

# Chief Minister Stalin chaired the 17th cabinet meeting today at the secretariat. CM appoints Ministers to expedite development projects

Chennai Oct 08 2024: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday appointed several ministers to oversee specific districts, with the aim of expediting development projects and ensuring effective implementation of welfare schemes in those areas.



Minister Anbil Transport Minister PWD Minister E.V. assigned to oversee Mahesh Poyyamozi, S.S. Sivasankar, and Velu have been Tirunelveli, Theni,

Nagapattinam, Meyyanathan have been appointed to manage the development works in Kannyakumari, Tenkasi, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, the Thennarasu, Nilgiris, K.K.S.S.R. Ramachandran, R. Sakkapani, M.R.K. Panneerselvam, M.P. Saminathan, R. Gandhi, and Siva

# AIADMK stages massive human chain against hike in property tax, power tariff

Chennai Oct 08 2024: The AIADMK, the main opposition party, organized a large-scale human chain protest across Tamil Nadu on Tuesday. The demonstrations, held in front of Corporations, Municipalities, and Town Panchayats, called on the DMK government to reverse recent increases in property taxes,

electricity tariffs, property registration fees, drinking water charges, and milk prices. Following the call from the party's General Secretary, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, thousands of party members began forming human chains around 10:30 a.m., urging the immediate rollback of the revised taxes and tariffs. The



protests were notably strong across all 200 wards of the Chennai Corporation, with former minister D. Jayakumar leading the demonstration in Royapuram. In his statement, Palaniswami harshly criticized the DMK government under Stalin, saying, "In Stalin's DMK rule, without addressing the basic needs of the people, an

and middle-class citizens. The tears of the people, unable to bear the hardships under Stalin's regime, will soon become the force that brings down this government." Following this, the AIADMK, on October 8 at 10:30 AM, organized a massive human chain protest across all districts, including Corporations, Municipalities, and Town Panchayats, demanding an immediate rollback of the tax increase. The protest was a call to action for party members, farmers, traders, workers, and the public to participate in large numbers to stand against the DMK government and advocate for the welfare of the people. As planned, AIADMK members, including district secretaries and other leaders, gathered across different regions, forming human chains. They raised slogans against the DMK government, protesting in over 200 wards of the Chennai Corporation. Strict security measures were enforced during the protest to maintain order in the municipalities and town panchayats.

# PM Narendra Modi to attend Laos ASEAN Summit

Chennai Oct 08 2024: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be visiting Laos from October 10-11 to attend the 21st ASEAN-India Summit and the 19th East Asia Summit.

He is visiting Laos at the invitation of Sonexay Siphandone, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which is holding the current Chair of ASEAN. India is marking a decade of the Act East Policy this year. Relations with

ASEAN are a central pillar of the Act East Policy and our Indo-Pacific vision, a statement said. The ASEAN-India Summit will review progress of India-ASEAN relations through our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and chart the future direction of cooperation.

The East Asia Summit, a premier leaders-led forum that contributes to building an environment of strategic trust in the region, provides an importance. Prime Minister Modi is expected to hold bilateral meetings on the margins of the Summits, the regional statement added.

# BJP poised for hat-trick in Haryana

Chennai Oct 08 2024: The BJP appeared to be staging a comeback in Haryana to cross the halfway mark in 90-member Assembly with

pro-incumbency working for the party which has been in power in the

agrarian state for 10 years.



According to the Election Commission data till 11 am, the BJP is leading in 50 seats while the Congress was leading in 34 seats, Independents and others 4, INDL 1 on way and BSP 1. Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and Congress stalwart and former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda are leading from their respective seats. While Hooda is leading by 22,182 votes after four rounds of counting, Saini is leading by 3,070 votes after three rounds of counting. Indian National Lok Dal's Abhay Singh Chautala is trailing against Congress's Bharat Singh Beniwal from Ellenabad, according to the Election Commission. Chautala is trailing by 4,938 votes after three rounds of voting. Former deputy CM and Jannayak Janta Party candidate Dushyant Chautala was trailing on 6th position, in Uchana Kalan after round 4/16 of counting, as per the latest EC data. Independent candidate Savitri Jindal is currently leading by a margin of 3,836 votes against Congress' Ram Niwas Rara in Hisar constituency of Haryana. In 2019, Dr Kamal Gupta of the Bharatiya Janata Party won the seat by defeating Ram Niwas Rara of the Congress. Haryana Congress chief Udai Bhan is leading from the Hodal Assembly seat in the state, according to Election Commission trends. Bhan was leading by a margin of 1,720 votes from his nearest rival and BJP nominee Harinder Singh. Voter turnout for the 90-seat Haryana assembly stood at 67.90 per cent. Exit polls predicted a Congress majority, but the BJP remained confident of defying these projections.

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## analyticaAnacon India, India Lab Expo and Pharma Pro&Pack Exposet new benchmarks for innovation and industry collaboration

Chennai, Oct 08 2024: Messe Muenchen India successfully concluded its largest edition of analyticaAnacon India, India Lab Expo and Pharma Pro&Pack Expo on a record-breaking note at the HITEX Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad. The event themed, 'Epicentre of Progress', was inaugurated by Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Hon'ble Minister for IT, Electronics & Communications, Industry & Commerce, and Legislative Affairs, Government of Telangana. This global trade fair showcased solutions for the entire value chain in the pharma, laboratory, and analysis segments to user industries such as pharma, biotech, chemicals, F&B, and more. The triad event enabled the exchange of ideas and unlocked business opportunities among contented exhibitors and visitors, fostering mutual growth and prosperity on an international scale.

The trade fair's standout features included the Buyer-Seller Forum and Hosted Buyer Program, designed to maximize business networking opportunities. The Buyer-Seller Forum provided a dynamic platform for exhibitors to engage directly with top decision-makers. The Hosted Buyer Program attracted buyers from countries such as Russia, Vietnam, Nepal,



Indonesia, Egypt, Ghana, Libya, South Africa, the Philippines and over 25 cities from India, offering exhibitors an excellent opportunity to connect with international buyers and explore cross-border business opportunities. Together, these initiatives delivered a robust networking experience, driving global partnerships and business growth.

The edition featured the International Pavilion and the Software Technology Pavilion. The International Pavilion hosted a diverse range of global exhibitors offering unique opportunities for visitors to engage with them. The Software Technology Pavilion, designed to highlight the latest advancements in software technology, presented innovations in AI, ML, QMS, MES, IoT, LIMS, Robotics, Digitization, and Automation.

Another major highlight of the event was the series of insightful conferences that offered valuable perspectives across various sectors. Sessions covered critical topics

such as regulatory and compliance challenges for India's pharmaceutical industry, building a robust ecosystem for food testing labs, and technological advancements that address the confluence of quality, compliance, and cost.

Bhupinder Singh, CEO, Messe Muenchen India, says, "The success of analyticaAnacon India, India Lab Expo, and Pharma Pro&Pack Expo 2024 reflects the tremendous growth and innovation happening within the laboratory and pharmaceutical industries. This year's event brought together a diverse array of technologies and solutions, fostering meaningful collaborations and driving the industry forward. As we continue to support the advancement of these critical sectors, we are proud that our platform serves as a catalyst for progress, innovation, and global partnerships."

Chandrashekar Shetty, President, IAIA, remarked, "This year's edition has not only set new benchmarks in terms

of participation and engagement but also highlighted the critical role that advanced technologies and sustainable practices play in shaping the future of laboratory and analytical sectors. We are proud to co-organize such a transformative event and look forward to continuing our mission of fostering industry progress and partnerships."

Harshit Shah, President, IPMMA, said, "Pharma Pro&Pack Expo 2024 has once again demonstrated its critical role in driving innovation and collaboration across the pharmaceutical processing and packaging sectors. As we look toward the future, Pharma Pro&Pack Expo will continue to be a key platform for fostering growth, building partnerships, and addressing the evolving needs of the pharma industry."

With the success of the 2024 edition, the organizers are already gearing up for even bigger and more impactful events in 2025. The upcoming trade fairs are, analytica Lab India 2025-April 23-25, 2025, in Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai; analytica Lab Africa 2025-July 8-9, 2025, in Johannesburg Gallagher Convention Centre, Johannesburg and analytica Lab India and Pharma Pro&Pack Expo 2025-September 18-20, 2025, HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad.

## IIM Sambalpur Unveils Udbhavanam: Establishing a Center of Excellence for Future-Ready Product Management

Chennai, Oct 08 2024: IIM Sambalpur, one of the premier management institutions, announced the inaugural edition of Udbhavanam, an innovative event dedicated to the future of product management. Notably, IIM Sambalpur has also become the first institution in the country to establish a university chapter of the International Software Product Management Association (ISPMA). The US-based management consulting firm, McKinsey & Company asserts that the role of the manager is expanding due to the growing increasing significance of decision-making and a heightened emphasis on design within software methodologies. In response to the rising demand for expertise in product management, IIM Sambalpur has initiated this event, which resulted in establishment of Center of excellence, spearheaded by the AlphaBeta - in collaboration with the International Software Product Management Association (ISPMA), with the theme of the event "Future-Ready Products: Mastering Innovation in Product Management."

To foster cultivating the of product management, experts, academicians, and industry leaders engaged in discussions regarding the rapid transformations occurring in product management, driven by technological advancements and evolving consumer demands.

Prof. Mahadeo Jaiswal, Director, IIM Sambalpur said, "India is set to become the epicenter of product management, fostering innovation and entrepreneurship through platform-based models and cutting-edge technologies like AI. By embracing our core values of innovation, integrity, and inclusiveness, we are building centers of excellence in collaboration with ISPMA and the Ministry of IT. Our vision is to transform education and



business ecosystems, enabling seamless collaboration between producers and consumers, and addressing both local and global challenges. Through groundbreaking research, comprehensive case studies, and the democratization of business, we aim to nurture responsible leaders with entrepreneurial mindsets, creating a thriving and inclusive society that drives the next wave of global innovation."

The Chief Guest, Prof. Hans-Bernd Kittlaus, Global Chair of ISPMA, Came from Germany, spoke on topic of "Platform vs. Product - What is Different From a Product Manager's Perspective", and said, "In the modern business landscape, platforms have evolved beyond their technical origins to become the core foundation for value creation across industries. From banking to automotive, software-driven platforms are now integral to managing not only digital products but also physical goods embedded with sophisticated technologies. As product managers, understanding how to leverage these platforms is critical to amplifying a company's market presence and sustaining technological leadership."

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of the AlphaBeta-ISPMA University Chapter at IIM Sambalpur for their outstanding efforts in organizing this event and for creating centers of excellence in collaboration with ISPMA and the Ministry of IT."

The event was

followed by insightful keynote speeches from eminent personalities including Keynote Speaker, Sapna Grover, Partner Director, Product Manager, Microsoft on the topic "Product Management in the Age of AI." She said, "As a product maker with a journey from DRDO to startups, Pegasystems and now Microsoft, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of AI. AI economy is growing at an impressive pace and enhancing productivity across all sectors. Gen AI is not just a buzzword; it's creating real value, with soaring investments in AI startups despite a general decline in funding. Every company is integrating AI into their products, striving to solve local & diverse set of problems. As a product manager, I view our role as mini CEOs, balancing customer needs, business goals, and technological solutions. Embracing AI responsibly is essential to building a positive and inclusive society, enabling us to focus on what truly matters and drive the next wave of innovation."

Furthermore, Guest of Honor, Prof. S. Sadagopan, (Chairman of ISPMA India Chapter) conducted a workshop titled "SPM Essentials for Startups: From Vision to Execution", he emphasized that software is not merely a tool; it constitutes the very fabric of our future. As we embrace innovation and leverage technology, we possess the potential to transform every industry, establish startups that redefine our world, and construct a brighter future through institutions that empower the leaders of tomorrow. He also

stated that IIM Sambalpur has become the first institute in the country to establish a student chapter of the International Software Product Management Association (ISPMA) globally, joining other institutions like the University of California, Berkeley.

Followed by a panel discussions, entitled "Bridging Real and Virtual: Strategies for Seamless Digital Integration", by Rahul Singh Babu, Senior Director, HighRadius; Rupam Bhattacharjee, Chairman & MD, Waysahead Global; Ankita Parihar, Entrepreneur, Utpan; Sri moyee Bhattacharya, Product Lead, BFSI; Saraja Kumar Panda, Director, ServiceNow and Shresta Sahani, VP and Zonal head-east, HDFC asset management company.

The event concluded with a session titled Perspective: Taskmaster to Trailblazer, by Venky Mahadevan, Independent Director (Board Member), Fellow-British computer society, Fellow - ISPMA; Deepak HP, Director of Product Management, SAP Labs; Nirav Palan, Product Manager, ICICI Bank; Dr. Gregory Dunn (Dean - Hari Shankar Singhania School of Business); and Abhijeet Bendigiri, Director of Product Management, Oracle (Moderator). This session examined the evolving role of contemporary Chief Information Officers (CIOs) as they transition from being task-oriented managers to becoming leaders who facilitate technological change and foster innovation in products.

## Praveen Hingonia Sets New Bollywood Milestone on completing Road Promotion from Kashmir to Kanyakumari for 'Navras Katha Collage'

Kanya Kumari, Oct 08 2024: A Rare Feat is now established in Bollywood's History with the team of 'Navras Katha Collage' finally completing the Road Promotion from Kashmir to Kanyakumari on a Bus. Speaking to media persons in Kanya Kumari today, the producer, actor and director Praveen Hingonia exclaimed, "The aam junta has shown tremendous love towards the trailer of our subject oriented film, that they have formed groups in their cities from North to South to spread the awareness of our film's social message."

The team of "Navras Katha Collage" has achieved a task that has NEVER BEEN ATTEMPTED BEFORE in the history of Indian Cinema - Road journey from Kashmir to Kanyakumari for promotion of the film. A nationwide sensation is created by Producer



Praveen Hingonia and SKH Patel who just completed the PAN INDIA promotion of their upcoming Hindi feature film which has won 58 national and international awards. The team has finished the tour of the entire country beginning from Wagah Border, Golden Temple, Jallianwala

Bagh, Khatkar Kalan Maharashtra, Karnataka and the South. They spoke to people and got a very good response from the audience.

The team associated with the film including producer director and actor Praveen Hingonia, Atul Shrivastava, Alka Amin, Swar Hingonia completed the cinema

tour. The trailer was also shown to Indian soldiers, they liked it very much.

A special vanity van was prepared for Bharat Bhriman on which the promotion of the film Navras Katha Collage and the entire team travelled from Kashmir to Kanyakumari in this van, with Praveen Hingonia creating awareness among the people about the theme of his social film. Writer, director and actor Praveen Hingonia has paid tribute to Kamal Haasan and Sanjeev Kumar by playing 9 challenging characters in this film.

Other cast of this film are Shaji Chaudhary, Dayanand Shetty, Revathi Pillai, Sunita ji, Mahesh Sharma, Prachi Sinha, Amardeep Jha, Shreya Jha, Jai Shankar Tripathi, Ishan Shankar and Swar Hingonia. Produced by SKH Patel and Praveen Hingonia, co-produced by Abhishek Mishra, Navras releases on 18 October 2024.

## Unveil the 'Svarnim' Spirit: Make Dasara Radiant with Fabindia

Chennai, Oct 08 2024: This Dasara, make your celebrations extra special with Fabindia's new festive curation, 'Svarnim.' Inspired by the heart of the festival, 'Svarnim' brings together rich colors, intricate craftsmanship and the vibrant energy of the season. It beautifully blends the timeless traditions of Indian artistry with a modern flair, letting you celebrate with style while honoring our cultural roots.

Whether you are sprucing up your home or picking the perfect festive outfit, Fabindia's 'Svarnim' is here to help you create lasting memories and make this Dasara truly one to remember.

**Exquisite Saris:** Fabindia's Dasara collection brings you an exquisite range of saris, crafted to add timeless elegance to your festive celebrations. Each sari in this collection highlights the rich heritage of Indian textiles, blending traditional weaves with contemporary designs. From vibrant hues that

reflect the joyous spirit of Dasara to intricate patterns and handcrafted details, these saris are a perfect expression of grace and sophistication. Whether you are attending a puja or a festive event, Fabindia's saris strike the perfect balance between comfort and style, ensuring you can celebrate the occasion with effortless grace.

**Drape yourself in the timeless elegance of Fab saris,** crafted in warm tones and rich hues, featuring intricate designs with a hint of contemporary flair. Available in silk, silk blends, viscose and cotton-silk, these saris displayed the finest craft-led techniques and traditional weaving methods, including Chanderi, Tussars, and Banarasi Jacquards.

**Stylish Kurtas:** Thoughtfully designed with both comfort and style in mind, these kurtas from Fabindia are a standout addition to your festive wardrobe. Featuring a range of woven textures that add a touch of sophistication, and vibrant Ajrakh prints

that infuse a traditional charm, each piece is crafted to enhance your celebration with grace. These kurtas are not only visually striking but also offer a comfortable fit, making them perfect for both lively festivities and intimate gatherings. Elevate your festive look with these exquisite creations by Fabindia, where every detail is designed to make your celebrations even more memorable.

**Handcrafted Jewellery:** Complete your ensemble with Fabindia's handcrafted jewellery, where every piece is a testament to exceptional artisanship. This collection features a stunning array of jewellery, from intricately designed necklaces to elegant earrings, each piece reflecting a deep commitment to artistry and tradition.

Fabindia's festive line is designed to add a touch of sophistication and charm to your Dasara celebrations, highlighting the meticulous work of skilled artisans. Whether you are dressing up for a grand celebration or a

special gathering, these brand-new arrivals from Fabindia are perfect for accessorizing your look with a blend of timeless elegance and contemporary flair. Enhance your festive attire and make a statement with these exquisite pieces that celebrate both tradition and style.

**Home & Dasara Décor:** This Dasara, enhance your celebrations with Svarnim's Fabhome curation. Illuminate your home with the crafted cushions, elegant brass lamps and diyas, luxurious quilts, and add warmth to your floors with the stylish rugs and carpets.

Whether you are getting ready for the festive Dasara celebrations or aiming to enrich your home with the warmth of Indian heritage, Fabindia offers a curated selection of decor items to meet your needs.

Fabindia's Svarnim is available at all Fabindia stores and online Fabindia

This festive season, celebrate the richness of tradition with Fabindia!

## ADITYA INFOTECH LIMITED FILES DRHP WITH SEBI FOR UP TO Rs.1300 CRORE IPO

Chennai Oct 08 2024: Aditya Infotech limited is the largest Indian-owned company offering video security and surveillance products, solutions and services with a market share of 20.2% of the video surveillance industry in India in terms of revenues in Fiscal 2024. (Source: F&S Report). The company offers a comprehensive range of advanced video security and surveillance products, technologies and solutions for enterprise and consumer segments under our 'CP

PLUS' brand which has strong recall value. In addition, company offers solutions and services such as fully integrated security systems and Security-as-a-Service directly and through its distribution network who address the requirements of end-customers engaged in a broad range of sectors such as banking, insurance, real estate, healthcare, industrial, defence, education, hospitality, manufacturing, retail and law enforcement.

Aditya Infotech

limited 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.5 each) through initial public offerings aggregating up to Rs.13000 million (Rs.1300 Crore).

The offer comprises of fresh issue of equity shares aggregating up to Rs.5000 million (Rs.500 crore) (The "Fresh Issue") and offer for sale by Selling Shareholders

aggregating up to Rs.8000 million (Rs.800 Crore) (The "Offer for Sale").

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")

ICICI Securities Limited and IIFL Securities Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the issue. (The "BRLMs").

## Star Health Insurance Receives Credit Rating Upgrade from India Ratings

Chennai Oct 08 2024: Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Limited (Star Health Insurance), India's leading health insurance provider, has achieved a significant milestone with a credit rating upgrade from India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra). The company's Long-Term Issuer Rating has been elevated to 'IND AA+' from 'IND AA', with a Stable outlook. Additionally, Star Health's subordinated debt has been upgraded to 'IND AA' from 'IND AA-'. The upgrade reflects Star's consistency in profitability, leadership position and large distribution network. Recently, Care Ratings had also assigned Star Health Insurance a credit rating of 'CARE AA+' with a Stable Outlook.

This upgrade underscores Star Health's remarkable performance and strong market position in the Indian insurance sector. The company has consistently demonstrated its prowess through steady underwriting profits, maintained market leadership and an expansive distribution network. With a commanding 33% market share in the retail health segment and a notable 5.3% in the overall general insurance space, Star Health Insurance continues to be a dominant force in the industry.

The company's financial robustness is evident in its impressive growth trajectory, with gross written premiums expanding at a CAGR of 23.1% from FY19 to

FY24, reaching INR 152.5 billion. Star Health Insurance's profitability has also shown significant improvement, with the combined ratio stabilizing at 96.67% in FY24 and return on equity climbing to 14.4%.

Aneesh Srivastava, CIO of Star Health Insurance commented on the rating upgrade: "This upgrade in our credit rating from India Ratings reaffirms our commitment to excellence and our market leadership position. It reflects the trust our customers place in us and the hard work of our dedicated team. We have built Star Health Insurance to perform well with a solid company structure, and we continue to show great progress toward our FY25 objectives. We

remain focused on delivering a robust and predictable financial performance, all while providing an incredible experience to our valued customers."

The rating upgrade takes into account Star Health's focus on retail health insurance, its widespread distribution network, and the expertise of its management team. With a solvency margin of 2.21x for FY24, well above regulatory requirements, the company is well-positioned for sustainable growth and continued market leadership. As Star Health moves forward with this enhanced credit rating, it remains committed to its mission of making quality healthcare accessible to all through innovative insurance solutions.

## Kauvery Hospital Vadapalani performs TAVR procedures in India using the Vienna valve system

Chennai Oct 08 2024: The advanced Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) procedure, which utilizes the state-of-the-art Vienna Valve System, has been introduced by Kauvery Hospital Vadapalani, representing a crucial advance in medical technology. With this cutting-edge technology, severe aortic stenosis can now be treated effectively, especially in elderly patients and those with multiple comorbidities, offering a life-saving alternative to conventional surgery.

Kauvery Hospital Vadapalani, whose cardiac care is renowned, has been the first medical institution in India to successfully perform the TAVR procedure with the innovative Vienna Valve system. A severe aortic stenosis was the subject of the case, which was made more difficult by the need to protect the left coronary artery due to low coronary anatomy. The patient, who faced high risks for traditional surgery, benefited from the quick and exact execution of the procedure led by Dr. R. Anantharaman, Senior Interventional

Consultant Cardiologist, and Dr. C. Sunder, Senior Consultant Interventional Cardiologist.

TAVR is a vital treatment option for patients with aortic stenosis who are over 65 and have narrowed aortic valves that prevent blood flow from the heart. The procedure is being applied to younger patients with complex medical conditions, such as stroke, kidney failure, liver disease, and cancer. Traditional open-heart surgery may be more risky for these patients, which makes TAVR a less invasive option with quicker recovery times.

Traditional TAVR valves require crimping and prepared by highly skilled clinical teams in the Cath Lab just before the procedure, which can be time-consuming and resource-intensive, particularly in emergency scenarios. Critical delays can be a result of this process, particularly when quick decisions are required to save a patient's life.

The Vienna TAVR system, developed by P & F - Relisys, is transforming this process. Conventional systems require last-

minute crimping and preparation, but the Vienna valve is pre-mounted with specially prepared dry tissue, making it unnecessary for medical staff to do so. Hospitals can stock Vienna valves and deploy them immediately when needed by using this innovation, which ensures faster and more efficient treatment during emergencies. Reducing procedural time improves patient outcomes and optimizes hospital resources, leading to more streamlined care.

Dr. R Anantharaman stated that the Vienna TAVR system is a game-changer because it enables us to handle severe cases with greater speed and efficiency, which is vital in emergencies. The technology reduces procedural time and enhances overall success rates, resulting in better patient outcomes.

Dr. Aravindan Selvaraj, Co-Founder & Executive Director of the Kauvery Group of Hospitals, expressed his pride stating, "At Kauvery Hospitals, we believe in delivering world-class healthcare through cutting-edge

technology. Advanced treatment options that ensure patient safety and advance the standard of care in India are provided by the successful deployment of the Vienna TAVR system.

Thousands of patients across India who are suffering from severe aortic stenosis and other cardiac conditions can now hope for a better future with this procedure. The Vienna valve is expected to become a preferred option for many patients as it offers faster recovery times and fewer complications.

Kauvery Hospital Vadapalani is a pioneer in healthcare innovation, consistently setting new standards for patient care. The Vienna TAVR system introduced by the hospital demonstrates its commitment to adopting the latest advancements in medical technology to enhance the lives of patients. Kauvery Hospital Vadapalani's implementation of the Vienna valve system is a significant milestone in cardiac care, providing patients with access to the most recent innovations in healthcare.

## SOLARWORLD ENERGY SOLUTIONS LIMITED FILES DRHP WITH SEBI FOR UP TO Rs.600 CRORE IPO

Chennai Oct 08 2024: Solarworld Energy Solutions Limited, one of the leading solar energy solutions provider, specialising in engineering, procurement and construction ("EPC") services for solar power projects in terms of revenue from EPC business for Fiscal 2024 according to CRISIL, 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.5 each) through initial public offerings aggregating up to Rs.6000 million [Rs.600 Crore].

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## Fostering BRICS, SCO energy collaboration

Chennai Oct 08 2024: The St. Petersburg International Gas Forum 2024 opens in the Russian northern capital on Tuesday with the aim of fostering energy collaboration within the BRICS group of emerging economies and the Shanghai Cooperation

Organisation (SCO). The annual event will bring together global gas industry leaders for discussions on pertinent industry matters and offer groundbreaking solutions.

The forum will pay special attention to international business

cooperation in energy, especially among BRICS and SCO member countries, the forum's organizers said.

Approximately 20,000 delegates from more than 50 countries are anticipated to take part in the gathering. Additionally, 600 companies will exhibit

their scientific and technological advancements.

The primary highlight of the forum will be the plenary session, titled "Gas Market 2024: The Emerging Global Landscape", which is scheduled to take place on October 10.

## Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd. Achieves Highest Ever Sales Volumes, H1FY25 Volume up 32% YoY

Chennai Oct 08 2024: Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd a leading Steel Tubes and Pipes manufacturing company in India, is pleased to announce impressive sales volume results for the second quarter and first half of the fiscal year 2025, ending September 30, 2024. The company reported sales volumes of 123,027 MT for Q2 FY25, representing a remarkable 22.50% year-on-year (YoY) growth. For the first half of FY25, sales volumes reached to 245,182 MT, reflecting an outstanding 32.55% YoY increase.

This growth is primarily driven by a surge in demand across key sectors, including infrastructure, water transportation, and solar energy. Despite the challenges posed



by the monsoon season, Hi-Tech has successfully capitalized on opportunities arising from increased government spending in critical Infrastructure projects and Private Investment in renewable energy projects.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Ajay Kumar Bansal, Chairman, Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd, said: "We

are optimistic about continued growth, especially with the festive season on the horizon. We anticipate an uptick in demand during this time, alongside ongoing renewable energy and infrastructure projects, positioning us for sustained success. Our commitment to quality, sustainability, and operational efficiency remains unwavering. We will continue to focus on innovation and customer satisfaction to maintain our competitive edge in the market."

Recently, the company has been assigned with "IND A" credit rating for long term bank facilities and IND A1 for the short term bank facilities, for the existing exposure pertaining to SVC Bank by India Ratings and Research Pvt. Ltd.

are proud to report these significant growth figures, which highlight our strong market position and our ability to meet the needs of our customers in vital sectors. The robust demand for steel pipes in infrastructure, water transportation and renewable energy, coupled with our strategic initiatives, has enabled us to achieve these figures. Looking ahead, we are

## MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH PRESTIGE FALCON REALTY VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED TO BRING THE EDITION HOTELS BRAND TO SOUTH ASIA

Chennai Oct 08 2024: Marriott International, Inc., today announced a signed agreement with Prestige Falcon Realty Ventures Private Limited to open The Mumbai EDITION. Expected to debut in 2028, The Mumbai EDITION will mark the brand's first property in India, establishing a new benchmark for luxury hospitality in the region.

Situated along a prime arterial road within the prestigious Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC), The Mumbai EDITION will offer an unparalleled location in the heart of one of Mumbai's most coveted business districts. Surrounded by 12 million square feet of thriving commercial space, the hotel will stand at the nexus of commerce and culture. Guests will find themselves just moments away from the iconic Jio World Convention Centre, Jio Gardens renowned for its vibrant music festivals and exclusive events and a variety of luxury retail destinations, ensuring convenience and connectivity at

every turn. "We look forward to bringing the EDITION flair to the vibrant metropolis of Mumbai, where tradition and modernity blend seamlessly. The signing highlights our commitment to strengthening the presence of our luxury portfolio in India, while demonstrating guests continued demand for luxury accommodations and experiences. We will continue to strategically expand our footprint and match brands with complementary destinations to cater to the ever-evolving guest demands. We are excited to team up once again with Prestige Falcon Realty Ventures Private Limited, to bring this vision to life", commented Rajeev Menon President, Asia Pacific excluding China, Marriott International.

Irfan Razack, Chairman & Managing Director of Prestige Group, said, "We are delighted to collaborate with Marriott International

hospitality in India. This milestone marks the arrival of The EDITION brand in South Asia reflecting our commitment to delivering excellent hospitality across brand propositions. With its vibrant energy and contemporary flair, The EDITION accurately captures the innovative spirit that defines Prestige Group. The Mumbai EDITION comes with the promise of a one-of-a-kind experience in Mumbai, offering unforgettable new-age hospitality at its finest."

The Mumbai EDITION, rooted in the brand's strong sense of refined simplicity and style, is slated to open with 182 luxurious guest rooms, including one penthouse suite, a lively lobby bar, a rooftop terrace with a pool, an expansive spa and wellness facility, a fitness centre and multiple bars and restaurants. Plans include 1,385 square meters of versatile meeting and banquet space, elegantly designed to accommodate a range of events, from corporate meetings to intimate social

celebrations. Bathed in natural light, with customizable layouts, the venues will be enhanced by state-of-the-art audiovisual technology and sophisticated décor, reflecting the hotel's refined aesthetic.

The property will join the EDITION brand, a collection of individualized hotels known for seamlessly balancing great design and true innovation to deliver a luxury lifestyle experience. EDITION Hotels' commitment to uncompromising quality, true originality and impeccable modern service continue to challenge traditional perceptions of luxury and entrench the brand's position as an industry leader. Every EDITION hotel is unique, reflecting the social and cultural milieu of the time and place of its creation. The end result offers the best of dining and entertainment, modern luxury services and amenities "all under one roof." EDITION Hotels redefine the concept of luxury by offering an unexpected collection of one-of-a-kind hotels.

## 2,500 Cyclists Race for Rs.33.6 Lakhs at HCL Cyclothon Chennai

Chennai, Oct 08 2024: HCL Group, a leading global conglomerate, successfully concluded the second edition of the HCL Cyclothon Chennai 2024 today, with an impressive turnout of over 2,500 participants. The event was organized by HCL in association with the Government of Tamil Nadu and under the aegis of the Cycling Federation of India (CFI), celebrated cycling enthusiasts from all walks of life and saw professional and amateur cyclists compete across various categories for a total prize pool of Rs 33.6 lakhs, the highest in any cycling race in India.

The event was graced by Atulya Misra, Chief Secretary, Sports and Youth Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, and V N Singh, Assistant Secretary, Cycling Federation of India (CFI), who served as the chief guests.

Commenting on the event's success, Shikhar Malhotra, Director, HCL Corporation said, "As an organisation, we are committed to fostering community engagement, we believe that mass events like these can unite people from all walks of life. This



event not only mobilizes large groups but also kindles a collective spirit towards something truly great. Through HCL Cyclothon, we aim to inspire people to embrace a healthier and more active lifestyle while contributing to a greener planet. HCL is proud to make this an annual event in Chennai, because coming together is the beginning, but cycling together is the success."

Atulya Misra, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu, remarked, "The HCL Cyclothon has firmly established itself as a key event in Chennai's sporting calendar, and I am pleased to see such widespread and enthusiastic participation. These events not only promote fitness but also foster a sense of community well-being, which aligns with our goals for a healthier Tamil Nadu. I look forward to supporting future



Category	Winner	Male	Female
Professional 55 KM Road Race	Winner	Sahil Kumar	Chavaniha Gosoi
	Runner Up	Surya Thathu	Swasti Singh Orissa
	1st Runner Up	Zenkappa K S	M. Sonali Chenu
Amateur 55 KM Road Race	Winner	Caviah S	ApurvaKetan
	Runner Up	Vell	AARITH
	1st Runner Up	Tajan Smith	Shirley Couza
Amateur 24 KM Road Race	Winner	Shahid Khabibodin	Nafica Mithuella Mithuella
	Runner Up	Jashish Jadhav	Shesaprya Rengasamy
	1st Runner Up	SANTHOSH M.	Barnali Mahala Mahala
Amateur 24 KM MTB Race	Winner	Victorinus Ismail Ismail	SANDEEPA Katarua
	Runner Up	Jhanganjay S S	Jamila Martaza Morudhala
	1st Runner Up	Syush Negi	Vandana Singh

editions and seeing this initiative grow."

V N Singh, Assistant Secretary, Cycling Federation of India (CFI), added, "HCL's continued dedication to promoting cycling is truly admirable. By organizing events like this, they are not only creating a platform for cyclists to showcase their talent but also inspiring countless others to take up the sport. This initiative plays a crucial role in building a strong cycling culture in

followed a scenic route through Kovalam and Mahabalipuram, providing both professional cyclists and amateurs with a competitive and rewarding experience. The HCL Cyclothon Chennai 2024 embraced the theme #ChangeYourGear and #GearPoduChennai, promoting the transformative power of cycling on both personal health and the environment.

## Swiggy launches 'Bolt'—Delivering Your Favorite Food in Just 10 Minutes

Chennai Oct 08 2024: Swiggy, India's pioneering on-demand convenience platform, is creating yet another disruption in food delivery with the launch of Bolt-Food Delivered in 10 minutes. Bolt is an offering designed to deliver quick-to-prepare meals from popular restaurants and QSRs within a 2 km radius of the consumer. The new offering focuses on dishes that can be delivered quickly without compromising on their taste, freshness, or quality.

Bolt - Food in 10 Minutes features a selection of highly popular dishes like burgers, hot beverages, cold

beverages, breakfast items, and biryani that require minimum preparation time. It will also focus on ready-to-pack dishes like ice cream, sweets and snacks. Customers can choose from a mix of well-known national brands like KFC, McDonald's, Burger King, Baskin Robbins, Starbucks, Chaayos, and EatFit, alongside local favourites like Karachi Bakery and G Pulla Reddy Sweets in Hyderabad, MM Mithaiwala in Mumbai, Bhartiya Jalpan and Anand Sweets in Bangalore, Sethi Ice-cream in Delhi, Irani Cafe in Pune among many others.

The offering is made possible by

partnering with restaurants that excel in quick order turnarounds, focusing on dishes requiring minimal to no preparation time and restricting the delivery radius to 2 km. Notably, delivery partners are not informed of the distinction between Bolt and regular orders, meaning they are neither penalized nor incentivized based on delivery time.

Rohit Kapoor, CEO of Swiggy's Food Marketplace, said: "Bolt is the next evolution in our mission to provide unmatched convenience. Ten years ago, Swiggy revolutionized food delivery by cutting

average wait times to 30 minutes. Now, we're reducing that wait even further for frequently ordered items like coffee, burgers, ice cream, and biryani, partnering with trusted restaurants to deliver the best food in just 10 minutes."

Bolt—Food in 10 Minutes is already operational in key locations across six major cities: Hyderabad, Mumbai, Delhi, Pune, Chennai, and Bangalore. The service will continue to expand into additional areas in the coming weeks.

The 'Bolt - Food in 10 mins' tile will be prominently featured on the Food page on the Swiggy app.