

**PM SHRI NARENDRA MODI CONGRATULATES H.E. MR. MICHEÁL MARTIN ON ASSUMING THE OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND**

Chennai, 25 January 2025: The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today congratulated H.E. Mr. Micheál Martin on assuming the office of Prime Minister of Ireland.

In a post on X, Shri Modi said:

“Congratulations @MichealMartinTD on assuming the office of Prime Minister of



Ireland. Committed to bilateral partnership values and work together to that is based on strong deep people to further strengthen our foundation of shared people connect.”

**KARPOORI THAKUR IS THE MESSIAH OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAYS VICE-PRESIDENT**

Chennai, 25 January 2025: The Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar stated that Shri Karpoori Thakur was the Messiah of Social Justice, and he implemented reservations, opening vast opportunities for a large population.



While addressing the memorial event held on the 101st birth anniversary of Shri Karpoori Thakur in Samastipur, Bihar, the Vice-President said, "The great son of India, Shri Karpoori Thakur is the messiah of social justice. In a short span of time, Shri Karpoori Thakur wrote a new history of social and political transformation. He broke centuries-old stagnation and opened the doors of immense possibilities for a large population. He was the great man who started the new era of equality. He dedicated his life to those on the margins of society, who were ignored by all."

While highlighting the exemplary character of Shri Karpoori Thakur, the Vice-President further stated, "To understand what an ideal personality is, we must look at the life of Shri Karpoori Thakur. His sacrifice, his dedication, and how he never promoted dynastic politics. He was a national leader who rose above caste, religion, and class, focusing on equality and promoting development. Bharat Ratna Karpoori Thakur left a distinct mark on the country by advancing social justice. In a difficult and challenging environment, he completed his college education. A man who never accumulated any wealth and dedicated his entire life to the public." Highlighting the farsightedness of Shri Karpoori Thakur, Shri Dhankhar said, "Karpoori Thakur was a 'Statesman!' He thought about both present and future. He implemented reservations without caring about opposition. This was a new chapter. As the honorable Agriculture Minister mentioned, he ended the compulsion of English and promoted the use of Hindi in government offices. He faced ridicule for

it. Now, we realize how farsighted he was. He was the first Chief Minister in the country to focus on education, and the first to make schooling up to matriculation free in the state."

Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, Governor of Bihar, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Minister of Rural Development, Government of India, Dr. Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Ram Nath Thakur, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Shri Bhagirath Choudhary, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Nityanand Rai, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Government of India, and other dignitaries were also present on this occasion.

**NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY, WE REITERATE OUR COMMITMENT TO KEEP EMPOWERING THE GIRL CHILD AND ENSURE A WIDE RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR HER: PRIME MINISTER**

Chennai, 25 January 2025: The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, on National Girl Child Day, reiterated the Government's commitment to keep empowering the girl child and ensure a wide range of opportunities for her.



In a thread post on X, Shri Modi wrote:

“On National Girl Child Day, we reiterate our commitment to keep empowering the girl child and ensure a wide

range of opportunities for her. India is proud of the accomplishments of the girl child across all fields. Their feats continue to inspire us

all.”  
 “Our Government has focused on sectors like education, technology, skills, healthcare etc which

have contributed to empowering the girl child. We are equally resolute in ensuring no discrimination happens against the girl child.”

**GLOBAL THIRUKKURAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD SOON IN NEW DELHI: UNION MINISTER DR L. MURUGAN**

Chennai, 25 January 2025: Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr. L. Murugan announced that a Global Thirukkural Conference to be held soon in New Delhi, with the government actively making preparations for this prestigious event. Inaugurating the International Conference on Hypnosis across Lifespan: Promotion, Prevention, and Intervention at Pondicherry University, Puducherry on 24 January 2025, the Minister described that the magic of Thirukkural is perpetual and this classical book is revered as one of the best treasures of the world.



Dr. L. Murugan also expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi for putting the Tungsten mining project on hold following the concerns raised by the people from nearby villages of Melur in the Madurai district.

In his inaugural address, the Minister highlighted the significance of hypnosis as an integrative and adaptable tool for promoting well-being, preventing dysfunction,

and effectively intervening during critical moments. He emphasized that the conferences like this foster important conversations and advance the understanding and application of hypnosis across the human lifespan.

Dr. L. Murugan also underscored the vast opportunities for exploration in the field of hypnosis, ranging from groundbreaking research and case studies to cross-disciplinary collaborations. He encouraged young scholars, practitioners, and industry leaders to engage with this promising field. The Minister also mentioned government initiatives like One Nation, One Subscription and the Anusandhan National

Research Foundation as steps to strengthen India's research and development ecosystem.

As part of the event, the Minister released two books, Book of Abstracts and Ulaviyal Sorkalanjiyam, authored by Prof. Panch Ramalingam, Director (in-charge) of Pondicherry University's UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre. He also presented the Academy of Hypnosis Lifetime Achievement Awards and the Indian School of Psychology Association Leadership Awards 2024.

Prof. K. Tharanikkarasu, Vice Chancellor (in-charge), Pondicherry University presided over the inaugural function. Shri. R. Selvam, Speaker,

Puducherry Legislative Assembly, Shri A. Namassivayam, Education Minister, Puducherry, Shri P.M.L. Kalyanasundaram MLA, Prof. S. Mohan, Vice Chancellor, Puducherry Technological University, Prof. Rajneesh Bhutani, Registrar, Pondicherry University and Prof. Bhupendra Palan, President, Academy of Hypnosis also participated.

The two-day conference is being jointly organized by the Indian School of Psychology Association, the Academy of Hypnosis, Vadodara, and Pondicherry University. Around 500 delegates from across the country and abroad are participating in the conference.

**RAKSHA MANTRI SHRI RAJNATH SINGH FLAGS-OFF 'SANJAY - THE BATTLEFIELD SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM' FROM NEW DELHI**

Chennai, 25 January 2025: Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh flagged-off 'SANJAY - The Battlefield Surveillance System (BSS)' from South Block, New Delhi on January 24, 2025. SANJAY is an automated system which integrates the inputs from all ground and aerial battlefield sensors, processing them to confirm their veracity, preventing duplication and fusing them to produce a Common Surveillance Picture of the battlefield over secured Army Data Network & Satellite Communication Network. It will enhance battlefield transparency and transform the future battlefield through a Centralised Web Application which will provide inputs to Command & Army Headquarters, and the Indian Army Decision Support System.

edge analytics. It will monitor the vast land borders, prevent intrusions, assess situations with unparalleled accuracy and prove to be a force multiplier in Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance. This would enable commanders to operate in both conventional & sub-conventional operations in a Network Centric Environment. Its induction will be an extraordinary leap towards data and network centricity in the Indian Army.

SANJAY has been

indigenously & jointly developed by the Indian Army and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) creating a conducive ecosystem towards achieving 'Aatmanirbharta' as a follow up to the Indian Army's 'Year of Technology Absorption'. These systems will be inducted to all operational Brigades, Divisions & Corps of the Indian Army in three phases w.e.f. March to October of 2025, which has been declared as 'Year of Reforms' in the Ministry of Defence (MoD). This system has

been developed under the Buy (Indian) category at a cost of Rs 2,402 crore.

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary (Defence Production) Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Chairman & Managing Director, BEL Shri Manoj Jain and other senior officials of MoD & BEL were present on the during the flagging-off ceremony.



## BHARAT VALUE FUND BY INDIA INFLECTION OPPORTUNITY TRUST (IIOT) ANNOUNCES THE FIRST CLOSE OF ITS SERIES 3 AT INR 1,250 CRORE

Chennai, 25 January 2025: Bharat Value Fund- a category II AIF by India Inflection Opportunity trust has announced the first close of its third fund—Bharat Value Fund (BVF) Series 3—at INR 1,250 crore. The fund is managed by The Wealth Company Pvt Ltd, formerly known as Pantomath Capital Management Pvt Ltd. The milestone was achieved in a record 45 days, reaffirming the firm's leadership in the mid-market Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) segment, especially in the closed equity segment. With a target corpus of INR 2,500 crore, including a green shoe option of INR 1,000 crore, BVF Series 3 underscores the firm's commitment to driving growth in India's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

This achievement builds on The Wealth Company's remarkable fundraising trajectory. Over the past year,

Bharat Value Fund has raised a total of INR 3,000 crore across Series 2 and Series 3, establishing itself as one of the fastest-growing funds in the AIF equity segment.

Commenting on the First Close of BVF Series 3 Fund, Madhu Lunawat, Managing Director, The Wealth Company said, "The Wealth Company is committed to fostering India's mid-market growth through strategic investments and active ownership. We are humbled by the trust our investors have placed in our vision and execution capabilities. We remain dedicated to unlocking value for our stakeholders and driving the next phase of growth in India's entrepreneurial ecosystem."

At the core of The Wealth Company approach is a sector-agnostic investment thesis focused on resilient, asset-backed



businesses. Through Bharat Value Fund, the fund targets mid-market, high-growth enterprises with revenues between INR 300 crore and INR 1000 crore. These businesses, often rooted in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, are strategically positioned for scale, profitability, and value creation. The fund emphasizes structured exit strategies, including IPOs within 30-36 months, while offering alternative paths such as PE or M&A.

The Wealth Company adopts an active ownership model, providing portfolio companies with comprehensive support in strategy, recruitment, business development, and corporate governance. This approach ensures

sustainable value creation while delivering consistent returns for investors.

The Wealth Company's AIF business has demonstrated unparalleled momentum in the alternative investments space. BVF Series 1 raised INR 500 crore in 2023, establishing a foundation for growth in the mid-market segment. BVF Series 2 further cemented the confidence of the investors and got commitments of more than INR 1800 crore earlier this year. With the first close of the third fund at INR 1,250 crore in record time, the company plans to achieve the full target corpus of INR 2,500 crore by mid-2025.

This success reflects the firm's deep understanding of mid-market opportunities and its ability to attract investors seeking high-growth, scalable

## H.M. ELECTRO MECH LIMITED IPO OPENS ON 24 TH JANUARY, 2025

Chennai, 25 January 2025: H.M. Electro Mech Limited is specializing in turnkey projects, including supply, installation, testing, and commissioning of pumping machinery and providing comprehensive operation and maintenance services. Initial Public Offering (IPO) is opening on January 24, 2025, aiming to raise up to ₹Rs 27.74 crores to be listed on the BSE SME platform.

The Issue size is 36,99,200 Equity Shares with a price band of ₹ 71/- to ₹ 75/- per share and face value of ₹ 10 each. Anchor Bidding on

Thursday, January 23, 2025. Issue Opens on Friday, January 24, 2025 and Closes on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, Listing Date Friday, January 31, 2025.

The net proceeds of the IPO will be utilized to meet working Capital requirements, and for general corporate purposes. Beeline Capital Advisors Pvt Ltd is the Book Running Lead Manager to the Issue, while Cameo Corporate Services Limited is the Registrar to the Issue.

H.M. Electro Mech Limited is ISO 9001:2015 certified and Class 'AA' (highest category for EPC



Contracts - unlimited bidding capacity subject to fulfilment of other tender conditions) with Irrigation division of Government of Gujarat. It is authorized by Government of Gujarat Energy and Petrochemicals Department to carry out Electrical Installation Works in the Gujarat

State. In FY 24, The Company Achieved a Revenue of ₹ 11,703.45 Lakhs, EBITDA of ₹ 1,255.88 Lakhs & PAT of ₹ 818.61 Lakhs. As of Sept 2024, The Company Achieved a Revenue of ₹ 4539.59 Lakhs, EBITDA of ₹ 545.82 Lakhs & PAT of ₹ 333.89 Lakhs

## COCA-COLA INDIA SOUTHWEST ASIA ANNOUNCES NEW VICE-PRESIDENT OF CUSTOMER & COMMERCIAL LEADERSHIP

Chennai, 25 January 2025: Coca-Cola India Southwest Asia (INSWA) Operating Unit today announced Desmond Nikhil D'Souza as Customer & Commercial Leadership (C&CL), effective February 1, 2025. He succeeds Greishma Singh, who recently transitioned to the role of Vice President, Marketing.

"With a distinguished track record of strategic vision and exemplary leadership in the FMCG industry, Desmond brings a wealth of experience and innovative ideas that align perfectly with our mission to drive customer satisfaction and commercial excellence,"



said Sanket Ray, President, Coca-Cola India Southwest Asia. "His understanding of market dynamics and customer engagement, will be a cornerstone in achieving our growth objectives."

In his new role, Desmond will be responsible for leading the C&CL function across INSWA, focusing

on driving value growth, strengthening our customer partnerships, and aligning strategies to deliver long-term commercial transformation.

Desmond joins Coca-Cola from Mondelez, where he served as Vice President, Sales. Under his leadership Mondelez India grew significantly through footprint

expansion, driving digital innovation in sales, and incubating and building new commercial capabilities to drive growth. Before his tenure at Mondelez, Desmond held key roles at PepsiCo, both in transformation initiatives and sales leadership. At Zomato, he contributed to customer subscription strategy, showcasing his ability to operate across diverse sectors and functions.

Desmond holds a postgraduate management degree from XLRI Jamshedpur and a bachelor's degree in engineering (BE) from Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU).

## HDFC LIFE'S NEW CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS PARENTAL VALUES AND FINANCIAL PLANNING WITH A HEARTWARMING TWIST

Chennai, 25 January 2025: HDFC Life, one of India's leading life insurers, has launched a new campaign that underscores the timeless role of parental values in shaping families and securing their future. With a moving story, the campaign demonstrates how love, respect, perseverance, and independence transcend appearances to create enduring bonds.

HDFC Life has built a reputation for creating relatable and inspiring ad films, and this latest campaign takes a fresh approach. It emphasises how parental teachings serve as a guiding compass for children in an ever-changing world, helping them navigate uncertainties with confidence and integrity.



The heart of the campaign is a story of two brothers whose connection goes beyond appearances, rooted instead, in the shared values imparted by their parents. A simple moment of sibling camaraderie becomes an emotional reminder of the importance of instilling strong values and complementing them with financial planning for a secure

future.

Commenting on the campaign, Vishal Subharwal, Group Head Strategy & Chief Marketing Officer, HDFC Life, said, "Parents play a pivotal role as their children's first teachers and role models. The values they impart serve as a foundation that shapes children's lives, guiding them with courage and integrity. This campaign highlights how these values, when paired with financial preparedness; create a strong and lasting foundation for families"

"Indian upbringing has always been rooted in family values and cohesion. This unique and heart-warming story

of two brothers takes the audiences on an emotional journey showcasing how the values imparted within a family shape not only the present but also the future of the next generation; perfectly bringing to life the HDFC Life message – Sar Utha Ke Jiyo". Vikram Pandey, Chief Creative Officer, Leo Burnett South Asia, added.

Notably, the campaign's film has been directed by acclaimed filmmaker Shoojit Sircar, adding a unique touch to the storytelling.

The campaign will be featured across television, digital platforms, and outdoor media, reaching audiences nationwide.

## KOTAK BIZLABS ACCELERATOR PROGRAMME UNVEILED, AIMS TO TRANSFORM INDIA'S STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

Chennai, 25 January 2025: Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. (KMBL) has launched the Kotak BizLabs Accelerator Programme along with a nationwide marketing campaign. This initiative, part of

CSR efforts, aims to help early-stage startups overcome growth challenges and scale their businesses.

In collaboration with incubators like IIMA Ventures, NSRCEL, and T-Hub, Kotak BizLabs Accelerator Programme will offer mentorship, market access, funding opportunities, and advisory support. The programme has already enrolled over 200 startups and conducted 15 roadshows in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities such as Indore, Surat, and Warangal.

Kotak BizLabs Accelerator Programme aims to support around 1,000 startups in sectors like agritech, climatech, fintech, healthcare, edtech, and sustainability.

The accelerator programme features a Virtual Knowledge Centre, providing resources like the Online Startup School, guides, and networking opportunities as well as mentoring and grant funding of Rs. 15 lakhs to select startups.

In order to spread awareness about the programme, Kotak has launched an integrated marketing campaign that includes a digital film that captures the spirit of entrepreneurs, set to the tune of "Ohh Dreamers, Tere Crazy Dreams Ki Talaash Hai." The film

highlights how entrepreneurs live and breathe their ideas, with Kotak BizLabs offering up support to further their growth.

Kedarswamy Ravangane, Executive Vice President – Marketing, Kotak Mahindra Bank, said, "Small businesses are the backbone of the Indian economy. With Kotak BizLabs Accelerator Programme, we provide a platform to help them navigate challenges,

grow sustainably, and scale their operations.

This campaign is our commitment to reaching out to small business owners across India and showing how this programme can help them chase their dreams."

This initiative aligns with Kotak Mahindra Bank's CSR strategy, focusing on fostering innovation, supporting job creation, and driving economic prosperity through entrepreneurship.



## SECOND MEETING OF THE BIMSTEC EXPERT GROUP ON CYBER SECURITY COOPERATION

Chennai, 25 January 2025: The National Security Council Secretariat, Government of India organized Second Meeting of the BIMSTEC Expert Group on Cyber Security Cooperation on 21 January 2025 in New Delhi. The First BIMSTEC Experts Group Meeting on Cyber Security was also hosted by India in 2022 at New Delhi.

The main objective of this BIMSTEC Expert Group meeting is to formulate the Action Plan which will bolster coordination and collaboration amongst the BIMSTEC Member States for strengthening



the Cyber Security in the use of ICTs. This Action Plan will cover the mechanisms for the exchange of cyber related information, cybercrime, protection of critical information infrastructures, cyber incident response and international developments related to

cyber norms. This Action Plan has been proposed to be implemented within the time frame of 5 years.

Some significant exchanges have taken place during the second meeting, which are building BIMSTEC CERT-TO-CERT cooperation mechanism, Cybercrime Cooperation

Framework amongst the Law Enforcement agencies and capacity building programmes on cyber security in the region. Among various presentations, India also presented about its Initiatives of Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) on "Cyber Hygiene for school children".

The Meeting agreed that implementation of the Action Plan will be a major step towards strengthening cyber security cooperation in BIMSTEC.

By taking these steps, BIMSTEC countries can work together to create a more secure and resilient cyber space in the region.

## PALANISWAMI TO START STATEWIDE TOUR FROM COIMBATORE

Chennai, 25 January 2025: AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami's statewide tour was postponed to February within minutes after it was announced that he would commence the tour on January 31.

Speaking at a meeting with the party functionaries here on Thursday, former AIADMK minister SP Velumani said EPS would begin his tour of all the 234 assembly



constituencies from Coimbatore on January 31.

Velumani said EPS would embark on the tour with a visit to Rathina Vinayagar Temple at RS Puram. As per the schedule, he would march through

the streets of RS Puram and later address the public in Coimbatore South and Singanallur assembly segments, Velumani said.

He added that on the next day (Feb 1), EPS would address a public meeting at Kavundampalayam in the city. "He begins the tour from Coimbatore because this is a lucky place for the AIADMK," Velumani said.

The statewide tour would alter the

political climate and set the tone for defeat of the DMK in the 2026 assembly elections, he said.

However, within minutes Velumani announced that there was a change in the tour schedule. He said the tour would be delayed by 10 days. "Nevertheless, EPS is visiting Coimbatore on January 30.

Though the tour is getting delayed, it will begin only from Coimbatore," he said.

## PURE EV LAUNCHES X PLATFORM 3.0 TO REVOLUTIONIZE ELECTRIC MOBILITY

Chennai, 25 January 2025: PURE EV, one of India's leading electric two wheeler manufacturers, today announced a significant upgrade to X Platform, the X Platform 3.0. This new platform powered by a advanced AI technology, marks a significant step forward in enhancing the user experience, delivering advanced features aimed at improving vehicle performance, connectivity, and overall rider convenience.

One of the standout features of the X Platform 3.0 is the introduction of Thrill Mode, which boosts torque and overall performance by 25%, offering users a more exhilarating riding experience. This feature is designed for those who seek a dynamic and powerful drive, setting new benchmarks in electric vehicle performance.

Commenting on the launch, Dr. Nishanth Dongari, Founder and MD of PURE EV said, "With the introduction of X Platform 3.0, we are stepping into the next phase of the electric mobility

revolution by seamlessly integrating advanced AI technologies. This platform is unique to PURE EV and represents our ambition to take Indian innovation to a global stage. We envision our vehicles not just as modes of transport but as intelligent, connected devices that redefine the very concept of mobility, providing an exceptional driving experience for our customers."

Further, the platform also integrates advanced Predictive AI, a system that learns from rider behavior and adapts to varying riding conditions. With a focus on reliability, this feature operates on the principle of "Prevention is Better than Cure," ensuring 100% vehicle uptime by identifying and addressing potential issues before they arise. Coupled with Cloud AI, the platform provides over-the-air updates and upgrades, keeping the vehicle's software up-to-date and optimized for performance.

Another highlight of the X Platform 3.0 is



its Next-Generation TFT Dashboard, which connects seamlessly with iOS and Android devices. This modern dashboard offers a range of smart features, including real-time navigation maps, battery health updates, range estimates, and more, ensuring riders have all essential information at their fingertips.

Designed to enhance user convenience, the platform provides real-time updates on key vehicle metrics such as battery health and range, empowering riders with data for a hassle-free experience. These features collectively make the X Platform 3.0 a significant advancement in electric vehicle technology, setting a new standard for innovation in the industry.

Building on the success of its

predecessor platform, this advancement will also incorporate features like New Gen Smart AI Based Vehicle Control Unit, regenerative braking, coasting regen, enhanced electric breaking system, swift throttle response and highly efficient powertrain, which is set to redefine the customer experience in electric 2-wheeler industry.

Initially, the X Platform 3.0 will be available in PURE EV's premium models, the ePluto 7G Max and eTryst X, with plans to roll out across all other models by the end of CY 2025. The introduction of the X Platform 3.0 aligns with PURE EV's vision to lead the way in sustainable and intelligent mobility solutions, making electric vehicles an integral part of everyday life.

## THOUSANDS JOIN DMK IN STALIN'S PRESENCE

Chennai Jan 25, 2025: In a significant development, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin

welcomed over 3,000 members from various political parties, predominantly from Naam Tamizhar Katchi (NTK), into the DMK at a function held at the party headquarters, Anna Arivalayam. Among the inductees

were eight former district presidents of NTK.

Taking a veiled jab at Seeman-led NTK, Stalin criticized certain newly formed political parties for their ambitious pursuit of power in Tamil Nadu.

"Some parties, which operate in isolation, aim to



capture power in the state right after their inception. You all know who I'm

referring to. I see no need to name those who resort to theatrics and masquerades," he said, pointedly avoiding direct mention of NTK or its leader. The event marked a boost for the ruling DMK, underscoring its continued appeal across political lines in Tamil Nadu.

## UNION MINISTER DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA FELICITATES INDIAN PD CRICKET TEAM; ASSURES FULL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR 'DIVYANG' ATHLETES

Chennai Jan 25, 2025: Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya honoured the Indian Physical Disability (PD) Cricket Team today on winning the PD Champions Trophy 2025 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The team defeated England in the tournament final, demonstrating exceptional skills and resilience.

The Indian PD Cricket Team, supported by the Differently Aabled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) and accessibility organization Svayam, was felicitated at the Sports Authority of India.

Dr. Mandaviya emphasized the government's commitment to



supporting athletes with disabilities, quoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusive sports participation. "Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has assured commitment towards 'divyang' athletes. If you are a 'divyang' person, it doesn't mean you cannot make the nation proud.

And your victory is a testament to that. The passion shown by the Indian PD Cricket Team, from the rigorous process of

were shortlisted to represent India.

Mentioning the growing list of achievements brought to the nation by the specially-abled athletes, from the Paris Paralympics to the PD Champions Trophy 2025, Dr Mandaviya added, "Our 'divyang' athletes are giving us many reasons to be proud and pushing us to step up our support towards them. The government is with you and you have to use your success to inspire more youth through various platforms."

The event on Friday was also attended by the full team, coaches, DCCI General Secretary Ravikanth Chauhhan, Svayam Founder-Chairperson Sminu Jindal, and Sports Ministry officials..

The selection process of the Indian PD Cricket Team took place in Udaipur where over 450 cricketers from 28 States turned up for the Nationals. From the list, 56 were picked up for the Challenger Trophy in Jaipur and finally, 17

## NAAN MUDHALVAN - IBM SKILLS BUILD SKILLING SHOWCASE 2025

Chennai Jan 25, 2025: Naan Mudhalvan - IBM SkillsBuild Skilling Showcase 2025, held at A.M. Jain College, witnessed the felicitation of the top thirty students of the college with certificates. The event brought together stakeholders to reflect on achievements and strategize future collaborations for advancing youth skill development, supported by TNSDC, IBM SkillsBuild and Edunet Foundation. The programme's chief



guests included Dr. M. Jayaprakashan, CEO, Naan Mudhalvan; Ms. Anjana, Vice President, Naan Mudhalvan; Mr. Soma Rajeswaran, Vice President, Naan Mudhalvan; Ms. Seema

Joshi, IBM Corporate Social Responsibility; and Mr. Vaibhav Ostwal, Vice President, Edunet Foundation. This event served as a platform to align goals, strengthen partnerships,

and outline strategies for enhancing skill development. The programme was also graced by Dr. B. Mahavir, Principal of A.M. Jain College.

## REPUBLIC DAY PARADE TO SHOWCASE INDIA'S ARMED VALOUR

Chennai Jan 25, 2025: The 76th Republic Day Parade will be a grand celebration of India's rich heritage and powerful showcase of the strength, valour and discipline of India's Armed Forces.

Addressing a press conference here on Thursday, Major General Sumit Mehta, Chief of Staff, Delhi Area, said, "This year's Republic Day Parade will showcase the country's military prowess and the martial traditions besides our rich cultural heritage".

He said that this time some equipment will be showcased for the first time including the Battlefield Surveillance System, DRDO's equipment of Pralay - the short range ballistic missile.

Maj Gen Mehta said

that for the first time there will be a Tri-service tableau displaying the spirit of jointness and integration.

With the theme 'Shashakt aur Surakshit Bharat', the tableau will showcase the conceptual outlook for jointness and integration in the Armed Forces, ensuring national security and operational excellence.

The tableau would depict a joint operations room facilitating networking and communication among the three services.

Giving more information about the Republic Day Parade, Maj Gen Mehta said that the parade will follow the route from Vijay Chowk to the National Stadium along Kartavya Path, with President Droupadi Murmu, taking the salute.

He said that the Indian Army will be represented by a Mounted Column, eight Mechanised Columns, and six Marching Contingents. The parade will be a "powerful showcase of strength, valour and discipline of India's Armed Forces".

Before the parade, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the nation in paying tribute to the martyrs by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial.

The parade will begin at 10:30 AM with the national salute and will continue for 90 minutes, reflecting the journey of India's heritage and growth, the Chief of Staff, Delhi Area said.

He said, the parade will be led by Lt Gen Bhavnish Kumar, while he himself will be the

Second-in-Command.

With regards to CAPFs and other auxiliary forces, Maj Gen Mehta said that there will be a marching contingent of the Assam Rifles, CRPF, RPF, Delhi Police, BSF Camel contingent and the NCC.

He said that this year, there will be no CISF contingent but in its place CRPF will be a part of the Republic Day Parade.

Maj Gen Mehta added that 5,000 artists will be a part of cultural performance, and the breath-taking motor cycle display will be given by the Corps of Signals (Army).

As many as 40 aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) and three Dorniers from Indian Coast Guard (ICG) will participate in the fly p a s t .

## GLOBAL GOALS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY 2025 24-27 JAN 2025 - SRMIST | KATTANKULATHUR

Chennai Jan 25, 2025: The Sustainable Development Council and SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Kattankulathur, are delighted to cordially invite and welcome your gracious presence to the Global Goals Championship Trophy 2025 a landmark event celebrating the intersection of sports and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Hosting Partner S R M I S T , Kattankulathur

The Football for the Goals (FFTG) initiative, led and managed by the United Nations, harnesses the immense influence of football to advocate for the Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs), inspiring awareness, behavioural change, and sustainable practices within the global football community.

Aligned with this mission, the Global Goals Championship Trophy, hosted by the Sustainable Development Council, merges the excitement of competitive sports with the transformative power of the SDGs, aiming to drive awareness and inspire action toward building a sustainable, inclusive, and equitable world by 2030.

Bringing together athletes, sports enthusiasts, SDG advocates, community leaders, and global partners, the



championship features 17 teams—8 male, 8 female, and 1 Special Olympics team—each representing one of the 17 SDGs, promoting inclusivity, gender balance, and a shared commitment to empowering diverse athletes and advancing the UN's global agenda.

Prof. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar, SRM Institute of Science and Technology Inaugurated the Championship.

In the Presence of Dr. M. S. Nagarajan (Senior Manager for Sports,

Special Olympics),

Dr. Datchana moorthy Ramu (Founder, Sustainable Development Council, Asia-Pacific advocate for MYWorld2030, UNDP Asia Pacific),

Dr. Mohana Krishnan R (Director of Sports, SRMIST)

Day 1 Match Results:

Nazareth College Beat Loyola College- Score: (4-2)

Jeppiaar University Beat New College- Score: (1-0)

## TATA MOTORS AND BVG FOUNDATION JOIN FORCES TO DEVELOP THE GOOD SAMARITAN ROAD SAFETY APP

Chennai Jan 25, 2025 Tata Motors Limited, India's largest auto and mobility solutions company, has partnered with BVG Foundation, a leading non profit organization, to develop the Good Samaritan Road Safety App.

This initiative aims to revolutionize road safety and emergency response. Reinforcing its commitment to safer roads and stronger communities, Tata Motors is leading the platform's development by leveraging its expertise in safety and innovation.

Designed to seamlessly integrate with existing ambulance dispatch systems, the App aims to significantly reduce response times and ensure timely medical intervention for road accident victims. Featuring an intuitive interface, it will



empower users to act as Good Samaritans by taking immediate action and providing critical support during emergencies.

The app is currently under pilot deployment in Palghar District, Maharashtra, with plans for gradual expansion to other regions across the state, based on the success of the pilot phase.

Speaking on the occasion of National Road Safety Month, Mr. Balaje Rajan, Chief Strategy Officer, TMPV & TPEM said,

“At Tata Motors, our unwavering focus on safety is not only limited to making the safest vehicles on Indian roads, but to making roads safe for all.

The Good Samaritan Road Safety App is a vital step in leveraging technology and community to create safer roads and save lives”

Mr. Hanmantrao Gaikwad, Director, BVG Foundation, added, “Our experience in emergency medical

services has shown us the critical role that bystanders play in saving lives.

This app and the training initiatives aim to empower communities with the knowledge and tools to respond effectively”

Tata Motors has been a pioneer in vehicle safety and this collaboration is a testament to its commitment towards creating a culture of safety that transcends its vehicles, inspiring individuals and communities to prioritize safer roads.

## SWITCH MOBILITY UNVEILS SWITCH IEV8: A GAME-CHANGER IN ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (ELCV)

Chennai Jan 25, 2025 : SWITCH Mobility Ltd, a part of the Hinduja Group, has unveiled the SWITCH IeV8, a revolutionary electric light commercial vehicle (eLCV) in the 7.2T category catering to mid-mile logistics. Designed with sustainability and operational efficiency at its core, the SWITCH IeV8 is set to transform the logistics sector in India.

The SWITCH IeV8, a robust addition to SWITCH Mobility's eLCV portfolio is engineered for optimal performance, durability, and sustainability in cargo transportation. Featuring a cutting-edge advanced lithium battery chemistry, the IeV8 delivers an impressive range of 250 km on a single charge. Its versatile design accommodates up to 830 cubic feet of container space, making it ideal for diverse logistics needs. With a top speed of 80 km/h and fast-charging capabilities, it ensures swift and uninterrupted operations, meeting the demands of modern businesses.

With features like Electro-Hydraulic power steering (EHPS) for effortless maneuverability, a driver-centric AC cabin, tiltable steering, and sliding & reclining seats, the



SWITCH IeV8 is crafted to deliver exceptional comfort and ergonomic excellence.

On the occasion, Mr. Dheeraj Hinduja, Chairman, SWITCH Mobility, said, “The unveil of the SWITCH IeV8 represents our steadfast commitment to pioneering clean transportation solutions. This vehicle embodies our vision of providing innovative and environmentally conscious solutions that not only meet the demands of modern logistics but also contribute significantly to a greener future.

With the IeV8, SWITCH Mobility reaffirms its position as a leader in innovation and eco-conscious development within the electric mobility sector.”

Mr. Mahesh Babu, Chief Executive Officer, SWITCH Mobility, added, “The SWITCH IeV8 is designed to address the increasing demand for efficient, reliable, and sustainable

solutions in the mid-mile logistics segment. With a robust payload capacity up to 4 Ton and container compatibility of up to 830 cubic feet, the IeV8 is tailored to meet the varied needs of modern logistics operations. Its advanced lithium battery chemistry delivers a range of 250 km per charge, complemented by fast-charging capabilities that minimize downtime and maximize operational efficiency.

Built with SWITCH Mobility's advanced EV architecture, the vehicle delivers superior operational performance resulting in lowest total cost of ownership

The SWITCH IeV8 is designed to deliver superior handling, durability, and driver comfort. With features like Electro-Hydraulic power steering (EHPS) for effortless maneuverability, a driver-centric AC cabin, tiltable power steering, and sliding & reclining seats,

it ensures a comfortable and fatigue-free driving experience even during long hauls. These thoughtful additions prioritize driver well-being, enhancing safety and productivity on every journey.”

Powered by SWITCH iON, our proprietary telematics system, the SWITCH IeV8 offers real-time vehicle health monitoring, ITMS, and efficient fleet management, among over 50 advanced features.

Designed for both performance and durability, the SWITCH IeV8 is an innovative vehicle that empowers businesses to lower operational costs while minimizing their carbon footprint. With the SWITCH IeV8, SWITCH Mobility is all set to create a transformative impact on India's logistics sector by offering a solution that seamlessly combines performance, cost-effectiveness, and sustainability.

## MUTHOOT FINCORP: PRE-BUDGET QUOTE BY MR. THOMAS JOHN MUTHOOT - CHAIRMAN OF MUTHOOT PAPPACHAN GROUP

Chennai Jan 25, 2025 : Pre-Budget expectations quote:

“1. Infrastructure Development: Continue allocating significant funds for infrastructure projects while addressing the capex spending gap from the current year. Focus on faster execution and completion of key initiatives to drive economic growth and create jobs.

2. Support for Rural Economy: Strengthen rural incomes through targeted agricultural



reforms and rural credit schemes, boosting consumption, productivity, and overall economic activity in rural and semi-urban areas.

3. Special Credit Lines for NBFCs: Approve dedicated

credit lines for NBFCs from banks to facilitate seamless digital lending to micro-retailers, addressing credit gaps in underserved sectors and promoting financial inclusion.

4. Incentivizing

Private Sector Capex: Introduce incentives to encourage private sector investment in capital expenditure, such as tax benefits, subsidies, or streamlined approval processes, to complement public capex and boost overall economic growth.

These measures will ensure balanced growth, address regional disparities, and stimulate private and public investments for sustainable development.”

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