to diarrhea. This has become a duty of human service, my friends.

A report by UNICEF states that more than 90 per cent of women now feel safer due to the construction of toilets at home. The diseases caused by infections in women have also significantly decreased due to the Swachh Bharat Mission. And it doesn't end there. In thousands of schools, the dropout rate of girls has decreased because separate toilets for girls have been built. Another study by UNICEF shows that, on average, rural families save around 50,000 rupees annually due to cleanliness. Earlier, these funds would have been

spent on medical treatments for frequent illnesses or lost due to inability to work because of sickness.

The Swachh Bharat Mission is not just a program for cleanliness; its scope is expanding widely. It is now paving the way for cleanliness-driven prosperity. The Swachh Bharat Mission has also generated large-scale employment. Over the past few years, the construction of crores of toilets has benefitted many sectors, providing jobs to people. In villages, masons, plumbers, labourers, and many others have found new opportunities. UNICEF estimates that about 1.25 crore people have gained some economic benefit or employment due to this mission. A new generation of female masons is also a product of this campaign. Earlier, we had never heard of female masons, but now you can see women working as masons.

With clean technology, better jobs and opportunities are emerging for our youth. Today, around 5,000 startups are registered in clean tech. In areas such as waste-to-wealth, waste collection and transportation, water reuse, and recycling, many opportunities are being created in the water and sanitation sector. It is estimated that by the end of this decade, 65 lakh new jobs will be created in this sector, and the Swachh Bharat Mission will undoubtedly play a significant role in this.

The Swachh Bharat Mission has also given a new boost to the circular economy. We are now producing compost, biogas, electricity, and materials like charcoal for

road construction from the waste generated at home. Today, the GOBARdhan Yojana is bringing about major changes in both rural and urban areas. Under this scheme, hundreds of biogas plants are being set up in villages. For farmers engaged in animal husbandry, handling aged livestock can become a financial burden. Now, thanks to the GOBARdhan Yojana, even livestock that no longer produces milk or works on farms can become a source of income. In addition, hundreds of CBG plants have already been set up across the country. Today, several new plants have been inaugurated, and new projects have been initiated.

In this rapidly changing time, it is important for us to understand the challenges related to cleanliness. As our economy grows and urbanization increases, the generation of waste will also rise, leading to more garbage. The current "use and throw" model of the economy also contributes to this problem. We will face new types of waste, including electronic waste. Therefore, we must improve our future strategies. We need to develop technologies in construction that make greater use of recyclable materials. Our colonies, housing complexes, and buildings need to be designed in a way that brings us as close to zero waste as possible. If we can bring it to zero waste, it will really be very good.

We must ensure that water is not wasted and that treated wastewater is reused effectively. The Namami Gange project is a model for us. As a result of this initiative, the Ganges River is now much cleaner. The Amrit Mission and Amrit Sarovar campaign are also bringing significant changes. These are powerful models of change brought about by government and public participation. However, I believe this is not enough. We must continue to invest in new technologies for water conservation, water treatment, and cleaning our rivers. We all know how closely cleanliness is linked to tourism. Therefore, we must also keep our tourist destinations, sacred sites, and heritage sites clean.

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Kedaara backed Ajax Engineering Limited files DRHP with SEBI

Chennai, Oct 02 2024: Kedaara backed Ajax Engineering Limited, a leading concrete equipment manufacturer with a comprehensive range of concrete equipment, services and solutions across the concrete application value chain has filed the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with capital markets regulator SEBI to float an initial public offering (IPO).

According to the draft red herring prospectus, the Initial Public Offering of the Bengaluru headquartered company consists of an Offer for Sale of up to 2,28,81,718 Equity Shares (2.28 crore equity shares) by the Selling Shareholders.

The OFS comprises of up to 74,36,800 Equity Shares by Kedaara Capital (Investor Selling Shareholder); up to 28,60,170 Equity Shares each by Krishnaswamy Vijay

and Kalyani Vijay; 22,88,136 Equity Shares by Jacob Jiten John; 60,06,357 Equity Shares by Jacob Hansen Family Trust (Promoter Selling Shareholders) and 14,30,085 Equity Shares by Susie John (Promoter Group Shareholder)

Incorporated in 1992, Ajax Engineering has developed a comprehensive product portfolio that includes equipment such as self-loading concrete mixers (SLCMs) and batching plants for the production of concrete, transit mixers for the transportation of concrete, boom pumps, concrete pumps and self-propelled boom pumps for the placement of concrete, slip-form pavers for the paving of concrete and 3D concrete printers for depositing concrete.

The concrete equipment has diverse use cases and is

deployed across transportation projects such as roads, railway lines, underground tunnels, elevated tracks, flyovers and bridges; irrigation projects such as reservoirs, canals, check dams and aqueducts, and infrastructure projects involving landscaping, drainage, construction of airports, power plants, factories, oil and gas terminals etc.

Co-founded by Krishnaswamy Vijay, Executive Chairman, late Jacob John and late Anil Kumar Singh, Ajax Engineering operates four assembling and manufacturing facilities located at Obadenahalli, Gowribidanur and Bashedihalli in Karnataka, each specializing in distinct product lines. The assembling and manufacturing facility at Adinarayanahosahalli, Karnataka is currently under construction and expected to become operational in March 2025.

As of March 31, 2024, Ajax's dealer network comprised of 51 dealerships across 23 states in India and has expanded its global reach with 25 dealers and distributors across South and Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.

Ajax which is one of the three largest manufacturers of SLCMs in the world, with an approximately 75% market share in the SLCM market in India (in terms of number of SLCMs sold in FY24) reported FY24 revenue from operations at Rs. 1741 crores with a PAT of Rs. 225 crores.

ICICI Securities Limited, Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, JM Financial Limited, Nuvama Wealth Management Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited are the book running lead managers to the issue. The equity shares are proposed to be listed on BSE and NSE.

Tubes and Pipes manufacturer Scoda Tubes Limited files draft papers to raise Rs. 275 crore via IPO

Chennai, Oct 02 2024: Scoda Tubes Limited has filed its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO).

The IPO is a complete fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs. 275 crore. Proceeds from the fresh issue will be used for Capital expenditure towards expanding production capacity of seamless and welded tubes and pipes, Funding the part incremental working

capital requirements of the Company and General corporate purposes.

The company is a stainless-steel tubes and pipes manufacturer based in India having over 14 years of experience. The products are broadly categorised into: (i) seamless tubes/pipes; and (ii) welded tubes and pipes, under five (5) product lines, namely, (i) stainless steel seamless pipes; (ii) stainless steel seamless tubes; (iii) stainless steel seamless "U" tubes; (iv) stainless steel instrumentation tubes; and (v) stainless steel

welded tubes and "U" tubes ("Products" or "Stainless Steel Products"). The products are under the brand, "Scoda Tubes Limited". These products are used by a diverse range of customers like engineering companies, EPC and industrial companies engaged in Oil and Gas, Chemicals, Fertilisers, Power, Pharmaceuticals, Automotive, Railways and Transportation sectors

As of August 31, 2024, the company's manufacturing facility has a total installed capacity of 20,000 MT per annum of mother

hollow, 10,068 MT per annum of seamless products and 164,020 MT per annum of welded products. The company caters to both domestic as well as international markets.

Samarth Patel, Jagrutkumar Patel, Ravi Patel, Saurabh Patel, Vipulkumar Patel are the promoters of the company having years of experience in the stainless steel, seamless & welded tubes and pipes industry.

Monarch Network Capital is the sole book-running lead manager to the issue.

Celebrate the Festive Season with Flipkart's Big Billion Days Sale on Large Appliances

Chennai, Oct 02 2024: Elevate your home this festive season with Flipkart's Big Billion Days sale on large appliances. Whether you're looking to upgrade your kitchen with the latest, energy-efficient refrigerators, streamline your laundry routine with high-performance washing machines, or create a home theater experience with cutting-edge televisions, Flipkart marketplace platform has everything you need from Brands and sellers across the country.

Take advantage of unbeatable and exciting offers that make it easier than ever to bring home top-of-the-line appliances. This is your opportunity to enhance your living space with the best products at the best prices. Don't miss out—shop now and transform your home into a smarter, more efficient, and stylish haven.

Offers on Televisions: Samsung 43" 4K LED Smart TV

Experience superior viewing with 4K Upscaling, PurColor, HDR 10+, Auto Game Mode, Q-Symphony, and Knox Security. Enjoy a flat Rs.1500 off with SuperCoins, an additional Rs.2000 off on exchange, and a minimum of 20% off on a soundbar combo.

Shop from Flipkart for Rs.22,999

Sony Bravia 65" 4K LED Smart TV This TV offers stunning picture quality with sharper imagery and breathtaking colors. It also delivers powerful sound with open baffle speakers and pure sound precision. The sale includes a flat Rs.1500 off with SuperCoins, an additional Rs.5000 off on exchange, and up to

Rs.8000 off on a Sony soundbar combo. Shop from Flipkart for Rs.72,499

LG 55" OLED 4K Smart TV

Perfect for an immersive viewing experience with its ultra-slim design and SELF-LIT OLED technology. It offers a spellbinding cinema experience with Dolby Vision and Dolby Atmos. During the sale, get a flat Rs.1500 off with SuperCoins, an additional Rs.5000 off on exchange, and a minimum of 20% off on a soundbar combo. Shop from Flipkart for Rs.69,999

Offers on Washing Machines:

IFB 8 kg Fully Automatic Front Load Washing Machine

Celebrate the festive season with the IFB 8 kg Fully Automatic Front Load Washing Machine, which features a Steam Refresh function that acts like a spa for your clothes. With 9 Swirl Wash, Eco Inverter technology, and a touch panel with AI, this washing machine ensures efficient and intelligent laundry care. It also comes with a 4-year comprehensive warranty, providing peace of mind. Save extra with Rs.1,500 off using SuperCoins, making it a smart investment for your home. Shop from Flipkart for Rs.29,490

BOSCH 9 kg Front Load Washer

The BOSCH 9 kg Fully Automatic Front Load Washing Machine is designed to tackle tough Indian-specific stains with its in-built heater and anti-bacteria steam cycle. This powerful appliance offers efficient cleaning and hygiene, making it ideal for your laundry

needs. Enjoy up to Rs.4,500 off on exchange and an additional Rs.2,000 off with SuperCoins, making it a fantastic deal to upgrade your laundry routine this festive season during Flipkart's Big Billion Days Sale. Shop from Flipkart for Rs.32,490

SAMSUNG 9 kg Top Load Washing Machine

Upgrade your laundry experience with the SAMSUNG 9 kg Top Load Washer, featuring Ecobubble technology and Wi-Fi connectivity. The SmartThings app provides intelligent laundry solutions, making washing clothes easier and more efficient. Enjoy up to Rs.3,000 off on exchange and an extra Rs.1,000 off with SuperCoins, making it a great addition to your home. Shop from Flipkart for Rs.21,490

Offers on Refrigerators:

Samsung 236 L Double Door Refrigerator

This versatile appliance features an easy freezer-to-fridge converter, Power Cool & Freeze functions, and a digital inverter with display. Enjoy up to 12 months of no-cost EMI, extra cashbacks, and SuperCoin offers. Shop from Flipkart for Rs.23,490

Whirlpool 235 L Triple Door Refrigerator

The Whirlpool 235 Refrigerator is perfect for those seeking energy efficiency and ample storage. It boasts the only frost-free range with 5 shelves, ensuring optimal organization and freshness. Take advantage of extra cashbacks, SuperCoin offers, and no-cost EMI for up to 9 months. Shop

from Flipkart for Rs.22,490

Samsung 653 L Side by Side Refrigerator

For those needing more space and advanced features, the SAMSUNG 653 L Frost Free Side by Side 3 Star Refrigerator is an excellent choice. This AI-enabled appliance includes an easy freezer-to-fridge converter and offers significant savings with SuperCoins and up to Rs.10,000 cashback on select bank cards. Shop from Flipkart for Rs.74,490

Haier 596 L Side by Side Refrigerator

Upgrade your home with the Haier 596 L Frost Free Side by Side Convertible Refrigerator, featuring 360-degree cooling and 100% convertibility. Enjoy an extra Rs.9,500 off on exchange and avail 18 months of no-cost EMI. Shop from Flipkart for Rs.52,990.

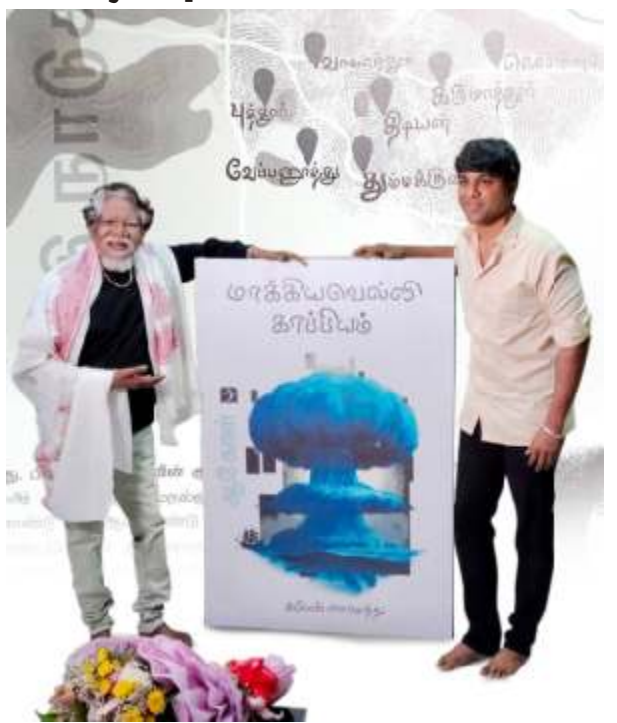
Offers on other Appliances:

Pigeon Healthify Digital Air Fryer

Elevate your cooking experience with the Pigeon Healthify Digital Air Fryer. Featuring advanced 360 High Speed Air Circulation Technology, this 1200 W air fryer ensures your food is cooked evenly and quickly, using significantly less oil. Its generous 4.2 L capacity is perfect for preparing meals for the whole family, while the user-friendly digital controls make it easy to select the perfect settings for your dishes. Available at an unbeatable offer price, this air fryer is a must-have for health-conscious cooks this festive season. Shop from Flipkart for Rs.2,699.

Kabilan Vairamuthu's Machiavelli Kaappiyam launched, Director Bharathiraja opened the curtains of the first copy

Chennai, Oct 02 2024: Popular writer & lyricist Kabilan Vairamuthu's novel Machiavelli Kaapiyam was released in Chennai by veteran Tamil film director Bharathiraja. The author shared the two minute launch video in his X page. Kabilan's Aagol, a big data fantasy of 2022 which created waves both in Tamil and English was launched by the same director. In the last page of Aagol, Kabilan mentioned that Machiavelli's story will follow. As promised, the author after two years of field research has now come up with the sequel. Machiavelli who was a twelve year old cyber agent in the first part



forms the central part of this sequel. The author shared few introductions to the story in his socials. The timeline of the story is from 1801 to 2057. The detailed history and impact of criminal tribe act, popularly known as 'kutraparambarai' in

tamil is discussed in Machiavelli Kaapiyam. The author has created a fictional computer language which plays a vital role in the novel. Discovery Book palace has published the novel series. Profile maker, a video marketing agency has created the launch video. On the 6th of October the publication is holding a meet the author event. Kabilan Vairamuthu's Chinna Chinna kangal, a song from the recent thalapathy vijay starrer GOAT is hugely appreciated by the audience. The writer is currently working on the story, screenplay, dialogues and lyrics for numerous films.

A.M. Jain College's BYZANTIUM - Presided over by Thamizhachi Thangapandian

A.M. Jain College organised BYZANTIUM, the annual literary festival of the English department. The inter-departmental fest was presided over by Thamizhachi Thangapandian, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), as the Chief Guest, along with Dr. B. Mahavir, Principal, the Vice Principal, Heads of various departments, faculty members, and students. The events included Faces Speak, Reels and Thrills, Bring Alive Shakespeare, Fashion Insta, and Click a Flick Off.



RCC Platinum Trust: Installation of 11 RO Plants in Govt Schools, Old Age homes & Hospitals in Chennai

Chennai, Oct 02 2024: As part of its 20th-anniversary celebration, the Rajasthan Cosmo Club Platinum (RCCP), under the guidance of the Manoharraj Kamala Kankaria Charitable Trust, has inaugurated 11 RO water plants in government schools and hospitals in Chennai. These plants aim to provide clean drinking water to those in need.

RCCP has already installed 83 RO plants in orphanages, schools, hospitals, and old age homes across the city. With the addition of these 11 plants, the Trust is on track to complete 101 installations by the end of the 2024-25



financial year.

1) *Government Model Higher Secondary School* - Triplicane

2) *Government Ophthalmic Hospital* - Egmore 3) *Chennai High School* - Kamarajar salai, Kadamangaiyur

4) *Institute of Child health* - Egmore 5) *Shakthi Public School* - Tiruttani

11) *Sri Champalal Pagariya Jain Higher Secondary School*

The event featured Chief Guest Praveen Tatia (Member, Minority Commission), Guest of Honour Deepchand Lunia (MD, Paceman Finance), and actress Komal Sharma as Special Invitee.

To further mark its anniversary, RCCP will launch "Indradhanush," a project aimed at supporting 2,000 individuals through a one-day trip. Managing Trustee Abishek Kankaria, President Navaneet Bhaiya, and Secretary Vimal Karnawat were also present at the event.

6) *Panchyat Union Primary School* - Kovur

7) *Govt Girls school* - Guduvanchery 8) *Radiation Oncology Dept* - Rajiv Gandhi GH

9) *KMC Hospital Nephrology Ward & Paediatric Block*

10) *Super Speciality Block, Govt* - Stanley Hospital

All Time Plastics Limited files DRHP with SEBI

Chennai, Oct 02 2024: All Time Plastics Limited has filled its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The company plans to raise funds through fresh issue of equity shares aggregating upto Rs.350 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of up to 52,50,000 equity shares.

The company proposes to utilize the net proceeds towards (i) prepayment or repayment of all or a portion of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the company, amounting to Rs.120 crore, (ii) the purchase of equipment and machinery for the upcoming Manekpur Facility amounting to Rs.133.73 crore, and the rest for general corporate purposes.

The company is the second largest B2B participant in India's plastic consumerware industry by revenue for

Fiscal 2023 (Source: Technopak Report). It has over 13 years of expertise creating plastic consumerware goods for common household usage. As at March 31, 2024, the company had 1,608 stock-keeping units ("SKUs") across eight categories: Prep Time (kitchen tools for preparing cooking ingredients); Containers (food storage containers); Organization (miscellaneous storage containers); Hangers (various types of hangers); Meal Time (kitchenware); Cleaning Time (cleaning equipment); Bath Time (bathroom products); and Junior (child-friendly tableware, cutlery and other items).

Over the years, the company has specialized in white-label manufacturing, producing high-quality products for customers who market them under their own brand names. Additionally, it

promotes its own range under the proprietary brand "All Time." The company has a strong presence in markets such as the European Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Domestically, the company collaborates with prominent retailers, super distributors, and distributors, including IKEA, Tesco, Asda, and Spencer's Retail Limited.

In Fiscal 2024, the company achieved Rs.512.853 crore in revenue from operations with a CAGR of 13.07% from Fiscal 2022. Additionally, the company's EBITDA grew to Rs.97.10 crore, reflecting a CAGR of 29.53%, while its profit surged to Rs.44.79 crore, marking a CAGR of 35.11%. Further enhancing its financial standing, the company received a CRISIL A-/Stable debt rating in April 2024, highlighting its robust

borrowing capabilities.

The company operates through fully integrated manufacturing facilities in Daman, Silvassa, and an upcoming state-of-the-art facility in Manekpur, Gujarat. These facilities leverage advanced automation and sustainable practices, with over 20% of production utilizing recycled raw materials. With a legacy dating back to 1971 and a leadership team boasting over 40 years of industry expertise, company is focused to driving innovation and growth in the worldwide plastic consumerware market, which is anticipated to reach USD37 billion by 2027. (Source: Technopak Report).

Intensive Fiscal Services Private Limited and DAM Capital Advisors Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers (BRLMs) to the issue.

Healthcare leaders convene at the 2nd AHPI Leadership Summit 2024 to address challenges and enhance health services across India

Chennai Oct 02 2024: The Association of Healthcare Providers of India (AHPI) successfully hosted the 2nd AHPI Leadership Summit 2024 at the Hilton Hotel in Chennai. The summit brought together top leaders from the healthcare sector, along with prominent leaders from other industries, to address the evolving challenges in healthcare management and develop strategies for improving healthcare outcomes across India. Notable attendees included Dr. Kiran Bedi, Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry; Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu; Dr. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson of Apollo Hospitals; Lt. Gen. Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar, Vice Chancellor, MUHS and Dr. Mohamed Rela, Chairman & Managing Director of Rela Hospital.

Discussions during the AHPI Leadership Summit 2024 centered on policy reforms, improvements in



healthcare infrastructure, and ongoing training for healthcare professionals. As India ascends as a leader in global healthcare, such events play a vital role in shaping the industry's future. It is also equally important to be ready to embrace the rapidly changing technological advancements in healthcare. Challenges as discussed by various leaders also includes increasing awareness of healthcare needs and patient expectations for quality treatments, financial sustainability and shortage of trained human resources and the challenging working conditions.

Dr. Giridhar Gyani, the Director General of AHPI said, "The AHPI Leadership Summit 2024 marks a significant milestone in uniting leaders to drive impactful change in India's healthcare

landscape. It is crucial that we collaborate across sectors to elevate the quality of services and ensure equitable access for all individuals in India. By addressing the challenges we face, we can shape a resilient healthcare system that prioritizes the well-being of our communities and positions India as a global leader in health."

The organizing chair included Dr. Venkat Phanidhar, Medway hospitals and Ms. Sandhya Cheria, Frontier Lifeline hospital.

Dr. Prathap C Reddy, Founder Chairman of Apollo Hospitals was awarded the "Health Icon of the Century" which was received on his behalf by Dr. Preetha Reddy, Executive Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals. Prof. (Dr.) Achyuta Samanta,

Founder of KIIT University, KISS and KIMS was awarded the "Iconic Healthcare Leader" and Dr. Davinder Kaur, an exemplary leader with dedication towards advanced nursing practice, was awarded the "Role Model in Nursing Leadership" award. The Summit was attended by the World-renowned Cardiac Surgeon Dr. KM Cheria, CEO of Frontier Lifeline Hospital & Dr KM Cheria Heart Foundation and also leaders from various prominent hospitals across the city.

The AHPI Leadership Summit 2024 reinforced the need for strong leadership and collaboration across sectors to achieve the vision of "Universal Health Coverage" and India's aspiration to become a global leader in healthcare by 2047. Industry leaders emphasized the importance of innovation, effective management, and leadership development in ensuring the long-term success and sustainability of India's healthcare sector.

LAY'S REINVIGORATES ITS WAFER CHIPS PORTFOLIO WITH A BOLD & SPICY LAUNCH

Chennai, Oct 02 2024: Inspired by India's love for bold and authentic flavors, Lay's has reinvigorated its Wafer Chips portfolio with the launch of an all-new Red Chilli flavor. This disruptive product offers a competitively advanced taste, perfected through extensive consumer research and demand. Boasting a light and incredibly crisp texture, Lay's now offers two distinctive flavors - Salt & Pepper and Red Chilli - providing a satisfying snacking experience for consumers nationwide.

While Salt & Pepper delivers a universally loved classic flavour, Red Chilli caters to those who crave a bold, spicy kick. With this launch, PepsiCo India reaffirms its



innovations with disruptive steps. Each chip is crafted to be light, thin, and crispy, perfectly seasoned to reflect the unique tastes of our diverse audience. We're excited to offer this delightful fusion of exceptional quality and cultural inspiration, and we look forward to continuing to bring joy to people across the country."

Priced at INR 10 and INR 20, Lay's Wafer Chips will be available at various retail outlets and e-commerce platforms, ensuring accessibility for consumers nationwide who seek light, crispy snacks bursting with flavour. The launch of the new flavor of Wafer Chips has been bolstered by an engaging TVC that features brand ambassador Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

commitment to celebrating the country's rich culinary traditions, blending India's cultural heritage with a delightful and modern snacking experience.

Expressing her delight on the launch, Soumya Rathor, Category Lead - Potato Chips, PepsiCo India, said, "As a

Indian Bank organised a blood donation camp as part of National Voluntary Blood Donation Day on 01/10/2024, at its Corporate office in Chennai. In the camp organised in association with Royapettah blood bank, 118 units of blood were donated by voluntary donors. Shri S L Jain, MD &CEO of the Bank, Executive Directors, Senior officials, and other staff members participated in the camp.



Axis Bank Extends INR 1 Billion Loan to Muthoot Capital to Accelerate E-Mobility in India

Chennai Oct 02 2024: Axis Bank, one of the largest private sector banks in India, in partnership with GuarantCo, part of the Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG), has extended an INR 1 billion (c. USD 12 million equivalent) guarantee to Muthoot Capital, one of India's fastest-growing NBFCs in India. This will empower the NBFC to lend to on-lend customers in rural and non-metro regions in India, for purchasing electric two wheelers.

GuarantCo has provided a 65 percent on-demand credit guarantee to Axis Bank for this transaction, which is part of a broader USD 200 million (INR equivalent) electric vehicle (EV) framework agreement signed by GuarantCo and Axis Bank. This framework was established to enable mobilisation of funds between USD 300 and 400 million (INR equivalent) for financing the e-mobility ecosystem in India.

This collaboration with Muthoot Capital will focus specifically on providing transport solutions to rural and non-metro regions that predominantly consist of lower income populations that have historically been underserved. The transaction will benefit Indian companies operating within the EV ecosystem with over INR 0.8 billion (c.

USD 10 million) and expected to impact local businesses in the supply chain, such as equipment manufacturers, vehicle dealers and insurers.

The INR 1 billion EV transaction will increase electric two and three-wheeler vehicle provision, contributing to SDG 9.4 (Upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries to make them sustainable, with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies) and SDG 11.2 (Provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all).

This is GuarantCo and Axis Bank's third transaction under the EV framework agreement. In December 2023, it had first enabled an INR 2.5 billion (c. USD 30 million) loan to Vivriti Capital for supporting the company's expansion strategy in the e-mobility ecosystem of India, and subsequently extended INR 1 billion (c. USD 12 million) loan to Everest Fleet for the purchase of electric cars to be deployed as low pollution emitting taxis in India.

Rajiv Anand, Deputy Managing Director at Axis Bank said: "Axis Bank stands committed to support and accelerate the growth of e-mobility industry in India. As one of the

leading banks in the country, we are dedicated to driving initiatives that create positive environmental and social impact. By promoting the adoption of electric vehicles, we are working to reduce emissions, enhance air quality and provide affordable and accessible transport solutions nationwide. We have proactively scaled up our partnerships and engagements with EV dealers, manufacturers, and other players and will continue to do so. This collaboration not only supports the development of green infrastructure in India but also aligns with our broader vision of fostering an inclusive future where sustainable practices benefit all segments of society."

Mathews Markose, Chief Executive Officer at Muthoot Capital said: "Partnering with GuarantCo marks a significant step forward in accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles and advancing sustainable transport solutions in our country especially in the rural and semi-urban markets. This funding will enable MCSL to provide innovative and tailor-made financing options aimed at making electric vehicles more accessible and affordable to a wide range of consumers and businesses. We

look forward to enabling the common man to own their own two-wheeler ensuring affordability and convenience. This will lend wings to our slated objective of growing our EV by 200 crores during FY25."

Layth Al-Falaki, CEO of GuarantCo, said: "We are delighted to have closed the transaction with Muthoot Capital under the Electric Vehicle framework guarantee agreement that we signed with Axis Bank in May 2022. This is the third transaction that we have closed under the agreement which after the ones that we closed with Vivriti Capital and Everest Fleet now total INR 4.5 billion (c. USD 54 million). This is also the first transaction under the framework which will cover the demand side of the EV business through the provision of credit so that customers can purchase electric vehicles. In addition, the transaction is expected to have a market transformation effect that we hope that it will help catalyse deployment of more electric vehicles in India. GuarantCo, through the Private Infrastructure Development Group, will continue to utilise the climate mitigation guarantee with Axis Bank to further the e-mobility ecosystem in India and to deliver against our climate action aims aligned with the PIDG 2030 strategy."

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Registers 14% Growth in September 2024

Chennai Oct 02 2024: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) continues to record positive sales momentum by registering a 14% increase in wholesale sales in September 2024 compared to the same period last year. The company sold a total of 26,847 units, with domestic sales accounting for 23,802 units and exports totalling 3045 units.

In September 2023, the company had sold 23,590 units.

In the first 6-months of the Financial Year of 2024-2025, TKM achieved a notable increase in vehicle deliveries, reaching a total of 1,62,623 units. This marks the

company's strongest performance ever in India. For reference, the company had sold 1,23,939 units in the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

Commenting on the strong sales performance, Mr. Sabari Manohar Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "As the festive fervour picks-up footfalls and enquiries are charged up which makes us positive of a very good festive season. Notably, our SUV, MPV, and small car segments have experienced significant growth nationwide, contributing over 90% to our sales in in the

month of September.

Key to meeting this rising demand has been our strategic operational improvements, such as the introduction of a third shift. This has significantly optimized our supply chain, particularly for high-demand models where waiting periods have been reduced.

We have also consistently implemented customer-centric programs and value-added services aimed at further building on market synergies. In keeping with the festive spirit, we've introduced the 555 Plus program that offers exciting new schemes and customer benefits such as

extended warranties, free service, Roadside Assistance and attractive exchange offers across key models, giving our customers every reason to celebrate with Toyota this season. We recently, we introduced initiatives like TCare, which consolidates multiple value chain offerings under a single brand, providing top-tier convenience and a hassle-free experience.

Furthermore, with our 1,045 touchpoints and diverse product portfolio, we effectively meet our customers' needs, whether they're seeking lifestyle-driven options or solutions for family mobility."

Cummins India Limited launches Retrofit Aftertreatment System, an innovative clean air solution for CPCBII and CPCBI gensets

Chennai, Oct 02 2024: Cummins India Limited, one of the leading power solutions technology providers, has launched Retrofit Aftertreatment System (RAS), an innovative clean air solution that allows customers to use their existing CPCBII and CPCBI gensets, and comply with the latest genset emission regulations.

This highly efficient and indigenously designed retrofit emission control device effectively reduces Particulate Matter (PM), Carbon Monoxide (CO), and Hydrocarbon (HC) emissions from genset exhaust upto 90%. The product is thoughtfully designed to be compact, providing a space saving solution with minimal operational and maintenance expenses.

Commenting on the



launch, Pankaj Kapoor, Vice President Distribution, Cummins India Limited, said, "At Cummins, we are steadfast in our commitment to help our customers in transitioning to cleaner

and greener technologies. RAS offers an innovative and dependable solution for customers with CPCBII and CPCBI gensets, ensuring compliance with stringent emission standards. Designed to

offer low operational and maintenance costs, this product prioritizes customer satisfaction and peace of mind. Reducing the impacts of climate change remains one of our top priorities, and we will continue to uphold our brand promise of innovation and dependability through solutions that benefit both our customers and the environment."

RAS utilizes Diesel Oxidation Catalyst and Particulate Filter technology and has been type approved by the Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI). For more details on how our clean air solution can benefit your businesses and contribute to a cleaner, healthier environment, contact your local Cummins India representative.

super.money Offers 3 Attractive Reward Programs for Users: Premium Smartphones, Fun Referrals, and Cashback on Every Transaction

Chennai Oct 02 2024: Win Big with Hourly and Monthly Raffles: Starting 26th September, super.money has launched an exciting hourly raffle, offering use

the chance to win the latest smartphones like iPhones, Nothing Phone, Vivo, and more.

Whether users are making payments, exploring financial options, or simply interacting with the app, each hour brings fresh chances to win.

The newly launched super.money app is also making every month special by giving one lucky user the chance to win a premium smartphone. The best part? The winner is

selected from users who complete the maximum number of transactions on the app. Last month, a lucky user walked away with a brand-new iPhone 15. This month, the excitement continues as the highly sought-after Nothing 2A smartphone is up for grabs.

It's a simple equation: the more you transact, the better your chances of winning. If you've been eyeing a new phone, this could be your chance!

This is a monthly programme offering the chance to win a premium smartphone ranging from INR 45,000 to 1 lakh

'Gift a Friend' - A New Spin on Referrals:

Referrals just got a

whole lot more fun with super.money's new feature, 'Gift a Friend,' now showcased on the app's homepage. Forget the usual referral links—this program lets users share a meme with their friends from the app to invite them to join the super.money community. It's not just about sharing a laugh; it's about sharing rewards. When your friend downloads the app using the meme shared via the app, they instantly receive ₹11 as a welcome gift ready to be redeemed.

Make the Most of your Transactions with Cashback Offers:

Who doesn't love cashback? super.money is offering generous cashback rewards that make every transaction

better: Up to 5% Cashback on Merchant Transactions: Whether you're shopping online, paying bills, or making everyday purchases, you can earn up to 5% cashback on all valid merchant transactions. It's like getting paid to spend!

Guaranteed Cashback on first 8 Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Transactions: For those who frequently send money to friends or family, super.money ensures you're rewarded for your activity. The first eight unique P2P transactions you make will earn you assured cashback. It's a great way to make sure your money is working as hard as you do.

KUMAR ARCH TECH LIMITED FILES DRHP WITH SEBI FOR UP TO Rs.740 CRORE IPO

Chennai Oct 02 2024: Kumar Tech Limited, the largest manufacturer and exporter of PVC2 blend-based building material products in India, in terms of value as of March 31, 2024 according to Wazir Report has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI").

The Company plans to raise funds through offer of equity shares (face value Rs.2 each) through initial public

offerings aggregating up to Rs.7400 million (Rs.740 Crore).

The offer comprises of fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs.2400 million (Rs.240 crore) (The "Fresh Issue") and offer for sale by Selling Shareholders aggregating up to Rs.5000 million (Rs.5000 Crore) (The "Offer for Sale").

The Company proposes to utilize the Net Proceeds towards funding—(i) Investment in wholly owned Subsidiary, TIPL for financing its capital

expenditure requirements for the greenfield project in relation to the manufacture of PVC based products estimated amount to be Rs.1820.92 million [Rs. 182.09 crores] and balance amount towards general corporate purposes. (The "Object of Issue")

The Equity Shares that will be offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE").

(The "Listing Details")

Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited and Equirus Capital Private Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the issue. (The "BRLMs")

The company provides a wide range of products, classified into three categories, (i) board/sheets and their derivatives such as trimboards, doors, and wall ceiling panels and columns, (ii) profiles which comprise of mouldings and door frames, (iii) and signage solutions.