

MODI LAUDS ISRO'S SPACE FARMING BREAKTHROUGH, NEW TIGER RESERVES

Chennai, 20 January 2025: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the 118th episode of his Mann Ki Baat program and the first of the year, highlighted ISRO's groundbreaking achievements and India's environmental advancements.

PM Modi lauded ISRO's successful germination experiment in space, describing it as a visionary step towards space farming. He revealed that Indian scientists have successfully germinated cowpea seeds sent to space on December 30, 2024.

"This inspiring experiment is a step towards growing vegetables in space, opening new avenues for future space farming. It demonstrates the foresight and innovative spirit of our scientists," PM Modi said.

He also commended IIT Madras for its cutting-edge research in space manufacturing, including 3D-printed buildings, metal foams, optical fibers, and concrete production without water. These advancements are set to bolster India's



Gaganyaan mission and future space stations.

New Tiger Reserves

In his address, PM Modi celebrated India's recent additions to its tiger reserves: the Guru Ghasidas Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh and the Ratapani Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh. These additions reflect India's commitment to wildlife conservation and ecological balance.

Maha Kumbh

PM Modi praised the ongoing Maha Kumbh festival in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, as a grand celebration of India's "unity in diversity."

Calling it the Ekta Ka

Maha Kumbh (Festival of Unity), he highlighted the inclusive nature of the event, where people from all walks of life rich and poor, north and south, east and west come together to celebrate shared traditions.

"The Maha Kumbh showcases extraordinary scenes of equality and harmony, with people from across India and the world gathering at the Sangam to take a holy dip, share community feasts, and receive prasad. It is a living testament to India's unity in diversity," PM Modi said.

He emphasized how

such traditions bind the nation, linking festivals from northern cities like Prayagraj, Ujjain, Haridwar, and Nasik to southern celebrations along rivers like the Godavari, Krishna, Narmada, and Kaveri. He also drew parallels to the temple traditions in Tamil Nadu, showcasing India's interconnected cultural heritage.

PM Modi concluded his address by celebrating the Maha Kumbh as a symbol of India's shared values and unity, encouraging citizens to cherish these traditions that strengthen the nation's social fabric.

EPFO SIMPLIFIES PF TRANSFER PROCESS TO ENHANCE SERVICE DELIVERY AND ENSURE EASE OF LIVING FOR MEMBERS

Chennai, 20 January 2025: To ensure ease of doing for its members, EPFO has simplified the process for transfer of PF account on change of jobs wherein the requirement to route online transfer claims through either the previous or current employer has been removed in majority of cases. With the introduction of the revised process, it is expected that in future over 1.20 crore out of 1.30 crore total transfer claims i.e. 94% of the total claims would be directly forwarded to EPFO without requiring the employer's intervention. Presently, transfer claims in certain situations do not require any approval from the employer when a

member leaves an employment and joins another establishment. From 1st April 2024 till date, around 1.30 crore transfer claims have been received by EPFO in the online mode out of which approx. 45 lakh claims are auto-generated transfer claims which account for 34.5% of the total transfer claims.

This simplified process will result in a considerable reduction of the turnaround time as the claim on submission by members. It will also greatly reduce the member grievances considerably (presently 17% of the total grievances pertain to transfer related issues) along with the



corresponding rejections. Large employers who have a large workload of approving such cases will have significant improvement in the ease of doing business.

After implementation to this revised procedure, transfer claims will be processed directly by EPFO, speeding up the service for members. These reforms will not only streamline processes but also help

build greater trust and confidence in EPFO services. These initiatives reflect Government's commitment to simplifying processes and improving efficiency of EPFO for Ease of Living for members.

By leveraging technology and introducing member-friendly policies, EPFO aims to deliver seamless and secure services to its members.

ODOP EXHIBITION DISPLAYED IN 6000 SQUARE METERS AT MAHAKUMBH 2025

A unique Market for the Country's Artisans at Prayagraj, with expected Business Opportunity of around Rs. 35 Crores



Chennai Jan 20 2025: The Mahakumbh 2025 is proving to be a golden opportunity for artisans from across the country. This grand event, held at the confluence in Prayagraj, features an impressive exhibition of 'One District, One Product' (ODOP) spread over 6000 square meters. Items such as carpets, zari-zardosi, glass toys from Firozabad, wooden toys from Varanasi, and other handicraft products are becoming major attractions for devotees.

Sharad Tandon, Joint Commissioner of Industries for the Prayagraj Division, stated that in 2019, the Kumbh Mela generated

a business worth Rs. 4.30 crore, and this time the business is expected to reach up to Rs. 35 crore. This will create new avenues for business and job creation.

Flipkart has also set up a stall at the Mahakumbh, providing entrepreneurs with the opportunity to sell their products on their platform for free. The Flipkart stall is witnessing a huge crowd of buyers and visitors.

Display of Crafts and GI Products from Firozabad, Kushinagar and Kashi

Artisans from Kashi (Varanasi) have presented products at

the exhibition, including wooden toys, Banarasi brocade, metal repoussé, and metal casting. Geographical Indication expert, Dr. Rajnikant mentioned that 75 GI products from Uttar Pradesh are being showcased under the ODOP scheme, of which 34 products are from the Kashi region itself. These include red chillies from Varanasi, Banarasi sarees, Surkha guava, Amla from Pratapgarh, brass utensils from Mirzapur, and terracotta items from Gorakhpur. Carpets from Kushinagar, glass toys and utensils from Firozabad are also key attractions at the exhibition. Efforts are

being made to bring unique creations such as Banarasi Thandai, Lal Peda, Banarasi Tabla, and wall paintings to global attention.

Promotion of Employment and Innovation at the Mahakumbh This ODOP initiative is an unprecedented effort to promote the handicrafts and cottage industries. Mahakumbh 2025 is not only strengthening spiritual and cultural identity but has also become a vast platform for entrepreneurs. People from all over the world are visiting, admiring, and purchasing the products of the artisans.

HORSE SHOW BY CADETS TAKING PART IN NCC REPUBLIC DAY CAMP 2025

Chennai Jan 20 2025: The Annual Horse Show was presented by the NCC cadets taking part in the Republic Day Camp at 61 Cavalry Ground, Delhi Cantt on January 19, 2025. The camp hosts national-level inter-directorate NCC equestrian competitions, culminating with a spectacular horse show. The cadets, both boys and girls, display their finesse through electrifying displays of tent pegging and show jumping. This year, 40 Senior Division and 20 Senior Wing cadets from across the country participated in the equestrian competition. The award-winning cadets in horse riding are as follows:

Best Rider (Joint): Under Officer Ansh Karnawat (Rajasthan Directorate) and Junior Under Officer Vadlmudi Lokesh

(Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Directorate)

Best Rider (Girls): Sergeant Bhumika Kanwar (Delhi Directorate)

Best Rider Runner up (Girls): Under Officer Swarnika Rathore (Rajasthan Directorate)

Best Tent Pegger:

Dr Roop Jyoti Sharma Trophy: Senior Under Officer Harshit Singh (Uttar Pradesh Directorate)

DG RVS Trophy: Sergeant Vatandeep Singh (Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh & Chandigarh Directorate)

The DG NCC felicitated the cadets with trophies and prizes. He highlighted how training in equestrian and horsemanship provides the NCC cadets with an exposure to a thrilling adventure, helping them build important



characteristics like resilience, discipline, patience and endurance which will help them grow in all walks of life. This was followed by an enchanting band performance by the cadets of Mizo High School, Aizawl.

Interacting with the media, DG NCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh stated that NCC currently has 294 horses to train the cadets and inculcate skills such as coordination, strength, discipline, confidence, resilience and unyielding sportsmanship.

NCC presently has 20 riding units across 12 NCC directorates to provide cadets with ample opportunities to excel in the sport. The cadets undergo year-round rigorous training in the NCC Remount and Veterinary (R&V) units to acquire top-notch horse-riding skills. 2024 saw the cadets participate in multiple regional equestrian competitions where they've won five gold, four silver and one bronze medal and three cadets qualified for Junior National Equestrian Championship.

STANDARD CAPITAL MARKETS LIMITED ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF INR.71 BILLION TO ENHANCE OPERATIONS

Chennai, 20 January 2025: Standard Capital Markets Ltd. a leading player in Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC), in continuation of its previous press release dated 17th December 2024, is pleased to announce an additional deployment of INR 0.71 billion towards its operations, complementing the earlier deployment of INR 1.3 billion.

This investment comes as part of the company's strategic initiatives following the successful issuance of INR 5 billion Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs). The company has effectively raised and allocated INR 2.01 billion towards further strengthening its



operational infrastructure. The focus of this deployment is on enhancing operational efficiency, scaling up capacity, and supporting the company's overall growth trajectory.

The management of Standard Capital Markets Limited added, "The successful issuance of these NCDs reaffirms strong investor confidence in our business model and growth prospects. Deploying INR 0.71 billion towards our operations aligns with our commitment to driving operational excellence and fortifying our market position. Our focus remains on generating

long-term value for our shareholders and customers. In addition to the operational enhancements, the remaining proceeds from the NCD issuance will be allocated for various strategic initiatives, including expansion efforts, working capital requirements, and the reduction of existing liabilities.

Standard Capital Markets Limited remains confident that these strategic investments will

position the company for sustainable growth, innovation, and enhanced shareholder value. The company's leadership is committed to continuing its focus on long-term value creation for both its customers and stakeholders.

The company also approved the allotment of 5600 unrated, unlisted, secured NCDs, of face value of Rs. 1 Lakh each at an issue price of Rs. 1 Lakh each aggregating to INR 56 Crores.

Gukesh Beats Netherlands' Giri in Tata Steel Masters

Chennai, 20 January 2025: In the most expected contest, World Champion Gukesh Dommaraju was off to a winning start defeating the Dutch legend Anish Giri in his first game after becoming the world champion in the opener of 87th edition of the Tata Steel Masters Chess 2025, at Dorpschuis De Moriaan, Wijk aan Zee here today. In other decisive games, Vincent Keymar defeated Indian Leon Luke Mendonca, while veteran Pentala Harikrishna turned the tables on fellow Indian Erigaisi Arjun. Equally well fought draws were Pragnanandhaa Abudottorov, van Foreest Fedoseev and Warmerdam Sarana games.

The see-saw battle saw the Indian emerging with full points after Anish missed possible winning continuation in mutual time-scramble. The Kings Indian Attack game lasted 42 moves, but it was on 33. h3 one

saw Giri sliding to a losing position. Rather, it was the throwback expression of Giri that said it all. Down to his last seconds on the clock, Gukesh sewed up the game in his favor with locals watching the game LIVE getting a bit aghast at the turn of events. A good start for the year and as a world champion for Gukesh, where Caissa smiled on him. One has to give it to Gukesh who went for 14. Bh4 giving up his knight early on in the game plunging into complication.

The opener between defending champion Wei Yi (China) and top seed Fabiano Caruana (USA) was a quiet draw arising out of Ruy Lopez Berlin Defense. Sticking to theory, the favorites played out a copy book draw holding their block buster games for the rounds to come.

It turned out to be winning day for Team Gukesh in Wijk aan Zee, as Harikrishna and Keymar overcame

Erigaisi and Mendonca in contrasting styles. In a Sicilian Dragon game, Harikrishna scored a grinding two rooks & knight versus queen & bishop ending win over Erigaisi Arjun. A highly instructive game that brought back Harikrishna in Elo 2700+ fold.

Tata Steel Challengers 2023 winner Mendonca left with deep regret as a one move blunder 31. Rcl spoiled what should have been a fine win over German Keymar. That single move spelt doom for the Indian as black's 31...Qxh3 saw white collapsing with no hope in sight. It turned out to be a second

"Giri" for the opening day, as Keymar pounced on his chance at la Gukesh.

In the Challengers section, both the Junior world champions Nogerbek Kazybek and Divya Deshmukh lost their games to Yakubboev Nodirbek and Lu Miaoyi

respectively. Argentine talent Oro Faustino went down to GM Vaishali Rameshbabu while top seed GM Nguyen Thai Dai Van beat Pijpers Arthur.

The venue of the "Wimbledon of Chess", De Moriaan playing hall in Wijk aan Zee throbbled with chess enthusiasts consisting of the Masters, Challengers and Amateurs all assembled to under one roof. The hub of Dutch chess hospitality is more to be experienced than described.

The second round starts on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. IST.

Masters (Round 1 Results): Harikrishna Pentala bt Erigaisi Arjun, Pragnanandhaa Rameshbabu drew with Abudottorov Nodirbek, Mendonca Leon Luke lost to Keymar Vincent, Gukesh Dommaraju bt Giri Anish, wei Yi drew with Caruana Fabiano, Van Foreest Jorden drew with Fedoseev Vladimir, Warmerdam Max drew with Sarana Alexey.

Challengers (Round 1 Results): Divya Deshmukh lost to Yakubboev Nodirbek, Nguyen Thai Dai Van bt Pijpers Arthur, Suleymanli Aydin drew with Bok Benjamin, Gurel Ediz t Bulmaga Irina, L'Ami Erwin drew with Svane Frederik, Oro Faustino lost to Vaishali Rameshbabu, Lu Miaoyi bt Nogerbek Kazybek.



WIPRO SEES HIGHER NET PROFITS DECLARES INTERIM DIVIDEND

Chennai, 20 January 2025: IT major Wipro has announced 24.5 per cent Year-on-Year basis jump in net profit at Rs 3,350 crore during the third quarter (October-December) of 2024-25 and announced an interim dividend of Rs 6 per share. Wipro's gross revenues grew 0.5 per cent at Rs 22,320 crore during the quarter, the company said in a regulatory filing with the stock exchanges. The IT major has guided revenue in the range of (-) 1 per cent to (+) 1 per cent for the fourth quarter of the FY25.

Commenting on the performance, Srinu Pallia, CEO and Managing Director, said, "In a seasonally weak quarter, our strong in quarter execution helped us deliver above the top end of our revenue guidance. We also achieved our highest margins in the past three years while continuing to invest in

our people. We closed 17 large deals with a total value of USD 1 Billion. We are advancing steadily and investing decisively to lead our clients in an AI-driven future." Aparna Iyer, Chief Financial Officer, said "We expanded margins for a fourth consecutive quarter, enabling us to achieve our previously stated target margin of 17.5%. Our EPS grew 24.4% YoY and operating cash flow was at 146.5% of net income. We are pleased to share that the board has approved our revised capital allocation policy that increases the committed payout percentage to 70% or above in a block of 3 years. In addition, board has also declared an interim dividend of Rs 6 per share." Wipro has listed 14 strategic deals won during the third quarter include, a US-based health insurance company has selected Wipro for a multi-phase enterprise

transformation program. Wipro will implement its industry leading Individual Consumer Affordable Care Act (ACA) and commercial Employer Group Enrolment & Billing platform. Wipro's AI enabled "Payer-in-a-box" solution will deliver integrated enrolment processing; billing; faster payment processing; improve accuracy, speed & efficiency of financial reconciliation; and enhanced customer services. The program will drive enhanced member experience, better financial management controls, as well as operational efficiency for the client.

A US-based leading media corporation has selected Wipro to transform its advertising operations and drive growth in a competitive market. Leveraging its global delivery model, deep expertise in advertising operations,

and AI-powered automation, Wipro will deliver operational stability, foster innovation and unlock efficiencies across the value chain for the client. Wipro's specialized knowledge in media operations enables the delivery of tailored, high-quality, and scalable solutions designed to address the client's unique challenges. Besides, a leading Indian private banking and financial services institution has selected Wipro to transform and modernize its Core Banking System. Leveraging its deep domain expertise and consultative approach, Wipro will help the client build the "Bank of the Future" ? powered by a modern, scalable, and flexible digital platform. The project will improve the client's customer centricity and platform scalability, while enhancing operational efficiency

GG ENGINEERING LTD. REPORTS ROBUST EARNINGS FOR 9MFY25, PAT JUMPS 376% YOY

Chennai, 20 January 2025: G G Engineering Ltd. a leading player in infrastructural & Structural steel, and Engineering products industry, in its board meeting held on January 16 th , 2025, has approved the unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended 31 December 2024.

For nine months ended ended 31 December 2024, revenue from operations grew by 70.70% from Rs. 13568.40 Lakhs in 9MFY24 to Rs. 23161.72 Lakhs in 9MFY25. EBITDA increased by 325.85% from Rs. 273.42 Lakhs in 9MFY24 to Rs. 1164.36 Lakhs in



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9MFY25. EBITDA margins increased from 1.98% in 9MFY24 to 4.96% in 9MFY25 by 298 bps. PAT increased by 376.36% from Rs. 163.44 Lakhs in 9MFY24 to Rs. 778.57 Lakhs in 9MFY25. PAT margin improved by 213 bps in 9MFY25.

Established in 2006, G G Engineering Limited (BSE: 540614) has been at the forefront of meeting the rising demand for superior infrastructural &

Structural Steel, and Engineering products. With a strong focus on quality and precision, the company has carved a niche for itself in the industry. Company's products are used for diverse applications in various industries, like infrastructure, construction, mega projects, modern buildings, high-rise residential and commercial projects, engineering set-ups among other. The company's vision

remains anchored in creating a more resilient and environmentally responsible future through its products and practices. With a reputation built on trust, reliability, and unwavering dedication to excellence, G G Engineering Limited continues to forge ahead. It shapes a better future for both its stakeholders and the global community.

UNION MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING, ELECTRONICS AND IT, SH. ASHWINI VAISHNAW TO PARTICIPATE IN WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM 2025 AT DAVOS

Chennai, 20 January 2025: Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, will be participating in the World Economic Forum (WEF) 2025 at Davos. His visit highlights India's commitment to driving inclusive growth and transformative development, as envisioned by the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi.

India's model of Inclusive Growth Before departing to Davos, Shri Vaishnaw emphasized India's significant strides in ensuring development for all sections of society, particularly those

historically left out of progress. "The Prime Minister of India has focused on inclusive development that brings transformative changes in the lives of those at the bottom of the pyramid. From financial inclusion through bank accounts to providing essential services like toilets, gas connections, tap water, and improving infrastructure in both rural and urban areas, this is something which the world wants to understand", he stated.

The Union Minister mentioned that the will be a detailed discussion in the World Economic Forum about inclusive growth, about the investment in social, physical and digital infrastructure and democratising technology.

India's Digital Revolution in Spotlight

Union Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, ahead of his departure to the World Economic Forum 2025 in Davos, emphasized the global interest in India's transformative digital journey under the leadership of the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi. "The world is keen to understand India's economic policies, the digital transformation

brought about by the Digital India programme, and the way technology has been democratized to empower citizens across all strata of society," the Minister stated. India's innovative digital architecture, developed as part of the Digital India initiative, has set a global benchmark for leveraging technology to drive inclusive development, a key focus of discussions at the forum.



Vishnu Manchu's 'Kannappa' Portrays Legendary Shiva Devotee

Chennai Jan 20, 2025: Renowned actor Mohan Babu has produced the grand historical epic Kannappa under the banners of AVA Entertainment and 24 Frames Factory. In this film, prominent actor and producer Vishnu Manchu takes on the titular role of Kannappa, while Preethi Mukundan stars as the female lead.



The film boasts a stellar ensemble cast, including Mohan Babu, Sarathkumar, Mohanlal, Akshay Kumar, Prabhas, Kajal Aggarwal, and Madhubala, all playing pivotal roles.

The story has been penned by Paruchuri Gopalakrishna, Eeshwar Reddy, G. Nageshwar Reddy, and Thota Prasad, with Vishnu Manchu crafting the screenplay. Mukesh Kumar Singh has directed the film.

Sheldon Chau from the United States has

handled the cinematography, with Siddharth serving as the second unit cinematographer. Music is composed by Stephen Devassy, and editing is done by Antony. Prabhu Deva has choreographed three songs in the film.

The film is set for a pan-Indian release on April 25, in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi.

A press meet was held on January 18 at a star hotel in Chennai, where the film's team shared exciting insights about Kannappa and its

making. Actor Sarath Kumar said, "Vishnu has presented the story of Kannappa and its historical significance in a grand and magnificent manner. He has conducted extensive research for this film, and every effort he has made for the project has left me amazed. Taking such a large team to New Zealand for the shoot is no small feat it's a significant challenge both financially and logistically. Yet, Vishnu has executed it exceptionally well."

Vishnu Manchu said, "Many people

ask Kannappa was filmed in New Zealand. The story of Kannappa is set in the 3rd century. Imagine how pristine and green the water, air, and forests would have been during that era. After exploring several countries around the world, New Zealand stood out as the ideal choice. If there's a final masterpiece painted by God, it would be New Zealand.

"Director Mukesh Kumar Singh, Antony, Cinematographer Siddharth, Prabhu Deva also spoke at the event.

Manikandan's 'Kudumbasthan' Set to Release on Jan 24

Chennai Jan 20, 2025: The trailer launch event of the film Kudumbasthan, directed by Rajeshwar Kalisamy and produced by S. Vinothkumar, held yesterday. Starring Manikandan and Shanvi, the film is set to release in theaters on January 24.

Writer Prasanna Balachander highlighted the journey from YouTube to filmmaking, thanking everyone who supported the project. He added, "Though the title Kudumbasthan may sound old-fashioned, the story is fresh and relatable. Manikandan not only believed in the story but also contributed significantly to it."

Producer Vinothkumar assured the audience, "The film has come out well. Please watch it on January 24 and share your feedback."

Guru Somasundaram praised the story, calling it a "serious comedy" and sharing his admiration for Manikandan's work in Vikram Vedha and Kaala. He wished the team great success.

Director Rajeshwar Kalisamy thanked his family and the Naakkalites team for their support, noting, "The film reflects everyday life adventures, showcasing

relatable and genuine moments."

Actor Manikandan shared his journey with the film, stating, "I met Rajesh for this story two and a half years ago. The script shifted from an adventure to a heartfelt family drama, which I believe will connect with audiences. Thanks to everyone, especially director Rajesh, for his perseverance, and to

producer Vinoth for believing in us."

Director Desingu Periyasamy, Actress Shanvi, Actor Jensen, Costume Designer Meera, Art Director Suresh Balaji, Editor Kannan Balu, Cinematographer Sujith Subramanian, Music Composer and Lyricist Vaisakh, Publicity Designer Vinci Raj were also spoke at the event.



BANK OF BARODA LAUNCHES LIQUID FIXED DEPOSITS

Chennai Jan 20, 2025: In today's dynamic financial environment, customers are seeking innovative deposit solutions that blend assured & competitive returns, liquidity and flexibility. To cater to the evolving needs of savers, Bank of Baroda has introduced a unique alternative to the traditional fixed deposit (FD) bob Liquid Fixed Deposits.

BOB Liquid FD combines the benefits of earning higher returns from Fixed Deposits with the convenience of easy liquidity associated with a Savings Account. It gives depositors the flexibility of a partial withdrawal facility without having to

close the entire FD, which ensures that depositors can address their urgent financial needs as and when required, while the balance funds continue to earn interest at the contracted rate in the same FD. This ensures that depositors get the benefits of higher returns, lower prepayment penalty and quick access to funds when needed.

India's financial landscape is witnessing significant shifts in consumer behaviour. Customers are in search of more flexible deposit products that prioritize both returns and liquidity. Whether it's to address an unexpected emergency or meet an unforeseen



expense, the bob Liquid FD gives quick access to part fund withdrawals without having to close the FD from where the partial withdrawal is made.

For example, in a bob Liquid FD of Rs. 5.00 lakh, a customer can prematurely withdraw Rs. 1.00 lakh. The remaining deposit of Rs 4 lakh will continue to earn interest at the original rate, and the customer will have to pay the prepayment penalty, if applicable, on the

withdrawn amount of Rs 1 lakh only, and not on the entire amount.

The bob Liquid FD is designed with customer-centric features, including flexible deposit amounts starting at Rs. 5,000, tenure options ranging from 12 to 60 months and partial withdrawals accepted in multiples of Rs. 1,000. Further, no prepayment penalty is levied for premature withdrawals on Fixed Deposits up to Rs 5 lakh that have completed a tenor of at least 12

BMW Motorrad's S 1000 RR

Chennai, Jan 20 2025: The new BMW S 1000 RR has been launched in India on the second day of Auto Expo 2025. This heavily popular super

sport bike will be available in the country as a completely built-up unit. Bookings are open now throughout the BMW Motorrad

dealer network and deliveries will commence from April 2025 onwards.

Vikram Pawah, President and CEO, BMW Group India said, "The new BMW S 1000 RR continues with its endless strive for improvement and success securing its leading position. It is a favourite amongst racing enthusiasts looking out for the next thrill. The new BMW S 1000 RR with even higher track performance is the Superbike icon. BMW Motorrad has once again set emphasis on the sporty aspirations and the BMW DNA, making what's good

even better."

The introductory ex-showroom prices starts from: The BMW S 1000 RR Rs. 21,10,000

The dynamic design of the new RR is supported by three attractive colour options - Black Storm Metallic, Bluestone metallic (with Style sport) and Light White solid / M Motorsport (with M Package).

Riders can further customise with two optional packages Dynamic and M. The Dynamic package sharpens the RR's racing qualities for added performance and comfort.



SAMSUNG INTRODUCES HEALTH RECORDS FEATURE

Chennai, Jan 20 2025: India's largest consumer electronics brand, Samsung announced that it has added the Health Records feature to the Samsung Health app to help users manage their health more comprehensively.

The Health Records feature enables users to create and access their Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) directly through the Samsung Health Mobile App. Users can now effortlessly manage their health data generated by healthcare providers across India, transforming the way individuals take charge of their personal health records.



Samsung's new initiative to empower its users by providing seamless and secure integration with the country's digital health ecosystem is aligned with the Indian government's Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) project.

"Samsung prioritizes customer

needs and continually enhances products and services to enhance their everyday experiences. The introduction of the Health Records feature for India within the Samsung Health app signifies our dedication to provide convenient access to Digital Health records, enabling data sharing

with doctors or caretakers in a secure manner anytime. This feature empowers users to manage their health history, track progress, and maintain better control over their well-being," said Kyungyun Ro, Managing Director, Samsung Research Institute, Noida.

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UNION MINISTER DR. JITENDRA SINGH INAUGURATES INDIA'S FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND CSIR MEGA "INNOVATION COMPLEX" AT MUMBAI, DEDICATES IT TO START UPS AND INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

Chennai Jan 20, 2025: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, and Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first-of-its-kind CSIR Mega "Innovation Complex" at Mumbai on 17th January through virtual mode and dedicated it to StartUps and Industry stakeholders.

The new Innovation Complex at Mumbai, inaugurated by the Science & Technology Minister, is a huge state-of-the-art set up spread over nine floors, equipped with 24 "ready-to-move" incubation labs in addition to furnished office and networking spaces for innovative StartUps, MSMEs, industry, and CSIR labs. The Mega facility will provide high-end scientific infrastructure, expertise, and regulatory support to stakeholders including CSIR labs, StartUps, MSMEs, and industry, for the SOP-driven studies necessary for regulatory submissions and compliance.

The Complex includes ready-to-move world-class incubation labs and IP/business development support for innovative start-ups, companies partnering with CSIR labs, MSMEs, deep-tech companies from India and abroad, public-funded research institutions, and CSIR labs."

Catching up with the excitement of the audience, Dr. Jitendra Singh remarked, "This inauguration is just the beginning. We are excited about the future potential and the immense contributions this Innovation Complex will make to India's growth story."

Narendra Modi for his vision, which has enabled India to emerge as a global hub for start-ups and innovation. He described the inauguration of this complex as another landmark step. He reiterated that under the



visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India has emerged as a global hub for start-ups and innovation.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, "We are proud to be the third-largest start-up ecosystem in the world, with over 100 Unicorns that stand as testaments to India's entrepreneurial spirit. This remarkable growth is a reflection of the transformative initiatives and policies introduced by our government to empower the youth and drive economic self-reliance."

The Science and Technology Minister further highlighted that the CSIR Innovation Complex Mumbai comes at a pivotal moment in India's start-up journey.

According to the Minister, the state-of-the-art facility has been designed to provide incubation and business spaces, enabling start-ups, MSMEs, and industry stakeholders to collaborate with CSIR's network of researchers and innovators. It serves as a bridge between cutting-edge science and its application to address real-world challenges, thereby contributing to the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

He called the Innovation Complex a significant milestone for CSIR, representing a giant leap forward in India's innovation landscape and reinforcing the nation's

position as a global leader in science and technology. Dr. Jitendra Singh underscored the high-end scientific infrastructure and expertise designed to foster critical translational unmet needs (spanning lab-to-regulator and regulator-to-industry domains) for start-ups, MSMEs, and CSIR labs, while catalyzing faster tech-transfer processes.

Dr. Jitendra Singh informed that the IC-Mumbai will provide high-end scientific infrastructure, expertise, and regulatory support to stakeholders (CSIR labs, start-ups, MSMEs, and industry) for the SOP-driven studies necessary for regulatory submissions and compliance.

Adding further, he said, "The facility includes ready-to-move world-class incubation labs and IP/business development support for innovative start-ups, companies partnering with CSIR labs, MSMEs, deep-tech companies from India and abroad, public-funded research institutions, and CSIR labs."

Informing the industry and start-ups, Dr. Jitendra Singh shared that the complex will function as an innovation and incubation hub to support, collaborate, and partner in key industrial sectors such as healthcare (pharma, biopharma, medtech),

chemicals, materials, energy, and other relevant areas of interest to CSIR labs.

Speaking about the physical infrastructure of IC-Mumbai, Dr. Jitendra Singh informed that the facility, spread over nine floors, is equipped with 24 "ready-to-move" incubation labs and furnished office and networking spaces for innovative start-ups, MSMEs, industries, and CSIR labs.

Concluding his remarks, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, "The inauguration is just the beginning. We are excited about the future potential and the immense contributions this Innovation Complex will make to India's growth story." He added that facilities like the C-ICM embody the spirit of collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity that define the nation's approach to building a self-reliant India.

The event was attended by Dr. V.K. Saraswat and Dr. V.K. Paul, Members of NITI Aayog; Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Secretary of DSIR and DG CSIR; and Dr. Ram Vishwakarma.

The inaugural event witnessed participation from industry leaders, foreign delegates from Norway, Switzerland, and Germany, MSMEs, start-ups, and over 1,000 scientists from CSIR labs across India.

ALL INDIA INTER UNIVERSITY BEACH WRESTLING MEN & WOMEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 - 2025 ORGANISED BY SRM IST & AMET UNIVERSITY AT BLUE FLAG BEACH KOVALLAM, CHENNAI



ALL INDIA INTER UNIVERSITY BEACH WRESTLING (M & W) CHAMPIONSHIP 2024-25

90+weight category

S.NO	NAME OF THE PLAYER	PLACE	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY
1	RAJESH	GOLD	SRMIST
2	PANJALAN	SILVER	AMET

75+weight category

S.NO	NAME OF THE PLAYER	PLACE	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY
1	MURUGANANANDAN	GOLD	MADRAS UNIVERSITY
2	L. SURESHKANNAN	SILVER	SRMIST
3	RITHINARAJAN	BRONZE	SRMIST
4	SURESH	BRONZE	ICMUM

60+weight category

S.NO	NAME OF THE PLAYER	PLACE	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY
1	A. L. HILAR HARI	GOLD	VIT
2	S. SURESHKANNAN	SILVER	AMET
3	HARISHYAM	BRONZE	MADRAS UNIVERSITY

50+weight category

S.NO	NAME OF THE PLAYER	PLACE	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY
1	ABDULLAH FARUK	GOLD	AMET
2	THIRUVANANDARAM	SILVER	VIT
3	SRIHARAN	BRONZE	MADRAS UNIVERSITY
4	CHANDRAN	BRONZE	SRMIST

RESULT
OVER ALL (M & W) - 13 Points
SRMIST - 2025/26



ALL INDIA INTER UNIVERSITY BEACH WRESTLING (WOMEN) 2024-25

50+weight category

S.NO	NAME OF THE PLAYER	PLACE	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY
1	M. MALAISEVI	GOLD	JPR
2	M. SUBIKSHA	SILVER	AMET
3	K. MADHANA	BRONZE	VIT
4	M. DIVYACHANDRANI	BRONZE	SRMIST

60+weight category

S.NO	NAME OF THE PLAYER	PLACE	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY
1	K.V. NIVEDITHA	GOLD	JPR
2	PREMAGANDHI	SILVER	TNPESU
3	CH. SURESHA	BRONZE	SRMIST

70+weight category

S.NO	NAME OF THE PLAYER	PLACE	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY
1	SONAS KUMAR	GOLD	JPR
2	K. VAISHNAVI	SILVER	VIT
3	CHANCHALANSHAD	BRONZE	SRMIST

70+weight category

S.NO	NAME OF THE PLAYER	PLACE	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY
1	S. RITHIGA	GOLD	JPR
2	K. ARCHANA	SILVER	SRMIST

RESULT
OVER ALL (W) - 30 Points
SRMIST - 2025/26

CRITICISM VS REALITY TRUE VALUE OF INSURANCE: GIC CHAIRMAN

Chennai Jan 20, 2025 : Insurance industry that has safeguarded millions of citizens and many businesses, often faces situations that cast a shadow on its efforts. Recent media reports have once again opened a wave of criticism. This raises a pertinent question: Has sensationalism overtaken reason? While much has been said about these reports, it is time to dwell deeper into the issue and look at the ground reality. As per the IRDAI annual report, last year, the General Insurance industry settled crores of claims worth Rs. 1.72 lakh crore, out of which it paid more than Rs. 80,000 crore towards health insurance. Yet those who benefit rarely make the news. On the flip side, isolated grievances and odd bad experiences become the face of the industry. Also, the

claim settlement ratio in the industry is more than 80%. The 20% of claims that are rejected are on the account of fraud, or non-admissibility and yet there is an uproar about this. After all, insurance is public money, and insurers should be lauded for handling this money responsibly. Despite common misconceptions, the insurance industry boasts impressively low grievance ratios, underscoring its robust complaint resolution mechanisms. Talking about the recent numbers, with just 94,843 grievances in FY 23-24 against 2.96 billion policies, the industry achieved a mere 0.003% grievance ratio an achievement few industries can match.

Now, looking at the other side of the coin, the general insurance industry operates at an average claims ratio of more than 80% and a combined ratio of 115%, which means for every INR 100 earned in premiums, the industry pays out INR 115. Simply put, insurers lose money on claims payouts and operational expenses. Yet, every small price hike triggers public outcry. If so, let's shut this "evil" industry!



Fraudulent claims cost the industry billions annually but no one speaks much about it. Over the past five years, the insurance industry detected approximately 3.01 lakh potential fraud cases involving a sum assured of Rs.1.73 lakh crore. The general perception is that insurers are generating huge profits and only exist to make a profit. First of all, is profit such a bad thing for an insurer? Profit ensures that insurers can honour future claims and remain sustainable. Underwriting profits