

Bangla indefinitely suspends consular service from Agartala Asst High Commissioner cites inadequate security

Chennai Dec 04 2024: The Assistant High Commission(AHC)of Bangladesh in Agartala on Tuesday announced the suspension of visa and consular service for an indefinite period, citing the reason of security deficiency.

This decision, taken presumably at the behest of the Bangladesh external affairs ministry, came into effect immediately, said first secretary in the AHC Md Al Amin.

Sources said the decision on the temporary closure of the AHC office of Bangladesh was 'anticipated' in view of what happened on Monday. It, however, hoped that the AHC service would resume soon.

Meanwhile, a group of people, including some Hindu

saints led by former Union Minister of State Pratima Bhowmik, held a demonstration on Tuesday in the city demanding the immediate release of ISKCON leader Chinmoy Krishna Das and stopping atrocities on minorities in Bangladesh.

The Superintendent of Police (West Tripura), Dr Kiran Kumar, said the group was seeking to hold the protest rally to Agartala-Akhaura Integrated Check Post, but they had been denied permission and prevented from moving.

Referring to Monday's incident in the AHC premises where the Bangladesh national flag was burnt, the SP said, "Seven persons have been arrested and will be presented in court for police remand. Investigations are

ongoing, and CCTV footage is being reviewed to identify others involved." Police continued hunting against several others involved in breaching the security barricade of AHC of Bangladesh here on Monday during a protest.

The state government has closed Assistant Commandant of the Secretariat Security Force (SSF) Kanti Nath Ghosh and put three sub-inspectors identified as Dilu Jamatia, Joynal Hossain, and Debabrata Sinha under suspension for dereliction of duty.

Also, ordered a detailed inquiry into the incident, including the role of security officers posted to maintain peace during the rally and security arrangements in the office.

According to police, at least 13 people from different parts of the state have so far been identified from the footage that went inside, breaking the main gate of the premise, vandalising the flagpole, and desecrating the national flag of Bangladesh in the presence of a sizable number of security personnel.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha condemned the incident, urging for restraint in protests.

"Some individuals resorted to unacceptable actions by attempting to forcibly enter Assistant High Commission premises. Such behaviour is strongly condemned. Peaceful demonstrations are part of democracy, but unlawful activities will not be tolerated.

Devendra Fadnavis returns as Maharashtra CM Modi, BJP leaders to participate in swearing-in ceremony

Chennai Dec 04 2024: Devendra Fadnavis was unanimously elected as the Maharashtra BJP legislature party leader at its meeting here on Wednesday, paving the way for his appointment as the chief minister.

The swearing-in ceremony will be held in Mumbai on Thursday in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP leaders.

Fadnavis' name was finalised for the top post at the BJP's core committee meet held here ahead of the legislature party meeting, sources said.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Sudhir Mungantiwar said leaders of the Mahayuti coalition will meet Governor CP Radhakrishnan at 3.30 pm on Wednesday to



stake a claim to form government.

Union minister Nirmala Sitharaman, former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani were present at the BJP legislature party meeting held at the Vidhan Bhawan in Mumbai. The BJP had appointed Sitharaman and Rupani as central observers for the meet.

On Tuesday, Fadnavis met caretaker Chief Minister Shinde at his official residence, 'Varsha,' here, the first in-person meeting since their discussions

in Delhi last week for government formation.

Notably, India Today and News18 both reported that Shinde had agreed to take up the Deputy Chief Minister's position within the BJP-led new Mahayuti government.

While the hour-long meeting between Shinde and Fadnavis yesterday details remain unclear, some political observers view it as an outreach effort by the BJP to placate an ally which is weighing its options,

while others believe it served as a preliminary discussion regarding the swearing-in ceremony set for December 5.

The BJP achieved remarkable success in the November 20 Maharashtra elections, securing 132 out of the 288 assembly seats in the state, marking its best performance in the state so far. Together with its allies -- the Shiv Sena led by Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar's NCP, the BJP-led Mahayuti coalition has a commanding majority of 230 seats.

India, Oman review entire gamut of bilateral ties

Chennai Dec 04 2024: India and Oman held the 13th round of the bilateral Strategic Consultative Group (IOSCG) meeting here on Tuesday during which both sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations, including political and strategic cooperation, trade and investment.

The meeting was co-

chaired by Arun Kumar Chatterjee, Secretary (CPV & OIA), Ministry of External Affairs, and Sheikh Khalifa Alharthy, Undersecretary for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sultanate of Oman, a statement said.

During the meeting, both sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations, including

political and strategic cooperation, trade and investment, energy, maritime and defence partnership, digital collaboration, cultural exchange, and people-to-people ties. They also exchanged views on regional and international issues of mutual interest. It was agreed to hold the next round of IOSCG in Muscat on a mutually

convenient date.

Sheikh Khalifa Alharthy also paid a courtesy call on External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar.

India and Oman share warm and friendly relations, underpinned by historical and cultural linkages, strong people-to-people ties and a robust strategic partnership. The 13th IOSCG meeting further strengthened the relationship, providing an opportunity for both nations to review and expand bilateral cooperation in new areas for mutual benefit, it said.

The MEA spokesperson posted on X: "The 13th India-Oman Strategic Consultative Group meeting, co-chaired by Arun Kumar Chatterjee, Secy(CPV & OIA) & @KhalifaAlharthy, Undersecretary for Political Affairs of Oman @FMofOman, was held in New Delhi today.

"Both sides reviewed the entire spectrum of the multifaceted bilateral ties and discussed relevant regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Significant drop in Kashmir valley night temp

Chennai Dec 04 2024: The Kashmir Valley experienced a significant drop in night temperatures, with Srinagar shivering at a chilly minus 2.0°C on Wednesday, officials said.

Tourist hotspots such as Pahalgam, Gulmarg, and Konibal recorded even colder temperatures, reaching minus 4.8°C, minus 3.5°C, and minus 4.5°C, respectively, making them the coldest places in the region.

The cold wave tightened its grip, as Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, recorded a minimum temperature of -2.0°C during the

night between Tuesday and Wednesday. According to the Meteorological Centre, this was 0.8°C lower than the average for this time of year, which is typically -1.2°C.

The tourist spot of Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district remained the coldest place with minus 4.8°C against the minus 3.3°C recorded on the previous night, and this was 1.5°C below normal for the valley of shepherds during this period of the season.

The night temperature further plummeted in the famous ski resort of

Gulmarg and was recorded at minus 3.5°C against minus 2.4°C recorded on Tuesday. This was 0.4°C below normal for the valley of meadows during this period.

Qazigund recorded a low of 2.2°C against the 0.5°C the previous night, and this was 1.0°C below normal for the gateway to Kashmir on Wednesday.

The minimum temperature also plunged to minus 1.2°C at Kupwara against the 1.8°C recorded a day ago, and it was still 0.5°C above normal for the frontier border district of the Kashmir Valley on Wednesday.

The picnic spot of Kokernag had a slight improvement in the night temperature and recorded at 0.4°C against the minus 0.2°C the previous night, and this was 1.0°C above normal for the place in south Kashmir.

The Met Office said the weather is likely to remain dry till December 7.

"A weak Western Disturbance (WD) may affect Jammu and Kashmir between December 8 and December 9 and can cause light rain and snowfall over the isolated higher reaches," it stated. "Overall nothing significant till December 14," the MeT office said.

Build Your Future With Us
 RTN DR.R.SATHYANARAYANAN Director
 +91 9326126897 +91 8148231942
Oasis Grace
 Engineering projects Pvt Ltd
 No.15, North Media Street, Sengaiyee Colony, Saidapet, Chennai-600015
 25+ Years of Excellence
 2500+ Projects 500+ Teams 20+ Years of Excellence

What We Do
 Project Management
 Architectural Design
 Structural Design
 MEP Design
 Construction Management

Who We Are
 We are a team of highly qualified and experienced professionals with a proven track record of delivering high-quality projects on time and within budget.

Our Clients
 JMI, JMR, etc.

Our Projects

Projects in India 13 Hill Area Nagar	Projects in India Pooja Plaza, JMD Nagar, Saidapet	Projects in India JMD Nagar
Projects in Bangalore Bangalore - Bangalore	Projects in Chennai Saidapet, Saidapet	Projects in Chennai Saidapet, Saidapet

PASSPORT | MSME | PAN | AADHAAR
FSSAI | PATTA | LEGALHEIR
2,4 WHEELER INSURANCE
PROPERTY TAX, EB - NAME TRANSFER
STATE AND CENTRAL GOVT
AUTHORISED FRANCHISEE
ALL ONLINE SERVICES

இ-சேவை மையம்
 11, SOUTH PERUMAL KOIL STREET, VADAPALANI, CHENNAI - 600 026.
8148231942 / 8144337349
 வடாழி சேவை மையம்

SAMCO Mutual Fund Launches Innovative Multi Asset Allocation Fund with Dynamic R.O.T.A.T.E. Strategy

Chennai Dec 04 2024: SAMCO Asset Management Private Limited today announced the New Fund Offer (NFO) of Multi Asset Allocation Fund (MAAF), which opens on 4th December, 2024 and closes on 18th December, 2024. The fund which strategically shifts allocations between equities, Gold, and debt/arbitrage to optimize returns and mitigate risk. The scheme has a minimum application amount of Rs.5,000. Powered by the proprietary R.O.T.A.T.E. strategy, the fund has an ability to rotate predominantly into Equity mode when equities are in a bull market, in to gold mode when equities take a back seat but Gold is outperforming and into Debt / Arbitrage mode when both equities and Gold are falling thus striving to deliver stable returns and protect investor wealth.



provides a truly dynamic approach to investing across categories with the ability to allocate between 20-80% to equities, 10-70% to debt instruments, and 10-70% to gold and silver ETFs. It can also invest up to 30% in commodity derivatives and upto 10% in REITs and InvITs. While traditional investment funds often maintain an industry static exposure to Gold and other commodities, typically ranging from 10% to 20%, SAMCO's Multi Asset Allocation Fund allows for a significant allocation of up to 70% to Gold during periods of strong uptrends.

Commenting on the launch, Viraj Gandhi, CEO of SAMCO Asset Management Private Limited, said, "At SAMCO, we believe in the power of dynamic investing. Our Fund is based on the unique R.O.T.A.T.E. model designed to adapt to real-time market

conditions, unlike traditional static allocation strategies. By reallocating across asset classes based on market trends and volatility, we aim to deliver consistent performance—maximizing opportunities in uptrends while safeguarding investors during downturns. This agility is key to navigating today's ever-evolving market landscape."

The fund will be jointly managed by a seasoned team of investment professionals, including Mrs. Nirali Bhansali, Mr. Umeshkumar Mehta, and Mr. Dhawal Ghanshyam Dhanani. Their collective expertise and strategic approach will be instrumental in implementing the fund's innovative R.O.T.A.T.E. strategy, ensuring a dynamic and responsive investment approach.

Mr. Umeshkumar Mehta, Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of SAMCO

Asset Management Private Limited, added, "Market cycles are driven by macroeconomic shifts and changing sentiment. Samco MAAF dynamically adjusts allocations to manage risk and capture opportunities, thereby offering a smoother wealth creation experience. This strategy is particularly beneficial for investors who may find it challenging to maintain emotional discipline during market peaks and troughs."

The fund will track a benchmark index comprising 65% Nifty 50 TRI, 20% CRISIL Short Term Bond Fund Index, 10% Domestic Price of Gold, and 5% Domestic Price of Silver. For more information about the SAMCO Multi Asset Allocation Fund and the NFO, please visit our website at <https://www.samcofund.com/mutual-funds/samco-multi-asset-allocation-fund-direct-growth/madgg>.

DGP Sandeep Rai Rathore, interacted with all the recruit constables and encouraged them to enter society as honest and responsible constables

Chennai, Dec 04 2024: The Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board conducted the examination for the selection of Grade II Police Constables for the Tamil Nadu Police. Based on the results, a total of 2,665 individuals were selected as Grade II Police Constables, including women for the Armed Reserve and men for the Tamil Nadu Special Police. The appointment orders were issued by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 27.11.2024. Preparations have been made at eight permanent Police Training Schools located in Tiruvallur, Vellore, Villupuram, Trichy, Salem, Coimbatore, Madurai, and Thoothukudi to provide seven months of basic training and one month of practical



training to the newly selected candidates. On (03.12.2024), the women recruits reported to the training schools at Tiruvallur, Vellore, and Villupuram, while the men recruits reported to the training schools at Salem, Trichy, Madurai, Thoothukudi, and Coimbatore. The seven-month basic training commenced today (04.12.2024). The Director General of Police (Training), Mr. Sandeep Rai Rathore, IPS,

interacted with all the recruit constables at the training school via video conference. He encouraged them to successfully complete their training and enter society as honest and responsible constables. He also shared valuable advice with the trainees. On this occasion, the police officers from the Police Training Headquarters Tmt. M.V. Jaya Gauri, IPS., Inspector General of Police (Training) at Thoothukudi,

Dr.Z.Annie Vijaya, IPS., Deputy Inspector General of Police (Training) at Villupuram, Tmt. S.P. Lavanya, Superintendent of Police-PTH (Training) at Vellore, Tmt. K. Maheswari, Superintendent of Police Thoothukudi at Tiruvallur as well as the Principals and Vice-Principals of all training schools, along with Drill Instructors and Law Instructors across Tamil Nadu, were present during the video conference.

Centre of Excellence for Neuromodulation Opens at SRM Medical College Hospital

Chennai Dec 04 2024: The Department of Psychiatry at SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRMCH&RC) has inaugurated a Centre of Excellence for Neuromodulation, offering advanced treatment for conditions such as depression, anxiety, OCD, schizophrenia, headaches, nerve pain, and trigeminal neuralgia, among others.

The centre was officially launched by Ms. Manimangai Sathyanarayanan, Director of SRMPS, in the presence of Pro Vice Chancellor (Medical) Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Additional Registrar (MHS) Dr. T. Mythili, Medical Superintendent Dr. R. Venkatraman, and



Head of Department (HoD) Dr. R. Arul Saravanan.

During the inauguration, Dr. R. Arul Saravanan provided insights into the cutting-edge Neurosoft Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) machine now available at the centre. He explained, "Neuromodulation is an emerging therapeutic approach where nerve activity is altered

through the targeted delivery of stimuli to specific neurological sites in the body, particularly the brain. This can involve electromagnetic fields, rTMS, electric currents, or drugs delivered directly into the subdural space."

Dr. Arul Saravanan elaborated on TMS as a non-invasive form of brain stimulation that uses changes in the magnetic field to induce

an electric current in specific brain areas through electromagnetic induction. "This technique has shown diagnostic and therapeutic potential in treating various neurological and psychiatric disorders," he added.

Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar highlighted SRM Medical College Hospital's commitment to integrating the latest technologies to provide world-class treatments for its patients. The Centre of Excellence for Neuromodulation is open to SRM patients and those referred by other medical professionals. It operates from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

DGP Sandeep Rai Rathore, Training has visited PTS Salem to personally see the preparations

Chennai Dec 04 2024: Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board conducted a Recruitment for the selection of Gr.II Police Constables for Tamil Nadu Police Department. Accordingly 2665 persons [Regular- 2598 (AR Women- 779 & TSP Men 1819) and (Backlog 67 (AR Women 13 AR Men 12 & TSP Men 42)] were recruited as Gr.II. Police Constable.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu issued the appointment letters to the appointees on 27.11.2024. The newly recruited recruits will undergo 7 months Basic Institutional training and 1-month Practical Training. The training will be imparted at 8 Permanent Police Training Schools at Thiruvallur, Vellore, Villupuram, Trichy, Salem, Coimbatore, Madurai and Thoothukudi.



Out of the total 2665 recruited Grade II Police Constables 792 Women AR RPCs were allotted training at Thiruvallur (300), Vellore (200) and Villupuram (292) and 1861 Men TSP RPCs and 12 AR Men backlog RPCs will undergo training at Madurai (389), Thoothududi (512), Salem (422), Trichy (350) and Coimbatore (200).

During the course of Basic Training, training in Outdoor and Indoor activities will be imparted to RPCs. Outdoor activities comprises of physical training, Parade, Firing, Commando training,

Jungle training etc., Indoor Training comprises of Law subjects, Finger prints, First aid, Scientific aided Investigation etc., In addition subjects like ethics, psychology, life skills, work life balance, etc., are also being imparted.

The Permanent Police Training Schools are well prepared in all aspects in advance for imparting training to the above recruits commencing from 04.12.2024.

Also, as per the instructions of the Tr. Sandeep Rai Rathore, IPS., Director General

of Police, Training, Training of Trainers, (TOT) Programme was conducted for both the Indoor and Outdoor Police Personnel of 8 Police Training Schools at PTS, Madurai from 25.11.2024 to 30.11.2024 which is a first of its kind, to equip their capacity to conduct the training more effectively. About 158 Trainers have been trained in the TOT.

The Director General of Police, Training is visited PTS Salem on 3rd December 2024 to personally see the preparations.

All preparatory arrangements have been done in the respective Police Training Schools for the successful conduct of the ensuing Basic Training. Preparations have been carried out and all the 8 PTSs are kept ready to receive and commence the training for the RPCs.

ECI media awards for promoting voter education

Chennai Dec 04 2024: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced special media awards to recognise the outstanding efforts of media houses in promoting voter education and electoral awareness throughout 2024.

The awards will honour campaigns that have significantly increased voter participation by raising awareness about the voting process, accessible elections, election-related IT applications, and other key election topics.

The awards, which will consist of a citation and plaque, will be



presented on National Voters' Day, January 25, next year.

Punjab CEO Sibin C informed that the awards will be given across four categories: Print Media, Television, Radio, and

Online/Social Media. He emphasised that the evaluation will be based on the quality of voter awareness campaigns, the accuracy and balance of the information presented, and the extent of the campaign's reach.

"We are looking for campaigns that effectively highlight accessible elections, ECI's IT innovations, and combat misinformation while making a measurable impact on public awareness," as per the ECI letter.

All entries will have been published, broadcast, or posted during 2024. Submissions in languages other than English or Hindi should include an English translation. "Entries should carry the media house's name, address, and contact details, and must be submitted by December 10," said Sibin C.

HORLICKS WOMEN'S PLUS AND APOLLO DIAGNOSTICS CO-PARTNER TO ADDRESS WOMEN'S BONE HEALTH AWARENESS IN INDIA

Chennai Dec 04 2024: Marking the 4th successful year of collaboration with Apollo Health & Lifestyle Limited, Horlicks Women's Plus has once again joined hands with Apollo Diagnostics, India's largest diagnostics center and pathology lab, for raising awareness around women's bone health in India. According to a Mompreso study conducted in 2023, 98% of women in India suffer from body ache and 87% amongst them do not understand the link between body ache and poor bone health. Vitamin D is an essential nutrient to maintain bone health and regular monitoring is necessary to detect its deficiency.

In order to encourage women to undergo early detection of Vitamin D deficiency, under the partnership, Vitamin D tests will be made available across 2000+ Apollo Diagnostic centres and clinics in 200+ cities at pocket-friendly prices. Women across the country can now avail the Vitamin D test at INR 199 instead of the standard costs of INR 1850, making the identification and monitoring of the deficiency more affordable and accessible to a wider audience.



Speaking about the collaboration, Shiva Krishnamurthy, Executive Director of Foods and Refreshment, Hindustan Unilever Limited said, "In India, 9 out of 10 women are Vitamin D deficient which causes weak bones and can even lead to serious conditions like osteoporosis. Therefore, driving awareness about bone health is imperative. With this campaign, Horlicks Women's Plus aims at creating bone health awareness among 30+ year-old women and nudge them to get themselves tested. This is the fourth year of our partnership with Apollo Diagnostics and together, we are committed to drive a culture of preventive healthcare in the country."

Brand ambassador Taapsee Pannu continues to lend her voice to the cause, inspiring women to maintain their bone health. The campaign aims to reach over 50 Mn++ vulnerable women through

multiple touchpoints.

Dr. Sangita Reddy, Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Group added, "Vitamin D deficiency can significantly impact bone health, leading to issues such as back pain and muscle weakness. Bone health is a critical concern, especially for Indian women, who are at a heightened risk of conditions like osteoporosis. Approximately 49.9% of women in India have osteopenia, while 18.3% are diagnosed with osteoporosis. Our four-year partnership between Apollo Diagnostics and Horlicks Women's Plus has empowered over 150,000 women by raising awareness and making Vitamin D screening affordable and accessible. Together, we're committed to prioritizing women's bone health and overall well-being."

Records from previous Vitamin D testing camps reveal that 4 out of 5 women in India suffer from Vitamin D deficiency.

Women tend to rely on temporary analgesics to get relief from body aches that reduce the perception of pain, but do not solve the problem of Vitamin D deficiency. This underscores the importance of nutritional supplements rich in Vitamin D and calcium to prevent the occurrence of deficiency and maintain bone health.

To bridge this gap and drive a culture of preventive healthcare, Horlicks Women's Plus and Apollo Diagnostics will not only make diagnosis easier for women across all strata but will also provide free counselling from doctors and samples of Horlicks Women's Plus products to ensure continued care. This partnership aims to empower women to take charge of their health through accessible, affordable and preventive measures, encouraging early diagnosis and regular monitoring to prevent chronic conditions.

Horlicks Women's Plus offers a sustainable solution to implement lifestyle changes for long-term benefits as it helps you meet 100% RDA of calcium and Vitamin D and is clinically proven to help improve bone strength in 6 months* and it contains No Added Sugar.

U.S. Embassy Announces Recruitment for the 20th Nexus Business Incubator Cohort

Chennai Dec 04 2024: The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi is pleased to announce that Nexus, a premier business incubator hosted at the American Center in New Delhi, is currently accepting applications for its 20th cohort which will begin a nine-week training program on February 2, 2025.

The Nexus cohort program provides an invaluable opportunity for 15-Indian startup companies to receive specialized training from Indian and American experts to sharpen their value propositions, define their target markets, get market feedback on product/technology and create milestones to bring their

companies to the market. This latest cohort will also explore the influence of artificial intelligence on startup ventures and the importance of mental health for entrepreneurs.

Following the initial nine-week training program up to four companies will be invited to remain at Nexus for more in-depth support. These companies will be given full access to incubator facilities and network for up to an additional eight months. During this time, the Nexus team of experts will also work with them to take their companies to the next level by helping them get their products

to market, grow their customer and revenue bases and, if appropriate, obtain funding to scale their operations.

Entrepreneurs interested in applying for this program should submit applications at: www.startupnexus.in by January 5, 2025. Selected participants will be notified by January 17, 2025.

To deliver training for Nexus' 20th cohort, the U.S. Embassy is partnering with the Global Training and Development Institute (GTDI) at the University of Connecticut (UConn). The program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and the U.S. Department of State.

GTDI works together with the Daigle Labs at UConn's School of Business to provide participants from across India the perspectives and the critical tools for exploring the development of new and emerging ventures. The aim of the partnership is to enable sustainable community development while promoting the cultural and economic relationships between the United States and India.

Since the launch of the first cohort in 2017, 230 Indian entrepreneurs and 19 cohorts have graduated from Nexus, and collectively raised over \$90 million dollars in external funding.

Nissan Crosses Milestone of 5 Lakh Domestic Sales; Registers Total Sales of 9,040 Units in November 2024

Chennai Dec 04 2024: Nissan Motor India announced that it has achieved a significant milestone today with the crossing 5 lakh cumulative domestic sales since the start of its operations with a total of 5,13,241 units sold till date. Additionally, in November 2024, the company recorded consolidated wholesale dispatches of 9040 units, driven by consistent demand for its vehicles, including the New Nissan Magnite SUV. The domestic sales accounted for 2342 units, while exports stood at 6698 units.

Compared to October 2024, total consolidated wholesale saw a 62% (MoM) increase from 5570 units to 9040 units, driven by a substantial

surge in export shipments. Exports in November 2024 recorded a (YoY) growth of 222% compared to 2081 units in November 2023 and a (MoM) growth of 2449 units in October 2024. This performance reflects Nissan's growing footprint in international markets and the increasing confidence and trust customers have placed in the brand's 'Made in India' vehicles.

Mr. Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director, Nissan Motor India, said "It's a matter of great pride for all of us at Nissan Motor India to see our brand crossing the 5 lakh domestic sales milestone. This remarkable feat reflects the continued trust our customers have placed in the quality,

reliability, and performance of our vehicles over all these years. Nissan remains committed to its India operations, dealers, partners, and customers. We remain on track for our plans announced earlier this year at the launches of the Nissan X-TRAIL and New Nissan Magnite."

He added, "As part of Nissan's steadfast commitment to the Indian market and to meet the evolving needs of its customers, we recently expanded our product lineup with the launch of the New Nissan Magnite, embodying the 'One Car, One World' philosophy. The unprecedented growth in our export numbers is driven by the New Nissan Magnite and it

speaks volumes for our manufacturing capabilities enabling us to deliver world-class products across the world."

The growing demand for the 'Made in India' Magnite across international markets has enabled Nissan to expand its export footprint to more than 45 new markets, bringing its total presence to over 65 countries, including Left-Hand Drive markets. This milestone reinforces India's position as a significant export hub for Nissan. The New Nissan Magnite features a bold, stylish design both inside and out, offering 20+ first & Best-In-Segment features and 55+ total safety features.

CRISIL Upgrades Vedanta's Credit Rating to AA

Chennai Dec 04 2024: CRISIL upgraded its rating on Vedanta's long-term bank facilities and debt instruments to 'AA' while reaffirming the short-term rating at A1+.

"The rating upgrade factors the expected material improvement in the consolidated operating profitability (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation [Ebitda]) of Vedanta along with improved capital structure with reduction in debt and leverage to below rating thresholds" CRISIL said in its rating rationale.

CRISIL has noted that Vedanta's consolidated operating profitability (EBITDA, excluding brand and management fees to VRL) is expected to increase to more than Rs 45,000 crore in fiscal 2025, mainly supported by volume growth in aluminium, zinc international and

iron ore segments, improved cost efficiencies in zinc and aluminium and healthy metal prices. EBITDA is expected to improve further in fiscal 2026, with expected completion of ongoing capital expenditure (capex) for capacity increase and operating efficiency improvement, especially in the aluminium business, it added.

This is the second upgrade for Vedanta by a major credit agency in the last three months. In September, ICRA had upgraded Vedanta Limited's long-term credit rating to AA from AA-, citing company's strengthened credit profile.

In its rating rationale, CRISIL has also factored in Vedanta's moves to deleverage its balance sheet and improving financial flexibility. "The promoters and group management have been articulating about increased focus

on deleveraging balance sheets at VRL as well as at operating levels. This commitment has been reflected in recent fundraising events such as QIP and OFS by Vedanta, and stake sale by VRL which have resulted in cumulative fundraising of USD 1.9 billion by the group during April-August 2024." the rating agency said, while expecting Vedanta's net debt to continue declining further after FY 2025 as well.

Vedanta's ability to withstand cyclicity in commodity business and lower cost of production are another important factors highlighted by the rating agency. "The Vedanta group operates across various businesses spanning zinc, lead, silver, aluminium, oil and gas, iron ore, power and steel. The group is among the largest producers in all these segments, thus commanding a strong position in the

domestic market. A well-diversified business risk profile cushions the group from commodity-specific risks and cyclicity." CRISIL said.

CRISIL Ratings has taken note of admission of the proposed demerger of Vedanta businesses into separate listed companies to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), increasing the likelihood of successful completion of the demerger.

Vedanta's UK based parent - Vedanta Resources Limited - also recently received rating upgrades from an international credit agency. US-based Moody's upgraded Vedanta Resources Ltd.'s (VRL) corporate family rating to B2 from B3 and the rating on the company's senior unsecured bonds to B3 from Caal. Further, last month Fitch also published Vedanta Resources' first-time "B-" Rating with Positive outlook.

No move to send troops to Ukraine: UK

Chennai Dec 04 2024: The United Kingdom does not have plans to send its troops to Ukraine, Sky News reported on Tuesday, citing the office of UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

In late November, Le Monde newspaper reported, citing sources, that France and the UK

had resumed discussions about the possible deployment of Western troops to Ukraine.

At the same time, Luxembourg Foreign Minister Xavier Bettel also spoke out on Tuesday against the idea of sending NATO troops to Ukraine, stating the need to

continue providing material assistance to Kiev.

Last week, the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) said that the West was planning to deploy some 100,000 "peacekeepers" in Ukraine to restore Ukraine's combat capability.

Moscow has said that arms supplies to Ukraine by the West hinder the conflict settlement and directly involve NATO countries in the conflict. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov noted that any cargo containing weapons for Ukraine would be a legitimate target for Russia.

DBS Bank Leverages Asian Network, Digital Expertise to Enhance Wealth Offering for HNI and NRI customers

Chennai Dec 04 2024: DBS Bank has announced a significantly enriched wealth proposition for its customers in India, building on its existing offering and introducing new, digitally enhanced features, tailored to the needs of NRIs and HNIs. The bank also inaugurated its third flagship branch in Indiranagar, Bengaluru, reinforcing its presence in the country's technology hub, with a comprehensive suite of bespoke offerings and cross-border solutions for HNI clients and NRIs to access both domestic and global banking capabilities. The latest branch opening adds to the 26 DBS branches already serving Bengaluru and underlines the importance of the city to the bank's operations in India.

In its largest increase in history, new financial wealth of US\$588 billion was generated in India in 2023 and the country is expected to add wealth of ~US\$730 billion annually until 2028. This increase in affluence has led to the emergence of new customer needs, and coupled with the rising phenomenon of the globally mobile Indian, there is a requirement for customised solutions that factor in personal, business and lifestyle preferences.

DBS Bank has leveraged its presence across Asia, and its advanced digital capabilities to design a differentiated offering, that gives DBS Treasures customers,



with a Total Relationship Value of more than INR 30 Lakh, total access to a full suite of customised wealth management solutions, experienced relationship managers, exclusive privileges, and the trusted advantage of the DBS network. The full proposition, including preferential FX rates for international fund transfers, waived service fees, and zero ATM withdrawal fees, is available to customers across the six key DBS markets of Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Indonesia, India and China. In 2023, DBS Bank launched its super-premium, invite-only credit card in India, the DBS Vantage Card, offering exclusive benefits for high-net-worth customers and international travellers. These benefits include 8 Vantage Points for every ₹200 of international spends (1 VP = ₹1), zero forex mark-up on international transactions in Singapore, and a low forex mark-up of 1.75% for transactions elsewhere.

The bank has pioneered an online account opening experience for its new NRI customers which lets them complete the account opening process (prior to

demanding stronger regional presence. DBS Bank India's large branch network, coupled with advanced digital expertise, supports its 'phygital' strategy, which can comprehensively serve the rapidly growing new wealth in India. At the same time, Bengaluru's entrepreneurial ecosystem and rise in investable wealth make it an ideal market for piloting our premium banking products and propositions.

The new signature DBS branch in Bengaluru will offer more exclusive and personalised services for the complex and evolving needs of our affluent and NRI customers as well as business owners. Our online account opening solution for NRIs enables them to unlock more value through a seamless, location-agnostic experience.

Asia, with India at the heart, is the rising epicentre of wealth and, as the largest bank in Southeast Asia, we look forward to bringing all the advantages of our Asian connectivity to our Indian and NRI clients."

The bank in India has also tailored its wealth management approach for resident elderly customers with a proposition known as "DBS Golden Circle", designed to not only address this demographic's financial needs, but also to enhance their overall quality of life through a suite of specialised services, enabling them to 'Live more, Bank Less'.

Gunman fires at SAD leader Badal outside Golden Temple, nabbed

Chennai Dec 04 2024: In a shocking incident outside the Golden Temple on Wednesday, a man opened fire at Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Sukhbir Singh Badal while he was serving as a 'sewadar.' The assailant, however, missed his target and was quickly overpowered by bystanders.



The dramatic scene, captured by mediapersons covering the event, unfolded during the second day

of Badal's penance for "mistakes" committed by the SAD government in Punjab from 2007 to 2017.

Television footage showed the shooter, identified as Narain Singh, a resident of Dera Baba Nanak, approaching Badal,

Following the attack, security officials detained Singh and took him into custody.

Badal, undergoing religious punishment announced by the Akal Takht, was seated at the entrance of the shrine dressed in the blue uniform of a 'sewadar,' holding a spear. A board hung around his neck acknowledged his "misdeeds."

SAD leader Daljit Singh Cheema condemned the attack, calling it a grave and unacceptable act.

'Freshworks Chennai Marathon' powered by Chennai Runners to be held on Sunday, January 5th, 2025 Registration closes on 10th December 2024

Chennai Dec 04 2024: The Chennai Runners, a not-for-profit organization run by passionate runner-volunteers since 2006, and Freshworks Inc. (NASDAQ:FRSH), the global software as a service company from Chennai, announced the 13th edition of the Freshworks Chennai Marathon 2025, scheduled to be held on Sunday, 5th January 2025. This year the marathon is expected to witness the participation of over 25,000 runners including competitors, corporate honchos, and thousands of running enthusiasts. The registration for the marathon is open and the final date of registration is 10th December 2024. Freshworks Chennai Marathon 2025 will also have registrations through WhatsApp.

Freshworks Chennai Marathon 2025, powered by Chennai Runners, the largest running event in Tamil Nadu and the second-largest marathon in India, will comprise four events for men and women including, a



Full Marathon (42.195 Km) - the flagship race of the event, the Perfect 20 Miler (32.186 Km), the Half Marathon (21.097 Km) and the 10 Km Run.

This year the Freshworks Chennai Marathon will see the participation of over 30% women runners. The marathon will have participation from visual impaired runners, close to 100 wheelchair runners and blade runners.

Freshworks Chennai Marathon 2025, powered by Chennai Runners is all set to rock the city limits as the full marathon is set to be flagged off at the iconic Napier Bridge, Marina Beach, and run through the scenic beach route towards the lighthouse and later it will pass through Madhya Kailash, Tidel Park and

to ECR. Like the previous edition, this year's marathon will also have two start points, Napier Bridge and Elliot's Beach. Full Marathon (42.195 Km) the Perfect 20 Miler (32.186 Km) and the 10 Km Run will start from Napier Bridge while Elliot's Beach will be the starting point of the Half Marathon (21.097 Km). The Indian Maritime University will be the finish point for the full marathon, 20 miler, and the half marathon while the CPTIPL Ground will be the finish point for the 10-kilometer run.

The Marathon is also grateful for the support of the Greater Chennai Police Commissioner, Greater Chennai Traffic Police, Tambaram Commissionerate, Sports Development Authority of Tamil

Nadu (SDAT), TNAA, the People of Chennai, and the vibrant running community of Chennai and the Greater Chennai Corporation.

Mr. V P Senthil Kumar, Race Director, Freshworks Chennai Marathon 2025 powered by Chennai Runners said, "The enthusiasm and desire from athletes across the country and abroad participating in the Freshworks Chennai Marathon is unmatched and is truly what makes the Chennai Marathon such a special event in India's marathon calendar. Since the opening of the registration, we have seen an unmatched eagerness from athletes from across the country for registration, and this indicates the growing trend of the sport and is a testament to the gaining popularity of The Freshworks Chennai Marathon. We look forward to welcoming over 25,000 athletes in their pursuit of the finish line on Sunday January 5th, 2025. We are gearing up for a memorable experience from start to finish."

HDFC SKY Unveils New Youth Plan to Inspire the Next Generation to #MakeMoneyMatter

Chennai Dec 04 2024: HDFC SKY, one of India's premier discount broking platforms is excited to announce the launch of its groundbreaking Youth Plan, specifically designed to empower the next generation and millennials. This unique initiative aims to equip young individuals with the essential tools, knowledge, opportunities, and resources necessary for navigating the financial markets with higher knowledge and conviction.

In response to this launch, Sandeep Bhardwaj, COO & CDO of HDFC Securities, remarked, "Our younger investors, especially those aged 18 to 25, represent a dynamic and transformative segment of India's demographic landscape. While the appeal of online tips and the promise of

instant success can be enticing, it is crucial for them to place their trust in reliable research."

"Navigating the complexities of the stock market requires a comprehensive understanding of market trends, effective risk management, and various strategies. These competencies are best developed through education. Relying on tips can result in misinformed decisions and potentially significant financial setbacks. We strongly encourage our youth to leverage the research recommendations available on HDFC SKY and to enhance their financial knowledge and skills through our learning module, SKY Learn," he emphasized.

The newly launched Youth Plan, designed for customers under the

age of 25, offers an exceptional opportunity for young investors. With no brokerage or account maintenance charges across various segments including equity, derivatives, mutual funds, exchange traded funds, currency, and commodities, this plan enables young investors to engage in both delivery and intraday trading without incurring extra costs during its first year. Customers can unlock all the features of the Youth Plan for a nominal fee of just Rs. 499 per year.

In addition to the core offerings, users will benefit from exclusive guidance tailored specifically for the youth, provided by our in-house experts. This guidance will include a practical, actionable journey, featuring expert research

recommendations to help young and new investors successfully navigate the markets.

As part of our SKY Learn initiative aimed at expanding financial knowledge and skills, HDFC SKY has released a large amount of informative content across formats which will engage with the youth. The content covers a diverse range of topics, including ETFs, MTFs, Derivatives, Stock SIPs, IPOs, Mutual Funds, and more. Additionally, users will benefit from exclusive webinars, instructional videos, valuable learning tools, and complimentary access to expert forums, all at no additional cost. HDFC SKY is committed to providing its users with the resources they need to expand their financial knowledge and confidence.