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Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks with Prime Minister of Greece

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a telephone call from the Prime Minister of Greece, H.E. Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis.

PM Mitsotakis warmly congratulated PM Modi on his re-election following the

general elections in India.

Both leaders appreciated the momentum generated in bilateral ties through recent high-level exchanges and reiterated their firm commitment to further strengthen India-Greece Strategic

Partnership.

They reviewed progress in a number of areas of bilateral cooperation, including trade, defence, shipping and connectivity, in follow-up to PM Mitsotakis's visit to India earlier this year.

The two leaders also exchanged views on various regional and global issues of interest, including I M E E C and developments in West Asia.

The two leaders agreed to remain in touch.

Vijay to begin Tamil Nadu District tour in December

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Following the successful first State conference of the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) on October 27 in Vikravandi, actor and party president Vijay is gearing up to tour various districts across Tamil Nadu starting in December. Reports suggest that the next major public meeting

will take place in Tirunelveli.

As part of his preparation for the 2026 Assembly elections, Vijay is actively organizing TVK. He plans to appoint district secretaries and recognize

functionaries who played key roles in the recent conference. Additionally, ten party members will be appointed as polling station in-charges for election-related duties.

The district tour is expected to kick off on December 2, starting from Coimbatore and concluding in Tirunelveli. Vijay is anticipated to spend two days in each

district, engaging in strategic discussions with secretaries about election plans, organizing public events, and consulting on district-specific welfare initiatives.

Meanwhile, sources revealed that a specially equipped vehicle is being readied to facilitate Vijay's statewide tour.

Significant Achievements made under Special Campaign 4.0 in Department of Health and Family Welfare

Chennai Nov 02 2024: The Department of Health and Family Welfare (DoHFW) launched Special Campaign 4.0 from October 2 to October 31, 2024, aimed at institutionalizing cleanliness (Swachhata) and reducing pending tasks across its headquarters, central government hospitals, attached offices, subordinate offices, autonomous bodies, and CPSUs nationwide.

Under the leadership of Union Health Secretary Ms. Punya Salila Srivastava, the campaign's implementation was regularly reviewed to ensure efficiency and meet established targets.

Key achievements during the campaign include the disposition of 25 references from Members of Parliament, 3 Parliamentary assurances, 5,160 public grievances, and 595 associated

appeals, as well as the simplification of 45 rules and processes. Additionally, 52,665 physical files were reviewed, resulting in the weeding out of 31,659 files, and 12,428 e-files were reviewed, with 10,174 closed. The campaign also saw the conduct of 1,433 cleanliness campaigns across various offices, freeing up 40,742 sq. ft. of office space, and generating revenue amounting to Rs.18,63,356 from the sale of scrap materials and e-waste. These activities reflect DoHFW's commitment to enhancing operational efficiency and promoting a culture of cleanliness within its institutions.

The progress of implementation phase of the campaign was uploaded daily on SCDPM portal (https://scdpm.nic.in) of the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG). Social media updates, PIB Statements and

Best Practices were also uploaded on the portal by showcasing the progress in the campaign.

Few highlights are as follows: On 16th October, 2024, Shri V. Srinivas, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) along with Ms. Punya Salila Srivastava, Union Health Secretary reviewed the activities undertaken by DoHFW in 'Special Campaign 4.0

Training of Safai Mitras on 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' module on iGOT Platform was conducted on 23rd October, 2024 (chaired by Ms. Punya Salila Srivastava, Union Health Secretary) as a part of the Karmayogi Saptah (National Learning Week) and Special Campaign 4.0

During Special Campaign 4.0, 'Swachhata Hi Seva' module was completed by more than 11,500 employees including

officers on iGOT platform and more than 7,500 Safai Mitras in physical mode

AIIMS, Jodhpur transforming plastic containers into planters which aims to minimize environmental impact of plastic while encouraging a culture of creativity and responsibility among staff

Conversion of discarded chairs into functional/ attractive benches and signage stands at Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal to encourage upcycling

DoHFW remain committed to the goals of Special Campaign 4.0 and will continue to contribute actively in the activities of the campaign even after the campaign ended on 31st October, 2024. It has been emphasised that with the combined efforts of all, lasting improvements in cleanliness and governance can be achieved.

A high-level Indian Delegation Participated in G-20 DRRWG Ministerial Meeting in Belem, Brazil

Chennai Nov 02 2024: A high-level Indian Delegation, led by Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, Dr. PK Mishra, took part in G-20 Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group (DRRWG) Ministerial Meeting from 30th October to 1st November 2024, held in Belem, Brazil.

With the active participation of the Indian Delegation, consensus arrived in finalising the first Ministerial declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). In his inventions, during various Ministerial sessions, Dr. PK Mishra shared the progress made by the Government of India in reducing disaster risks and in upscaling disaster financing in India.

Dr. PK Mishra emphasized India's proactive approach to disaster risk reduction



(DRR), on five priorities of DRRWG, which were enunciated during Indian Presidency of G20 i.e. Early warning systems, Disaster resilient infrastructure, DRR financing, Resilient recovery and Nature based solutions. In the disaster resilient infrastructure, he shared Prime Minister's global initiative of Coalition for Disaster Resilience Infrastructure (CDRI), which has now 40 countries and 7 International Organisations, as members.

The Principal Secretary to Prime Minister reiterated

Government of India's commitment to the Sendai Framework and called for increased international collaboration on knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and sustainable development to enhance disaster resilience globally.

Indian Delegation also participated in Troika meeting with the Ministers of Brazil and South Africa, and held bilateral meetings with ministers from the host country Brazil and other countries namely Japan, Norway, South Africa, South Korea, Germany, and Heads of invited International Organisations.

Responding to the call by UNSG on Extreme Heat, Principal Secretary to the PM, shared experience & steps being taken including the focus on promoting traditional practices to suit local conditions.

The first DRR WG was established on India's initiative during its Presidency of G20 in 2023. Dr. Mishra, congratulated the Brazilian Presidency on its continuation of the DRRWG, and scaling it up to Ministerial level and affirmed India's support to DRRWG on their upcoming G20 Presidency next year.

India's participation underscores its growing role in global DRR efforts and its commitment to building a safer and more resilient world.

TVK chief Vijay calls for celebrating Nov 1 as Tamil Nadu Day

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Actor and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK)

party chief Vijay on Friday urged that November 1 be celebrated as Tamil

Nadu Day. In a post on X, Vijay highlighted the significance of the date, which commemorates the sacrifices made by "border fighters" who worked to unite Tamil-speaking areas into Tamil Nadu.

"November 1 marks the day when our state became geographically distinct with the establishment of linguistic provinces in 1956. Martyr Shankaralinganar went on a hunger strike and sacrificed his life, demanding that our state, then known as Madras province, be renamed Tamil Nadu. Inspired by his vision, the compassionate leader, Perunthagai

Anna, passed a resolution in the Legislative Assembly upon taking office and officially named the state Tamil Nadu," the TVK chief stated.

He further added, "Let us honor this historic day, November 1, as Tamil Nadu Day, celebrating the birth of a separate state for Tamils with rich memories of our past."

Notably, Tamil Nadu was originally established as Madras State on November 1, 1956, following a reorganization based on linguistic lines. Tamil Independence activist Sankaralinganar

played a significant role in advocating for the name change. After being imprisoned for six months in Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) for his activism, he

continually pressed the Congress party to address his 12-point agenda, with renaming the state as 'Tamil Nadu' being the primary demand.

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Annadurai, the Madras State Legislative Assembly unanimously passed a resolution to rename the state as Tamil Nadu on July 18, 1967.

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Parking facilities in 24 railway stations in Chennai

Chennai Nov 02 2024: In the Southern Railways or SR, works regarding bringing parking facilities in 24 railway stations have started now.

There are 6 divisions in the SR namely Chennai, Trichy, Madurai, Salem, Palakkad and these have more than 700 railway stations. There are parking facilities available at 200 railway stations in

Chennai Central, Egmore, Tambaram, Arakkonam, Trichy, Madurai and Coimbatore etc.

It is important to note that the contracts of the contractors at various parking lots of SR have expired and new ones are not yet selected. As a result, the motorists have been finding it difficult as they are unable to park their vehicles in a safe way. These passengers have been

continuously insisting the railway authorities provide them with parking lots at the railway stations.

In this scenario, work has been started to bring parking lots at the 24 railway stations in Chennai. According to some officials belonging to SR, contractors would be selected in a phased manner to bring parking lot facilities at the railway stations in

Chennai. They spoke about how soon contractors would be selected to provide parking facilities in railway stations like Sevvapet Road, Korukkupettai Goods Shed, Maduranthakam, Perambur, Kottur Puram, Arakkonam, Parangimalai, Tada, Tindivanam, Taramani and Katpadi etc. For this, the process has begun.

Biodiversity action plan to protect 30% of land and water areas by 2030

Chennai Nov 02 2024: India has launched its updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), aiming to protect at least 30 percent of the nation's terrestrial, inland water, and coastal and marine areas by 2030, aligning with global biodiversity targets. The plan was introduced at the 16th UN Biodiversity Conference in Cali, Colombia.

The NBSAP features 23 national targets, mirroring the 23 global goals set by

the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF), adopted at the 15th UN Biodiversity Conference in Canada in 2022. One of KM-GBF's key objectives is the conservation of at least 30 percent of the world's land and ocean ecosystems by 2030, along with restoring degraded environments, such as forests, wetlands, and rivers, to ensure they continue to provide essential resources like clean air and water.

India, one of the 17

megadiverse countries, joined the UN Biological Diversity Convention (CBD) in 1994 and hosts 7-8 percent of the world's recorded species within just 2.4 percent of the global land area.

From 2017-2018 to 2021-2022, India spent approximately Rs 32,200 crore on biodiversity conservation. The average projected annual expenditure for these efforts is estimated at Rs 81,664.88 crore through 2029-2030.

India's biodiversity goals focus on three main areas. The first theme, "Reducing Threats to Biodiversity," outlines eight targets. The initial five address major biodiversity threats, including land and sea use changes, pollution, species overexploitation, climate change, and invasive alien species. The remaining targets emphasize ecosystem restoration, managing genetic and species diversity, and ensuring the sustainable and legal use of wild species.

GCC clears 212 tonnes of firecracker waste in Chennai

Chennai Nov 02 2024: The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) collected 211.08 metric tonnes (MT) of firecracker waste in the past three days. Sanitation workers collected the waste separately and sent it to Gummudipoondi.



Deepavali was celebrated with great joy and festivity across the country yesterday (October 31). The Chennai Corporation has announced about 211.08 tons of waste

were collected and removed across the city for the past three days.

People in various parts of Tamil Nadu also celebrated the festival with enthusiasm. In

Chennai, residents enjoyed the festivities by bursting firecrackers. Corporation workers began the task of clearing firecracker waste starting yesterday.

In a statement on its social media page, the Chennai Corporation mentioned, "From the afternoon of October 31, the day of the Deepavali festival, until 12 PM today (November 1), 156.48 tons of waste have been cleared in Chennai. Corporation workers collected hazardous firecracker waste separately in designated bags. The collected hazardous waste was then sent to Kummudipoondi, which is equipped to handle such waste."

Coal India Limited (CIL) stepped into its 50th year

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Continuing to meet India's coal requirement and bolstering the energy sector, the state owned Coal India Limited (CIL) stepped into its 50th year of inception on 1st November 2024. CIL came into being on 1st November 1975 as an apex holding company of the nationalized coking coal (1971) and non-coking mines (1973).

From 89 Million Tonne (MT) production during 1975-76, the year CIL was formed, the Maharatna coal behemoth under the Ministry of Coal ended FY 2024 with 773.6 MT

output – an 8.7 fold growth. With 80% of its entire supplies directed to coal based power plants at highly competitive rates CIL plays a key role in enabling the citizens getting power at a just price.

Though CIL's employee strength fell sharply by almost a third to 2.25 Lakhs now from 6.75 Lakh employees during the early years of Nationalization, the production has taken an upward leap.

Congratulating Coal India, Union Minister of Coal and Mines, Shri G Kishan Reddy said, "As Coal India enters into its Golden Jubilee Year with

many milestones under its belt, I convey my best wishes to the company. Coal is yet to peak to its full potential in India. Indigenous production is vital to avoid expensive imports. Coal India has to ramp up production to higher levels in future with equal importance to people oriented social responsibility, welfare and safety".

It had been an eventful near five decade journey for CIL. The company braved many changes and challenges, trials and tribulations but managed to deliver what was expected of it. From a pure play coal producing company, Coal India is now

diversifying into solar power, pithead power stations, coal gasification and critical minerals in the National interest.

Beginning 2007, CIL had been formally observing its Foundation Day celebration as an in-house event. This includes J B Kumaramangalam Memorial lecture by either a former Chairman or an Industry expert and bestowing awards on best performers. This year as well the company will be celebrating the event on 3rd November in Kolkata with the Coal Minister as the Chief Guest and Coal Secretary as Guest of Honour.

Aditya Birla Capital | Q2 FY25 Results | Consol. PAT up 42% Y-o-Y to Rs 1,001 Crore

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Aditya Birla Capital Limited ("The Company") announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2024.

The consolidated profit after tax grew 42% year-on-year and 32% sequentially to ` 1,001 crore in Q2 FY25. The consolidated profit after tax includes gain of ` 167 crore on sale of entire stake of 50% in Aditya Birla Insurance Brokers Limited. The consolidated revenue grew by 36% year-on-year and 8% sequentially to ` 1,37,946 crore as on September 30, 2024. The total premium (life insurance and health insurance) grew by 24% year-on-year and 9% sequentially to ` 5,01,152 crore as on September 30, 2024. The total premium (life insurance and health insurance) grew by 29% year-on-year to ` 10,828 crore in H1 FY25.

The Company's omnichannel architecture allows customers to choose the channel of their choice and interact seamlessly across digital platforms, branches and VRMs, fostering engagement and loyalty. The Company's D2C platform, ABCD offers a comprehensive portfolio of more than 20 products and services such as payments, loans, insurance, and investments. Its unique feature of 'My Track' helps users track their personal finance, credit history and health. During the quarter, the

Company has introduced new products such as digigold gifting, family health scan and pocket insurance. It helps customers to fulfil their financial needs and serves as an acquisition engine for the Company. The platform has witnessed a strong response with more than 2.5 million customer acquisitions till date.

The comprehensive B2B platform for the MSME ecosystem, Udyog Plus, offers seamless, paperless digital journey for business loans, supply chain financing and a host of other value-added services. It continues to scale up quite well with more than 1.6 million registrations. The Company is also seeing an increased adoption from its existing customers, and as a result the total portfolio of Udyog Plus has crossed ` 2,900 crore.

The Company has a pan-India presence of 1,470 branches across all businesses as of September 30, 2024. The Company is focused on capturing white spaces and driving penetration into tier 3 and tier 4 towns and new customer segments.

Highlights of NBFC business in Q2 FY25

Disbursements grew by 17% year-on-year and 44% sequentially to 19,322 crore

AUM grew by 23% year-on-year and 7% sequentially to 1,14,710 crore

Loans to Retail, SME and HNI customers constitute 65% of the total portfolio

Profit before tax grew by 15% year-on-year to ` 844 crore

Return on assets was 2.34% and return on equity was 15.56%

Credit costs improved by 18 basis points sequentially from 1.43% to 1.25%

Gross stage 2 and 3 ratio improved by 100 basis points year-on-year and 21 basis points sequentially to 4.24%

Highlights of Housing Finance business in Q2 FY25

Disbursements grew by 113% year-on-year and 31% sequentially to 4,010 crore

AUM grew by 51% year-on-year and 14% sequentially to 23,236 crore

Profit before tax grew by 7% year-on-year and 22% sequentially to ` 104 crore

Return on assets was 1.53% and return on equity was 11.54%

Gross stage 2 and 3 ratio improved by 218 basis points year-on-year and 42 basis points sequentially to 2.22%

Highlights of Asset Management business in Q2 FY25

Mutual fund quarterly average assets under management (QAAUM) grew by 9% sequentially and 23% year-on-year to 3,83,309 crore, with equity mix at 47.1%

Equity QAAUM grew by 39% year-on-year to 1,80,658 crore

Individual monthly average assets under management grew

by 28% year-on-year to 2,03,391 crore

Monthly systematic investment plan (SIP) flows grew by 47% year-on-year to 1,425 crore in September 2024

Profit before tax grew by 42% year-on-year to 335 crore

Highlights of Life Insurance business in H1 FY25

Individual First Year Premium (FYP) grew by 33% year-on-year to 1,578 crore

Group New Business Premium grew by 45% year-on-year to 2,834 crore

Renewal premium grew by 12% year-on-year to 3,942 crore

13th month persistency continued to improve at 88% in September 2024 (September 2023: 87%)

61st month persistency was strong at 67% in September 2024 (September 2023: 60%)

Net VNB margin was 7.4%

Embedded value grew by 21% year-on-year to ` 12,368 crore

Highlights of Health Insurance business in H1 FY25

Gross written premium (GWP) grew by 39% year-on-year to 2,171 crore, with Retail premium growth at 51% year-on-year

Market share among standalone health insurers (SAHI) increased by 123 basis points year-on-year to 11.9%

Combined ratio improved to 113% from 119% in H1 FY24.

Rajnath Singh visits Field Gun Factory, Kanpur; Takes stock of critical indigenous defence capabilities

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Rajnath Singh, on November 02, 2024, visited the Field Gun Factory, Kanpur, a unit of Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL), in Uttar Pradesh. It specialises in manufacturing Barrel and Breach assemblies of various Artillery Guns and Tanks including Tank T-90 and Dhanush Gun.

A group of men standing on a red carpet Description automatically generated

During the visit, Raksha Mantri inspected key facilities, including the Heat Treatment and the New Assembly Shop of the factory, to take stock of critical indigenous defence capabilities. He was accompanied by Secretary (Defence



Production) Shri Sanjeev Kumar and Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir VKamat.

A group of people looking at a piece of machinery Description automatically generated

Following the visit to the shop floor, Shri Rajnath Singh was briefed by the CMDs of

three Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) based in Kanpur - AWEIL, Troop Comforts India Limited, Gliders India Limited - and Director of Defence Materials and Stores Research & Development Establishment, a DRDO laboratory located in Kanpur.

A group of people

sitting at a table Description automatically generated

During the presentations, the CMDs of the new DPSUs apprised Raksha Mantri about the product profile, major ongoing projects, R&D efforts and modernisation activities being undertaken in their pursuit to meet the requirement of the Services.

AWEIL specialises in manufacturing of Small, Medium and large caliber Gun systems. The main products of TCL are Combat Uniforms, Ballistic Protective Gears, Extreme Cold Clothing and Tentages for high altitude. Whereas, GIL has the largest and oldest production unit of parachutes in India.

Swiggy Limited's initial public offering to open on November 06, 2024

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Swiggy Limited (the "Company"), proposes to open its initial public offering ("Offer") on Wednesday, November 06, 2024. Bid/ Offer Closing Date will be Friday, November 08, 2024. Anchor Investor Bidding Date is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, that is, Tuesday, November 05, 2024.

The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed from Rs. 371 per Equity Share to Rs. 390 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 38 Equity Shares and in multiples of 38 Equity Shares thereafter.

The Offer comprises of a Fresh Issue of Equity Shares aggregating up to Rs. 44,990 million (the "Fresh Issue") and an offer for sale of up to 175,087,863 equity shares (the "Offer for Sale") by the Selling Shareholders.

The Offer includes a reservation of up to 750,000 equity shares of face value of Rs.1 each, aggregating up to Rs.[.] million, for subscription by eligible employees not exceeding 5% of our post-offer paid-up equity share capital (the "Employee Reservation Portion"). The Offer less the Employee Reservation Portion is hereinafter referred to as the Net Offer.

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

This is an Offer in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the SCRR read with the Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. This Offer is being made through the Book Building Process in compliance with Regulation 6(2) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not less than 75% of the Net Offer shall

be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs" and such portion the "QIB Portion") provided that our Company and Selling Shareholders, in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("Anchor Investor Portion"), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the price at which Equity Shares will be allocated to the Anchor Investors ("Anchor Investor Allocation Price"), in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. In the event of under-subscription or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the QIB Portion (excluding the Anchor Investor Portion) ("Net QIB Portion"). Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only and the remainder of the

Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIBs (other than Anchor Investors) including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. If at least 75% of the Net Offer cannot be Allotted to QIBs, then the entire Bid Amount (as defined hereinafter) will be refunded forthwith. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not more than 15% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders ("NIBs") of which (a) one third portion shall be reserved for NIBs with application size of more than Rs.200,000 and up to Rs.1,000,000; and (b) two-thirds of the portion shall be reserved for NIBs with application size of more than Rs.1,000,000, provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to Bidders in other sub-category of the NIBs in accordance with SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received above the Offer Price and not more than 10% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders ("RIB") in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being

received from them at or above the Offer Price. Further, Equity Shares will be allocated

on a proportionate basis to Eligible Employees applying under the Employee Reservation Portion, subject to valid Bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. All Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process by providing details of their respective ASBA accounts and UPI ID (in case of UPI Bidders (defined hereinafter) using the UPI Mechanism), in which case the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSSBs or under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable to participate in the Offer. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion of the Offer through the ASBA process. For details, see "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 445 of the Red Herring Prospectus.

Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, J.P. Morgan India Private Limited, Citigroup Global Markets India Private Limited, BofA Securities India Limited, Jefferies India Private Limited, ICICI Securities Limited and Aventus Capital Private Limited are the book running lead managers ("Book Running Lead Managers" or "BRLMs") to the Offer.

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 (Formerly Silver Stallion Ltd) & Vikasa India EIFIFund.

Recently, the board approved Qualified Institutions Placement (QIP) for aggregate amount of up to Rs. 100 Crores, in one or more tranches. The fund-raise will be subject to approval of the Company's shareholders and receipt of applicable regulatory approvals.

Celebrating the Bond Between Man and Machine: TVS MotoSoul 4.0 Returns to Goa on December 6-7, 2024

Chennai Nov 02 2024: TVS Motor Company (TVSM) - a leading global automaker that operates in the two and three-wheeler segments, today announced the fourth edition of its flagship motorcycling festival TVS MotoSoul at Vagator, Goa on December 6 and 7, 2024. TVS MotoSoul is the culmination of all that is motorcycling, racing and the brotherhood of like-minded performance enthusiasts.

TVS MotoSoul 4.0 will draw visitors from India and several other countries where TVSM operates. Attendees will have the chance to participate in motorsports including dirt track racing, stunt shows, and flat track challenges. They will engage in interactive sessions with race champions, riding experts, motorcycling legends. Top artists in entertainment, and music will make the evenings engaging. Culinary delights from across continents, wellness and personal care sessions, bike trips and tricks, community and bonding sessions are all built into the two day agenda.

"TVS MotoSoul is a mark of the motorcycling spirit. It celebrates the bond between man and machine. Each edition has not only grown in scale but has also deepened this connection among enthusiasts. Our commitment goes beyond just motorcycles; we are devoted to nurturing a thriving ecosystem of



riders. As we gear up for TVS MotoSoul 4.0, we are excited to redefine the journey with extraordinary experiences, all wrapped in a vibrant and colourful theme that captures the free-spirited essence of our community. We are confident that our mission to democratize these experiences will lead to one of the most exhilarating celebrations of riders and their journeys at TVS MotoSoul 4.0," said Vimal Sumbly, Head of Business - Premium, TVS Motor Company.

Motorcycling Meets Culture and Well-Being

This year's theme, "Feel the Adrenaline, Feel the Inspiration, Feel the Groove," seamlessly combines the thrill of motorcycling with music, wellness, and the creative spirit. From custom motorcycles to sessions on wellness and design, to an eclectic artist lineup, the festival amplifies the essence of the modern motorcyclist who is not only passionate about riding but also embraces a holistic

A Motorcycling Festival Like No Other

Adrenaline-Pumping Motorsport Activities: From gymkhana to flat track challenges.

Interactive Experiences: Engage with motorcycling legends and experts in racing and wellness.

Wellness Meets Riding: Sessions dedicated to fitness, mental well-being, and rider health.

Immersive Art and Culture: Creative expression through custom bike designs, art, and music.

Stellar Performances: Top artists will ignite the nights with electrifying performances.

Focus on Sustainability

In line with TVS Motor Company's commitment to the environment, eco-friendly branding and sustainable practices will be central to this year's festival. The international media ride will also introduce the event to a wider audience, expanding the festival's global footprint.

Endless Opportunities to Connect and Grow

TVS MotoSoul 4.0 creates endless opportunities for attendees to learn, discover, and connect. Whether through motorsport challenges, hands-on workshops, or evening performances, every moment is designed to celebrate the shared journey of the rider and their machine.

Vishal Fabrics Ltd. Reports Robust Earnings for H1FY25, PAT Jumps 66% YoY

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Vishal Fabrics Ltd. a premier supplier of top quality stretch denim fabric, has announced that its board meeting held on October 25, 2024, approved the Standalone and Consolidated Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2024.

For the quarter ended 30 September 2024 (Standalone), the revenue from operations were reported at Rs. 38478.40 Lakhs. EBITDA grew 41% YoY, from Rs. 2165.06 Lakhs (Q2FY24), to Rs. 3052.13 Lakhs (Q2FY25). EBITDA Margin was reported at 7.93%. PBT rose 92% YoY to Rs. 1201.62 Lakhs, and PAT was



reported at Rs. 649.56 Lakhs, a growth of 46% YoY.

For the half year ended 30 September 2024 (Standalone), the revenue from operations were reported at Rs. 72740 Lakhs. EBITDA grew 34.38% YoY, from Rs. 4257.31 Lakhs (H1FY24), to Rs.

5720.84 Lakhs (H1FY25). EBITDA Margin was reported at 7.93%. PBT rose 110.28% YoY to Rs. 2031.56 Lakhs, and PAT was reported at Rs. 1127.38 Lakhs, a growth of 66.54% YoY.

Earlier, the board allotted compulsorily convertible warrants at a

Unfortunate Incident at Palakkad Division today

Chennai Nov 02 2024: To maintain the cleanliness of tracks, the railways routinely awards the contract for rag picking from the track, in which there is provision for ensuring the safety of workers in case of incoming train on the track, so that the workers can move out of the track safely. In this particular case, the contract for the rag picking in the Shoranur yard & approaches was given to the contractor M/s MUNAVVAR THONIKKADAVAT H-MALAPPURAM under Contract No. SR/PGT/Civil/2023/009 dated 07.02.2023.

The Bharathapuzha bridge, which is a Steel plate girder Bridge located at km 1/200-600 and this bridge does not fall in the scope of the rag picking.

The contractor was assigned the work of clearing rags in the area between LC No. 1 and Ernakulam approach of Bharatpuzha railway bridge (i.e. km 1/600-1/900) for which there is direct road access via level crossing.

Upon completion of the work, a group of about 10 laborers instead of using the road took the railway

bridge to cross over the other side to reach the station, that too without informing the railway officials and without the permission of Railway Personnel. Since no railway work was planned on the bridge on the day, no railway protection was available on the bridge.

Unfortunately, four individuals were hit by a train. The bridge on UP line side has a speed restriction of 30kmph, but unfortunately, the workers took the bridge on DN line side which does not have any speed restriction. At the same time Train no:12626 Kerala

Express also entered over the bridge on down line side. Unfortunately, at that time 3 workers were run over and 1 worker jumped into the river.

The action for terminating the contract has been initiated and criminal case also is being lodged against the contractor for failing to ensure the safety of the workers about the incoming trains. Ex gratia payment Rs. 1,00,000/- (One Lakh) is also going to be disbursed to the deceased workers families soon.

Tata Motors advances green mobility, begins delivery of LNG-powered trucks to Clean Green Fuel and Logistics Pvt. Ltd

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, today announced the commencement of deliveries of the Tata Prima 5530.S LNG trucks to Clean Green Fuel and Logistics Pvt. Ltd, a leading green fuel retailing and logistics company. Tata Motors had received an order to supply 150 such trucks. The first batch of vehicles was handed over today at a specially organized ceremony in the city. Deliveries of the remaining Tata Prima 5530.S LNG trucks will be subsequently carried out, in a phased manner.

A Memorandum of Understanding to supply an additional 350 units of Prima 5530.S LNG was also signed between Tata Motors and Clean Green Fuel and Logistics Pvt. Ltd.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Milan Donga, Director, Clean Green Fuel and Logistics Pvt. Ltd, said, "As a two-year old start-up, we have made significant strides in the logistics industry and remain committed to



revolutionizing operations with green fuel solutions. The addition of Tata Motors' advanced LNG tractors to our fleet marks an important step forward in making our operations greener. Tata Motors leads the way in making mobility cleaner and more sustainable while offering the lowest total cost of operations and robust after-sales service. As these new-age vehicles come equipped with Fleet Edge, Tata Motors' state-of-the-art connected vehicle platform, we will also benefit from real-time data flows and smart analytics for optimal decision-making."

Speaking on the partnership, Mr. Rajesh Kaul, Vice President & Business Head Trucks, Tata Motors, said, "We are delighted to deliver the first batch of Tata Prima 5530.S LNG

trucks to Clean Green Fuel and Logistics Pvt. Ltd. Their mission is to make logistics greener and smarter, and we are equally committed to the goal. Our trucks deliver impressive performance, high efficiency, and low emissions that perfectly align with their operational requirements and sustainability goals."

The Tata Prima 5530.S LNG is powered by the fuel-efficient Cummins 6.7L Gas engine, delivering 280hp of power and 1100Nm of torque for exceptional performance. Robustly engineered, the vehicle is well suited for surface transportation and long-haul commercial operations. The premium Prima cabin enhances driver comfort, while features like Gear Shift Advisor further optimize fuel usage, improve efficiency

and reduce operational costs. The Tata Prima 5530.S LNG is available in both single and dual fuel cryogenic tank options to suit distinct operational needs. Offering a range of over 1000km, the dual tank option offers an extended range and improved operational efficiency, making it ideal for long-haul operations. Furthermore, the truck comes equipped with Fleet Edge, Tata Motors' flagship connected vehicle platform for efficient fleet management, enabling operators to further increase the uptime of vehicles and reduce the total cost of ownership.

Tata Motors is at the forefront of developing innovative mobility solutions powered by alternative fuel technologies such as battery electric, CNG, LNG, hydrogen internal combustion, and hydrogen fuel cell. The company offers a robust portfolio of alternate-fuel powered commercial vehicles across various segments, including small commercial vehicles, trucks, buses and vans.

penetration and government initiatives like Digital India. According to industry reports, the Indian Edutech market is projected to reach \$10.4 billion by 2025, growing at a CAGR of 39.77%. With over 1.5 million schools and more than 260 million students, the potential for digital learning solutions is immense.

"We believe the future of education lies in digital transformation, and interactive flat panels are a key component of that vision. Our zero-cost EMI initiative allows schools to adopt this cutting-edge technology without the financial burden. It's a win-win situation for both education and the community at large," said Gaurav Jindal, Managing Director of Quicktouch.

Standard Capital Markets Ltd. Board Approves INR 500 Cr Fund Raise

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Standard Capital Markets Ltd. a leading Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), has announced that its board has approved the proposal of fund raising. The board approved the issuance of up to 50,000 Secured, Unlisted, Unrated, Redeemable NCDs, aggregating up to an amount of INR 500 Cr in one or more tranches on a Private Placement basis.

Recently, the company announced a zero-cost EMI scheme for schools and educational institutions to acquire interactive flat panels (IFPs). This initiative is set to revolutionise the way teaching is conducted, offering students and teachers an enriched, tech-driven learning experience.



The introduction of IFPs will not only modernise classrooms but also help schools save significantly on the cost of consumables like chalk and markers. Additionally, the shift away from traditional chalkboards will help reduce respiratory problems caused by chalk dust, creating a healthier environment for students and teachers alike.

According to the Global Asthma

Report, approximately 6% of children in India suffer from asthma, translating to around 30 million children. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that respiratory issues in children are exacerbated by poor air quality, including indoor pollutants like chalk dust in schools.

Digital learning in India has seen exponential growth in recent years, driven by increasing internet

Elevate your festive spirit with a fragrance that complements the elegance and warmth of Diwali celebrations

Chennai, Nov 02 2024: Diwali is more than just a festival, it is a story. A story woven with the golden threads of tradition, the vibrant hues of celebration, and the intoxicating scents of joy. This year, as you prepare to write your own Diwali chapter, consider the power of fragrance to deepen the narrative, turning every moment into a cherished memory.

Diwali isn't just a feast for the eyes; it's a feast for the senses. And scents, often overlooked, have the remarkable ability to transport us back in time, evoke powerful emotions, and create lasting connections. It's the subtle whisper of sandalwood that reminds you of your grandmother's warm embrace, the vibrant burst of marigold that captures the infectious energy of the streets, the smoky trail of incense that connects you to generations of Diwali celebrations past.

This year, let your fragrance be more than just a finishing touch; let it be a storyteller. Choose scents that resonate with your personal Diwali narrative, and fragrances that capture the essence of your celebrations:



□ The warmth of family: Imagine the comforting embrace of cardamom and cinnamon, mingling with the sweet aroma of vanilla and the grounding notes of sandalwood. These are the scents of home, of togetherness, of sharing laughter and stories with loved ones around the flickering glow of diyas. These scents also make thoughtful gifts, allowing loved ones to carry the warmth of Diwali with them.

□ The sparkle of celebration: For those dazzling Diwali evenings, when the air crackles with excitement and fireworks paint the night sky, opt for vibrant and celebratory scents. Think sparkling citrus notes, the opulence of rose and saffron, or the mysterious allure of oud and amber. A thoughtfully chosen fragrance can be a truly memorable gift,

capturing the essence of the celebration.

□ The serenity of prayer: As you offer prayers and seek blessings, surround yourself with scents that evoke a sense of peace and tranquility. The delicate fragrance of jasmine, the purity of lotus, or the calming essence of frankincense can create a sacred space for reflection and gratitude. These serene scents also make beautiful and meaningful gifts.

□ The triumph of light: Diwali is a celebration of light overcoming darkness, of good triumphing over evil. This powerful symbolism can be reflected in your fragrance choices. Opt for bright, illuminating scents like citrus blossoms, bergamot, or lemongrass. These invigorating notes symbolize the dispelling of negativity and the

emergence of hope, making them a perfect way to celebrate the triumph of light.

Tara Sutaria, celebrity and brand ambassador, ITC Engage is known for her captivating presence on-screen and close family ties, says, "Diwali is one of the most beautiful times of the year, the warmth of family and friends is what makes the festive season even more special. And one of the most thoughtful ways of saying 'Thank you' to your near and dear ones is by spoiling them with unique gifts that they will remember. This Diwali, I am going to give the gift of love - the Exquisite Gift set by ITC Engage for a special scented surprise for my loved ones. The enchanting and long-lasting fragrances have just the perfect hint of festive spirit making them ideal pick this season."

This Diwali, as you light the diyas and share thoughtful gifts with loved ones, let your chosen fragrance be more than just a scent; let it be the narrator of your Diwali story, a fragrant reminder of the joy, the warmth, and the magic that fills the air. Choose wisely, and let your scent speak volumes.

BRIGADE HOTEL VENTURES LIMITED FILES DRHP WITH SEBI

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Brigade Hotel Ventures Limited, the second largest owner of chain-affiliated hotels and rooms in South India among major private hotel asset owners, has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus ("DRHP") with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"). The Company's initial public offering comprises of a fresh issue of Equity Shares of face value of Rs.10 each aggregating upto Rs.900 Crores.

Brigade Hotel Ventures Limited is the owner and developer of hotels in key cities in India primarily across

South India. They are the second largest owner of chain-affiliated hotels and rooms in South India (comprising the states of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Telangana, and the Union territories Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Pondicherry) among major private hotel asset owners (i.e., owning at least 500 rooms pan India) as of June 30, 2024.

Brigade Hotel Ventures Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brigade Enterprises Limited which is one of the leading Indian real estate developers in India. BEL entered into the

hospitality business in 2004 with the development of their first hotel Grand Mercure Bangalore, which commenced operations in 2009. The company has a have a portfolio of nine operating hotels across Bengaluru (Karnataka), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Kochi (Kerala), Mysuru (Karnataka) and the GIFT City (Gujarat) with 1,604 keys. The hotels are operated by global marquee hospitality companies such as Marriott, Accor and InterContinental Hotels Group and are in the upper upscale, upscale, upper-midscale, and midscale segments. The

hotels provide a comprehensive customer experience including fine dining and specialty restaurants, venues for meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions ("MICE"), lounges, swimming pools, outdoor spaces, spas, and gymnasiums. The hotels are strategically located in areas with high population density, premium neighbourhoods, commercial centres and IT hubs.

JM Financial Limited and ICICI Securities Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers to the issue.

Two militants killed in Anantnag encounter

Chennai Nov 02 2024: Two militants, including one foreigner and one local, were killed in an encounter in Anantnag. Meanwhile, a separate encounter is underway in the Khanyar area of Srinagar. Security forces launched the operations based on specific intelligence about the presence of militants in these locations.

An encounter broke out between security forces and terrorists in the Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir, officials reported on Saturday.

In a statement shared on X, the Indian Army revealed that terrorists opened fire on security personnel and then fled into the nearby jungle. "On 01 November 2024 late evening, suspicious movement was spotted in the general area of Panar, Bandipora, by alert troops. When challenged, the terrorists opened indiscriminate

fire and escaped into the jungle. Search operation underway," posted Chinara Corps, Indian Army. Further details are awaited.

Currently, a cordon and search operation continues in the Bandipora-Panar area, where gunshots were reportedly heard yesterday evening. Security forces are also conducting additional operations in the Khanyar area of Srinagar.

Previously, on October 29, security forces neutralized three terrorists during a significant encounter in Akhnoor, Jammu and Kashmir, following an attack on an Army convoy. Additionally, on October 20, terrorists carried out a deadly attack at a tunnel construction site on the Srinagar-Leh national highway in the Ganderbal district, resulting in the deaths of a doctor and six construction workers.