

Kashmir receives light snowfall; slight rise in night temp

Chennai Nov 30 2024: The higher reaches in Jammu and Kashmir received light snowfall on Saturday amid the prediction of more light rain and snow during the next 24 hours, officials said. They said the Razdan top along the Bandipora Gurez road received light snow.



As a precautionary measure, the administration has suspended vehicular movement on Gurez Bandipora road. Meanwhile, the night temperatures across Kashmir witnessed a rise due to overcast skies.

The Meteorological Department (IMD) said that Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 1 degree Celsius, up from the previous night's minus 1 degree Celsius.

MeT said that

Qazigund, Pahalgam, Konibal, Pulwama, and Shopian weather stations were the only places in the Kashmir region where the minimum temperature settled below the freezing point.

The tourist resort of Pahalgam in south Kashmir experienced another chilly night, with the mercury settling at minus 1.5°C, 2.8°C below the normal. The previous night the minimum temperature at Pahalgam was minus 3.4 degrees Celsius.

Gulmarg, the renowned ski destination in north Kashmir, registered a minimum of 0.5°C, which is 3.3°C above normal. Gulmarg had registered a low of zero degrees Celsius on the previous night. North Kashmir border town of Kupwara recorded a low of 3.4 degrees Celsius. The Jammu city recorded 10.7 degrees, Katra 11.6, Batote 6.5, Banihal 3.1, and Baderwah 3.1 as the minimum temperature.

The MeT has

predicted wet weather in Kashmir from Saturday. They said generally cloudy with light rain and snow is expected at isolated places on Saturday.

On December 1, the weather is expected to be partly cloudy, with light rain or snow likely at isolated locations in the higher reaches. For the next two days, light rain or snow is anticipated at scattered places in the higher reaches. The weather is likely to remain dry between December 4-7.

Anti-doping ban personal vendetta, avers Bajrang

Chennai Nov 30 2024: Olympic medalist Bajrang Punia has strongly condemned the four-year ban imposed on him by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), labelling it a product of political conspiracy and personal vendetta.

In an explosive statement on Wednesday, Punia claimed that the action against him was retaliation for his outspoken role in supporting the women wrestlers' movement, where he fought against exploitation and injustice in the sport.

Taking to social media, Punia accused the BJP government and the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) of conspiring to end his career. "This four-year ban is the result of personal animosity and political conspiracy against me," he wrote.

"It's a direct consequence of the movement we led in support of the women wrestlers, raising our voices against the injustice and exploitation they faced." The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) had initially suspended Punia on

April 23, 2024, for refusing to provide a sample during a doping test at the national selection trials on March 10. The Tokyo Games bronze medallist was also suspended by the World Wrestling Federation in light of the incident.

The 30-year-old, who has been a key figure in Indian wrestling, vehemently denied any wrongdoing related to the doping test that led to the ban. Punia clarified that he had not refused the test but had raised concerns when the National Anti-

Doping Agency (NADA) team arrived with an expired dope kit. "When the NADA team came to me for the test, the dope kit they had was expired. This was a gross negligence, and I only insisted that the test be conducted with a valid and approved kit. This was necessary to protect my health and career. But, it was deliberately used as a weapon against me," Punia explained.

Punia further accused the BJP government and the WFI of using the ban to silence him. "The BJP government and the federation have played this trick to trap me and end my career. This decision is not fair, but an attempt to silence me and other players like me," he asserted.

The wrestler also cast doubt on the impartiality of NADA, claiming that the body was acting at the behest of the Government. "This act of NADA has proven that they have nothing to do with fairness. All such institutions are working at the behest of the government. The real motive behind this ban is to silence me and stop me from raising my voice against the wrong," he said.

Situation under control in Chennai, other Dists: Stalin

GCC deploys 22,000 personnel to manage flood relief efforts

Chennai Nov 30 2024: Stalin visited the State Emergency Operations Centre at Ezhilagam Complex in Chennai and reviewed the measures being taken to tackle the impact of Cyclone Fengal.



The situation is under control in Chennai and other districts, which have been witnessing heavy rains due to Cyclone Fengal, said Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

Speaking to reporters, he said he held a review meeting with the Chennai Corporation Commissioner and District Collectors of Kanchipuram, Tiruvallur, Ranipet, and Chengalpattu, and was apprised of the situation on the ground and the relief measures being undertaken.

"There has been heavy rain since yesterday (Friday, November 29, 2024) night and it is continuing. The information is that the cyclone will make landfall by (Saturday) evening and there will be heavy rains. We have instructed for relief measures to be undertaken in full swing," he said.

"Due to the relief measures we have undertaken, there is no waterlogging in Chennai, and if there are any reports, we will address them immediately," Mr. Stalin said.

He also said Ministers have been deputed to other districts in the State, and so far, there are no adverse reports and the situation is under control.

GCC deploys 22,000 staff

In preparation for the northeast monsoon, the Greater Chennai Corporation has deployed 22,000 personnel, including officers, engineers, workers, and sanitation staff, to manage flood relief efforts. Additionally, 18,500 volunteers have registered to assist in these operations.

Relief Centers: 329 relief centers are on standby with basic amenities such as food, drinking water, and toilets.

Cooking Facilities: 120 kitchens are ready, stocked with sufficient groceries and vegetables.

Rescue Boats: 103 boats are prepared to evacuate residents from low-lying areas, 36 of which are owned by the Corporation.

Pumps: A total of 1,686 motors, including 134 high-capacity motors (100 HP), are stationed at key locations. Additionally, 466 tractor-mounted

motors are ready for use.

Flood water stagnation was reported at 134 locations, with rainwater already drained at 8 locations. Work is ongoing to clear water from the remaining 126 areas on a war footing.

Fallen Trees and Clearing Operations: 489 machines, including hydraulic tree-cutting machines (9), hydraulic ladders (2), regular tree cutters (262), and telescopic cutters (216), are in use. As of 9 a.m. today, 9 trees have fallen due to the rain, of which 5 have been cleared, and work on the rest is underway.

Transportation and Traffic Updates: Subways: Of the 22 subways in Chennai, traffic at the Ganesapuram subway is temporarily suspended due to railway overbridge work. Traffic in other subways remains unaffected.

Metro Rail Parking: Due to water stagnation, parking facilities at the Parangimalai and Arumbakkam Metro Rail stations will not be available today (30th). Updates on availability

in the coming days will depend on weather conditions.

Sewer Maintenance: Desilting Operations: 524 jet-rodding and desilting machines are operational to clear blockages in underground drainage systems.

Super Sucker Machines: Chennai Metrowater Board has deployed 73 super sucker machines for sewage removal, and 85 additional machines have been brought in from other municipalities and districts.

Medical Camps: Since October 15, 2,615 special monsoon medical camps have been conducted in Chennai, benefitting 1,39,187 people.

Preventive Measures: Closure of Public Areas: As a precautionary measure against cyclonic conditions, all 835 parks and beach areas under the Corporation's maintenance will remain closed today.

Vandalur Zoo: The Anna Zoological Park in Vandalur will remain closed for the day. The Corporation Commissioner has urged the public to cooperate and adhere to these measures.

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Cyclone Fengal: Landfall between North TN, Puducherry today; Chennai, six Districts on red alert

Chennai Nov 30 2024: The cyclonic storm 'Fengal' over the Bay of Bengal is expected to make landfall later today between North Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts, with wind speed upto 90 kmph.

Fengal moved north northwestwards with a speed of 12 kmph in the past six hours and lay centered at about 150 km east of Puducherry and 140 kms southeast of Chennai, according to the IMD's latest update.

The cyclone's main rain bands have brought rain to the city from around 3:30 am on Saturday and has persisted since then in varying intensities.

As of 8:30 am, the IMD expects the cyclone to move westwards and cross north Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coasts between Karaikal and



Mahabalipuram close to Puducherry as a cyclonic storm with a wind speed of 70-80 kmph gusting to 90 kmph during the evening of November 30.

From Saturday morning, the city received spells of moderate to intense rainfall which are expected to continue through the day, possibly resulting in localised water logging in low lying regions.

So far, the northern parts of the city are seeing heavier spells

Cuddalore districts, and Puducherry, with isolated heavy to very heavy rain and extremely heavy rain at a few locations.

An orange alert has been issued for isolated heavy to very heavy rain in Ranipet, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam districts, and the Karaikal area.

As the cyclonic storm moves slowly, weather bloggers expect the heaviest rains to fall between Marakkanam to Pulicat. Weather watchers said that the cyclone shifted more northward than westward overnight, potentially predicting its landfall closer to Mahabalipuram instead of Pondicherry.

with Kathivakkam recording around 12 cm, the highest, as per GCC data. Basin Bridge, Thiruvottiyur, Tondiarpet, Sholinganallur and Ponneri recorded about 8-9.4 cms of rainfall. Chennai, on average has recorded around 6.7 cms of rain as of 8:30 am on Saturday.

A red alert remains in effect for seven districts, including Chennai, Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram, Villupuram, Kallakurichi,

"The Best Time to Start Retirement Planning is Now", Says HDFC Life's Latest Campaign

Chennai Nov 30 2024: HDFC Life, one of India's leading insurers, has unveiled its latest campaign focused on the critical need for timely retirement planning. The growing elderly population in India coupled with rising life expectancy due to advancements in healthcare and improved standards of living, makes retirement planning imperative.

With individuals projected to require 30 years of income post-retirement by 2050*, early and strategic retirement planning is essential. Despite recognising the importance of starting early, many Indians face a significant gap between intent and action. Alarming, 90% of individuals, above the age of 50 years, regret having delayed their retirement planning**.

HDFC Life's latest campaign highlights a common barrier



begin their retirement planning journey. The campaign aims to create awareness about the need to secure one's financial future while balancing familial responsibilities. Speaking about the campaign, Vishal Subharwal Group Head Strategy & Chief Marketing Officer - HDFC Life said, "The risk of outliving one's savings is one of the biggest concerns that individuals face during their lifetime. The solution lies in starting retirement planning early to harness the power of

compounding. Very often, in India, this is postponed by individuals until their children's future is secured. Our main message through this campaign is that an individual needs to start planning early for their golden years and the best time is now."

Adding further, Vikram Pandey Chief Creative Officer Leo Burnett, South Asia said, "Often it isn't until their mid fifties that people realise they haven't planned enough for their retirement, and then it gets too late. In this campaign for HDFC Life, through the story of the couple who are transitioning to a new phase in life as they deal with an empty nest, we wanted to reiterate that this is also a time to shift your financial priorities, as you set your sights toward retirement and funding the next chapter of your life. And who better than HDFC Life to plan this with."

ISRO-NASA mission to ISS

2 Indian astronauts complete initial training

Chennai, Nov 30 2024: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Friday announced that the Initial Phase of Training for Gaganyatris in US for the joint ISRO-NASA Mission to International Space Station (ISS) has culminated.

ISRO said towards the goal of accomplishing a joint ISRO-NASA effort to the ISS, the two Gaganyatris (Prime: Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Backup: Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair) assigned for Axiom Mission-4 (Ax-4) commenced their training in the United States (USA) from the first week of August.

The initial phase of training has been completed successfully by the Gaganyatris on November 28.

During this phase of training, the Gaganyatris have completed initial orientations for mission-related ground facility tours, initial overview of mission launch phases, SpaceX suit fit checks, and selected space food options.



Furthermore, the training also included familiarisation sessions with the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft and various onboard systems of the ISS, including photography from space, daily operations routine, and communication protocols.

One of the important highlights of this phase was training for various types of emergencies in space, including medical emergencies.

Sharing photos in its website, the Indian Space Agency said upcoming training will primarily address the remaining modules of the US orbital segment of the space station along with training towards conducting scientific research experiments in microgravity environment during the mission. In

addition, the crew will train and perform different mission scenarios in the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft.

The Gaganyaan project envisages demonstration of human spaceflight capability by launching crew of 3 members to an orbit of 400 km for a 3-day mission and bring them back safely to earth, by landing in Indian sea waters.

The project will be accomplished through an optimal strategy by considering inhouse expertise, experience of Indian industry, intellectual capabilities of Indian academia and research institutions along with cutting edge technologies available with international agencies.

The pre-requisites for Gaganyaan mission include

development of many critical technologies including human rated launch vehicle for carrying crew safely to space, Life Support System to provide an earth like environment to crew in space, crew emergency escape provision and evolving crew management aspects for training, recovery and rehabilitation of crew.

Various precursor missions are planned for demonstrating the Technology Preparedness Levels before carrying out the actual Human Space Flight mission. These demonstrator missions include Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT), Pad Abort Test (PAT) and Test Vehicle (TV) flights. Safety and reliability of all systems will be proven in unmanned missions preceding manned mission.

New Stream of Automobile Traffic Identified Southern Railway Facilitates Haulage of Rakes for CONCOR's New Automobile Traffic Venture - 'TVS GO GREEN EXPRESS'

Chennai Nov 30 2024: Southern Railway has played a pivotal role in supporting CONCOR's (Container Corporation of India) new automobile traffic initiative. The inaugural run of the "TVS GO GREEN EXPRESS" container train on November 28, 2024, marks a significant milestone in eco-friendly logistics. Launched by CONCOR (Container Corporation of India) in collaboration with Southern Railway, Chennai Port Authority, this initiative exemplifies the seamless integration of rail and road transportation.

Inaugural Service The container train was flagged off from Jolarpettai Junction to Kamarajar Port Ltd., Ennore, carrying Direct Port Entry (DPE) export containers for M/s TVS Motor Company. Managed by M/s TVS SCS Global Freight Solutions Ltd, the train transported 29 FEUs (Forty-foot Equivalent Units) of automobile commodities, each with an average weight of 20 metric tonnes,



bound for African markets.

To support first-mile connectivity, LNG-powered vehicles owned by CONCOR facilitated the initial transportation, marking a significant milestone in achieving a sustainable, multi-modal logistics involving road and rail.

Southern Railway's Pioneering Role

By facilitating container haulage to Ennore and Chennai Ports, Southern Railway has:

Identified the potential for three Automobile rakes monthly, reinforcing its commitment to rail-based logistics.

Contributed significantly to the Green Logistics initiatives of the Government of India and CONCOR.

This initiative ensures seamless container movement between Chennai Ports and key industrial hubs in Tamil Nadu, such as Salem, Hosur, Krishnagiri, and Dharmapuri, as well as southern and south eastern Karnataka, including Bengaluru and Mysuru.

Boosting Port Efficiency and Trade

Through a combination of LNG (Liquid Natural Gas) vehicles for short-haul connectivity and rail for long-distance transport, the service:

Offers a cost-effective, multi-modal logistics solution.

Reduces congestion at port gates, providing a faster, congestion-free entry into ports.

Reduces the dependence on road transport

Enhances port efficiency by alleviating bottlenecks and improving turnaround times.

This initiative is a testament to the collaborative efforts of CONCOR, Railways and Chennai Ports Authority in promoting sustainable logistics while supporting economic growth through innovative and eco-friendly transport solutions.

South African Minister of Tourism, Patricia de Lille, to Visit India in December 2024

Chennai Nov 30 2024: As South Africa and India commemorate 30 years of robust diplomatic relations and democracy, the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Ms. Patricia de Lille, will embark on a significant visit to India this December 2024. During her week-long visit to New Delhi and Mumbai, the Minister will engage in high-level bilateral discussions with her Indian counterpart to strengthen tourism ties, focusing on key areas such as streamlined visa processes, digital innovation, enhanced air connectivity (including the IBSA code-share flight), and rural tourism. She will also explore India's advancements in AI-driven tourism solutions through meetings with technology and VFS representatives, showcasing South Africa's commitment to adopting innovative practices in the sector.



Africa's Assumption of the G20 Presidency in 2025," Minister de Lille will address over 350 dignitaries at a special event, emphasising sustainable tourism and accessibility for Indian travellers. Additionally, she will host a dinner with CEOs of leading Indian corporations, including Air India, Indigo, and Tata Group, alongside key sports stakeholders, to explore collaborative opportunities. The visit will also highlight South Africa's focus on bilateral cooperation across critical sectors such as infrastructure, energy, pharma, ICT, agriculture, and

are set to further strengthen mutual ties and foster deeper, more meaningful collaborations across various sectors. Moreover, our commitment remains rooted in nurturing closer connections with India and celebrating the vibrant cultural linkages that have flourished over decades. Together, both nations strive to build a transformative era of collaboration, contributing to shared economic growth, cultural exchange, and a strengthened partnership reflecting our collective vision for a prosperous and connected future."

As part of her visit, Minister de Lille will also explore India's rich cultural heritage, underscoring the deep historical and cultural ties between the two nations. By engaging with India's vibrant traditions and iconic landmarks, the Minister aims to celebrate the shared legacy that continues to strengthen the bond between South Africa and India while fostering mutual appreciation and collaboration in tourism and beyond.

Southern Railway: Consistently Ensuring Hygienic Linen for Passenger Comfort

Chennai Nov 30 2024: Southern Railway has always prioritized passenger comfort and hygiene, ensuring that its services set benchmarks for excellence. With over 600 million passengers traveling annually, Southern Railway continues to enhance the travel experience through a host of initiatives, especially in the supply of clean and hygienic linen.



Commitment to Quality Linen

Southern Railway provides two bed sheets to each AC passenger – one for spreading on the berth and the other for use as a blanket cover. The temperature inside AC coaches is maintained at a comfortable 24°C, ensuring passenger comfort while reducing dependency on heavy blankets.

In recent years, the frequency of blanket cleaning has been progressively improved. From the earlier cycle of 3 months in 2010, it was reduced to 2 months and further minimized to 15 days since 2016. In areas with logistical challenges, the cleaning cycle may extend to 20–30 days.

Mechanized Laundry Under BOOT Model

To meet the high standards of cleanliness and hygiene, Southern Railway has adopted the BOOT (Build,

Own, Operate, Transfer) model for its linen management. The key features include:

Existing Facilities:

Basin Bridge BOOT Laundry (6 Tonne Capacity per shift) and Kochuveli BOOT Laundry (3 Tonne Capacity per shift) supply an average of 26 tonnes of high-quality linen (23,000 sets) daily. Nagercoil and Ernakulam Boot Laundries having a capacity of 2 tonnes per shift which account for another 5,200 sets at present.

Proposed

Expansions:

BOOT laundries planned at Madurai, Coimbatore and Mangalore, will handle an additional 7,800 sets of linen daily.

These state-of-the-art mechanized laundries ensure superior quality washing and sanitization processes, guaranteeing passengers fresh and hygienic linen.

Southern Railway remains committed to redefining passenger comfort through consistent efforts in cleanliness, hygiene, and quality service delivery. Passengers are encouraged to continue supporting these efforts by using linen responsibly and contributing to maintaining cleanliness standards onboard.

Suraksha Diagnostic Limited: Initial public offering to open on Friday, November 29, 2024

Chennai Nov 30 2024: Suraksha Diagnostic Limited (the "Company") proposes to open an initial public offering of Equity Shares ("Offer") on Friday, November 29, 2024. The Anchor Investor Bidding Date is one Working Day prior to Bid/Offer Opening Date, being Thursday, November 28, 2024. The Bid/ Offer Closing Date is Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

The Price Band of the Offer has been fixed from Rs. 420 per Equity Share to Rs. 441 per Equity Share. Bids can be made for a minimum of 34 Equity Shares and multiples of 34 Equity Shares thereafter.

The Initial Public Offering is an Offer For Sale of up to 19,189,330 Equity Shares ("Offered Shares"), comprising up to 2,132,148 Equity Shares by Dr. Somnath Chatterjee, up to 2,132,148 Equity Shares by Ritu Mittal, up to 2,132,148 Equity Shares by Satish Kumar Verma (whose shares are jointly held with Suman Verma) (together with Dr. Somnath Chatterjee and Ritu Mittal, the "Promoter Selling Shareholders"), up to 10,660,737 Equity Shares by Orbimed Asia II Mauritius Limited (the "Investor Selling Shareholder"), up to 799,556 Equity Shares by Munna Lal Kejriwal, and up to 1,332,593 Equity Shares by Santosh Kumar Kejriwal (together the "Individual Selling Shareholders") (The Promoter Selling Shareholders, The Investor Selling



Shareholder and the Individual Selling Shareholders, Collectively Referred to as the "Selling Shareholders").

The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process, in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the SCRR read with Regulation 31 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and in compliance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, wherein the Offer shall be allocated on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") provided that our Company may in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, 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"). One-third of the Anchor Investor Portion shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from the domestic Mutual Funds at or above the 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 (other than Anchor Investor Portion) ("Net QIB Portion").

Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis only to Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price, and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIBs, including Mutual Funds. Further, not less than 15% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Investors and not less than 35% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. One-third of the Non-Institutional Portion shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders with a Bid size of more than Rs. 0.20 million and up to Rs. 1.00 million and two-thirds of the Non-Institutional Portion shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders with a Bid size of more than Rs.1.00 million provided that under-subscription in either

of these two sub-categories of the Non-Institutional Portion may be allocated to Non-Institutional Bidders in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Portion in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price.

All potential Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are mandatorily required to participate in the Offer through the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("ASBA") process by providing details of their respective ASBA accounts and UPI ID in case of UPI Bidders, as applicable, pursuant to which their corresponding Bid Amount will be blocked by the Self Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs") or by the Sponsor Bank(s) under the UPI Mechanism, as the case may be, to the extent of the respective Bid Amounts. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Offer through the ASBA process.

The Equity Shares of the Company are proposed to be listed on BSE Limited ("BSE") and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges").

ICICI Securities Limited, Nuvama Wealth Management Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited are the Book Running Lead Managers ("BRLMs") to the Offer.

Injured Hazlewood out of 2nd Test vs India

Chennai Nov 30 2024: Australia fast bowler Josh Hazlewood has been ruled out of the second Test against India, starting here on December 6, due to a low-grade left side injury.

In Hazlewood's absence, uncapped pacers Sean Abbott and Brendan Doggett have been added to the squad. The two have earned their callups following impressive performances in this

year's Sheffield Shield.

Australia already has 35-year-old right-arm pacer Scott Boland in the squad, who could play a key role in the pink-ball Test.

The fast-bowling changes come on the heels of Australia's earlier inclusion of allrounder Beau Webster, who was added to the squad as cover for Mitchell Marsh earlier this week.

Hazlewood's injury marks a significant blow for the Australian team, as the 32-year-old was one of their standout performers in the opening Test in Perth. He picked up five wickets for 57 runs across 34 overs, including a stellar four-wicket haul in the first innings that saw India dismissed for just 150 runs.

This is the first Test Hazlewood will miss since the Headingley match in the Ashes series last year and his

first absence in a home Test against India.

India currently leads the five-match series 1-0 after a commanding 295-run victory in Perth. The day-night Test will be crucial for the hosts as they aim to level the series.

The match also holds significance in the ongoing ICC World Test Championship, with both teams vying for valuable points in the standings.

Lakshmi Creations presents 'Paramasivan Fathima' directed and produced by Esakki Karvannan, starring Vimal, speaks about hurdles posed by religions to love

Chennai Nov 30 2024: Esakki Karvannan, the filmmaker behind the critically acclaimed movie 'TamilKudimagan', which starred Director-Actor Cheran in the lead role, is producing and directing a new film under the banner of Lakshmi Creations. Titled 'Paramasivan Fathima', the film stars Vimal in the lead role and focuses on a theme of how religions pose hurdles to love even in this modern era.

Earlier referred to as 'Production Number 7', the film depicts the lives of two communities from a hill village who are affected by the policies and ideologies



of their respective religions. The movie explores, in an engaging and non-preachy manner, how religious issues impact the lives of the people in these communities. 'Paramasivan Fathima' features a talented ensemble cast, including Vimal in the lead role, with Chayadevi, M. S. Bhaskar, Manoj Kumar, Sri Ranjani, Athira, Aruldoss, Cool Suresh, Kadhal Sukumar, Veerasamar, and others in key roles. The film is cinematographed by

Myna Sukumar, with music composed by Deepan Chakravarty. Esakki Karvannan has written and directed the movie. The final leg of the film's shoot is currently underway, with high-energy scenes being filmed.

The production team has confirmed that the shooting of 'Paramasivan Fathima' will conclude soon, and further official announcements, including the title of the film, will be made shortly.

Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting new project from Lakshmi Creations written and directed by Esakki Karvannan, with Vimal playing the protagonist.

Central University of Tamil Nadu Hosts 9th Convocation, Celebrating the Achievements of 878 Graduates

Chennai Nov 30 2024: The Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN) hosted the 9th Convocation, celebrating the academic accomplishments of 878 graduates, including 472 women and 406 men. The event highlighted the university's unwavering commitment to fostering excellence, inclusivity, and social impact.

The convocation ceremony was presided over by the Chancellor of CUTN, Padma Bhushan and Vigyan Ratna awardee Professor G. Padmanaban, who was joined by Professor M. Krishnan, Vice Chancellor, Prof. R. Thirumurugan, Registrar, Shri. CAGR Giridharan Finance Officer, Prof. Professor Sulochana Shekhar Controller of Examinations, and Dr. R. Parameshwaran, Librarian. In the presence of deans, faculty members, staff, scholars, students, and proud families.

Chancellor's Address,

In his inspiring address, Professor Padmanaban highlighted CUTN's alignment with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals



(SDGs), emphasizing the university's role as a catalyst for change. "CUTN has embraced the SDGs as a blueprint for its endeavours, focusing on inclusive education and sustainability," he noted. Addressing the graduates, he urged them to harness their education to bridge societal gaps. "Education remains a distant dream for many in rural and underserved communities. You, as graduates, have the responsibility to extend its transformative power, using technology and innovation to make a lasting impact."

He celebrated CUTN's strides in gender equity, evidenced by the significant representation of women in the graduating class, and encouraged students to prioritize climate action, particularly given the region's vulnerability to natural disasters. "The frequency of floods

and cyclones in this area underscores the urgency for climate awareness and sustainable practices. I urge you to champion these causes in your professional and personal lives," he added.

Professor M. Krishnan highlighted the university's remarkable achievements across various domains. He

noted CUTN's growing research impact, with 4% of its faculty recognized among the world's top 2% by Stanford University. The institution has made significant strides in infrastructure development, securing Rs.7.13 crore under the DST's PURSE scheme to enhance research facilities. Innovation has also been a key focus, with patents increasing from 7 to 27, supported by progressive policy initiatives. Academic expansion includes the establishment of new departments in Pharmaceutical Science, Food Science, and Foreign Languages, reflecting CUTN's commitment to interdisciplinary education. Additionally, the university has strengthened its global footprint through partnerships such as the Erasmus program with Siedlce University in Poland, fostering international collaboration. In his concluding remarks, Professor M. Krishnan urged the graduates to utilize the education they have received to drive meaningful change even in the most remote areas toward transforming lives and contributing to the nation's development.

AN EVENING OF FESTIVE GRANDEUR AT PHOENIX MARKETCITY WITH SHRUTI HAASAN

Chennai Nov 30 2024: Phoenix Marketcity and Palladium Chennai welcomed the festive season with unmatched opulence during their grand Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. The Central Atrium transformed into a haven of enchantment and elegance as the charismatic Actress Shruti Haasan as the Guest of Honour, illuminated the magnificent Christmas Tree.

The ceremony celebrated the joyous spirit of Christmas with the unveiling of a spectacularly decorated Christmas tree that stood tall as a symbol of love, hope, and togetherness. The event brought together families, friends, and visitors in a warm and magical ambiance, filled with festive lights, carols, and the essence of the holiday



season. Shruti Haasan, known for her versatility and charm, added glamour and enthusiasm to the occasion. She actively interacted with the crowd, sharing her heartfelt holiday wishes and personal reflections on the spirit of giving and togetherness.

The evening was further enlivened with Shruti Haasan engaging with attendees, taking

part in the countdown to the tree lighting, and posing for photographs with fans.

The event concluded on a high note, with attendees basking in the festive atmosphere, enjoying live performances, and participating in various holiday-themed activities organized by Phoenix Marketcity and Palladium. The spectacular tree and dazzling decor will remain a focal point

throughout the holiday season, spreading cheer and delight to all visitors.

With this heartwarming ceremony, Phoenix Marketcity and Palladium Chennai have once again reaffirmed their commitment to creating extraordinary moments for their community, setting the stage for a magical Christmas celebration.

Mahindra launches BE 6e starting at Rs.18.90 Lakh and XEV 9e starting at Rs.21.90 Lakh

Chennai Nov 30 2024: Mahindra has rewritten the rules of electric mobility with the launch of its flagship Electric Origin SUVs, the BE 6e and XEV 9e. They are built on a ground-up revolutionary electric origin architecture INGLO and are powered by MAIA, the fastest automotive mind in the world. These vehicles embody Mahindra's vision of "Unlimit India" an era where Indian innovation and design not only challenge global benchmarks but set new ones. The introductory prices* of BE 6e and XEV 9e were announced at the Global Premiere today.

Building a lifestyle brand

Mahindra's brand strategy is built on the commitment of creating vehicles that resonate deeply with those who seek experiences that align with their aspirations and unlimited potential. The BE 6e, with its sporty, performance-driven appeal, is crafted for explorers and achievers who love pushing boundaries, embodying the thrill of adventure and precision. The XEV 9e, on the other hand, redefines indulgence, offering unparalleled



luxury with refined elegance.

With class-leading range, intelligent ride dynamics, cutting-edge safety features, and a cinematic in-cabin experience, these Electric Origin SUVs are not just vehicles they are expressions of a bold, authentic lifestyle.

Heartcore Design

Mahindra's Electric Origin SUVs embody the Heartcore Design philosophy, crafting an emotional bond with their owners through bold innovation and modern luxury. With commanding exteriors and thoughtfully curated interiors, the BE 6e and XEV 9e set new benchmarks in aesthetics and functionality. The BE 6e, with its edgy, athletic silhouette and race-inspired agility, is designed for those who thrive on performance and adrenaline while the XEV 9e exudes sophistication with its suave SUV coupe design, blending indulgent luxury with dynamic performance.

Veejay Nakra, President - Automotive Sector, Mahindra & Mahindra

Ltd. and Joint Managing Director, Automotive Product Development, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. and Joint Managing Director, Mahindra Electric Automobile Limited, said, "The BE 6e and XEV 9e are the next Indian icons that will define who we are. Our electric origin SUVs, BE 6e and XEV 9e are about Unlimited Love that will inspire our customers to live a life without limits, filled with experiences that will make them feel alive. Crafted for unmissable presence, unparalleled technology and unrivalled performance, our electric origin SUVs will set new global benchmarks. The BE 6e, with its edgy, athletic silhouette and race-inspired agility, is designed for those who thrive on performance and adrenaline while the XEV 9e exudes sophistication with its suave SUV coupe design, seamlessly blending indulgent luxury with dynamic performance."

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