

MAHAKUMBH 2025: GRAND DRONE SHOW CAPTIVATES DEVOTEES' HEARTS; DEPICTS SAMUDRA MANTHAN AND GODS DRINKING THE AMRIT KALASH

Chennai, 26 January 2025: A Grand Drone show was organised by the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department on Friday at Prayagraj, featuring hundreds of drones creating vibrant shapes in the sky. Devotees were mesmerized by the divine depiction of the Samudra Manthan (churning of the ocean) and Gods drinking from the Amrit Kalash. On Uttar Pradesh Day, the state's cultural tableau added to the grandeur of the show.



beautifully crafted in the sky, capturing the attention of all. The images of saints blowing conch shells and ascetics bathing in the Sangam were also quite captivating.

The highlight of the drone show was the waving tricolor over the Legislative Assembly building. The sight was filled

with patriotism and pride. Through this drone show, the spiritual and cultural significance of the Mahakumbh was beautifully showcased.

Through the drone display, the Mahakumbh and Uttar Pradesh government logos were also

FOR THE 1ST TIME THREE GOVT. SCHOOL BAND TEAMS TO PERFORM IN THE REPUBLIC DAY PARADE 2025

Chennai, 26 January 2025: Three government school teams are all set to perform in the Republic Day Parade for the very first time on 26 January 2025. The team from PM SHRI KGBV Patamda, Jharkhand, will have the honour of performing at the Rostrum opposite the Presidential dais, synchronized with the Army band. Meanwhile, the teams from Govt. Sr. Sec School West Point, Gangtok, Sikkim, and PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Belagavi Cantonment, Karnataka, will showcase their performances at the Vijay Chowk. These school bands are among 16 teams competing in the Grand Finale of the National School Band Competition 6.0, taking place on 24-25 January 2025 at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi.



Regiment located at Ramgarh Army Regimental Centre.

The team has been practising the pipe band for the past three years. In the 2024-25 State-Level (Inter-District) School Band Competition held in Ranchi, the team claimed first place in the pipe band category, surpassing the previous year's champions and a strong Ranchi district team. Emerging from humble beginnings in remote villages, these determined young girls committed themselves to mastering the pipe band, braving freezing mornings and enduring long, gruelling practice sessions with unwavering dedication.

The Pipe Band Girls Team from PM Shri Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) Patamda, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, showcases an inspiring journey of determination and achievement. This 25-member team comprises girls from underprivileged families, many reliant on farming and daily labour.

For most, this is their first train journey to Delhi. They have received guidance from instructors of the Sikh Regiment and Punjab

dedication and emerged as Eastern Region Champions. Many of these students hail from humble and challenging backgrounds.

The pipe band (boys) contingent of PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Belagavi Cantt., Karnataka, has many students from families with parents serving in the Indian Army. The team has been trained by MLIRC (Maratha Light Infantry Regimental Centre Belagavi).

In tandem with the "whole of Government approach", initiative has been taken for training of PM SHRI school band teams by the band instructors/teams of Army Regimental Centres. Training has begun in 11 States/UTs and will commence shortly in the rest of the States/UTs. Subsequently, more schools would join the Band System, with support from the Army Regional Centres, opening new opportunities for children. This is a step towards imparting

holistic education to students of PM SHRI schools and developing them into well-rounded personalities.

Under the innovation component of the Centrally sponsored scheme - Samagra Shiksha - financial support is being provided to States/UTs for organizing the Band Competition at the State level.

The National Education Policy 2020 is the first education policy of the 21st century and aims at large-scale transformational reforms in the education sector. In that direction, this program will not only instil a sense of patriotism and national pride but will also enhance the musical skills of the students and inculcate discipline among them.

This initiative aims to rejuvenate the spirit of patriotism and unity amongst school students throughout the country and help in the furtherance of holistic education.

REPUBLIC DAY 2025: RAKSHA RAJYA MANTRI GIVES AWAY PRIZES TO THE WINNERS OF NATIONAL SCHOOL BAND COMPETITION IN NEW DELHI

Chennai, 26 January 2025: As part of the 76th Republic Day Celebrations (RDC), Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth gave away prizes to the winners of the National School Band Competition in New Delhi on January 25, 2025. The jury appointed by the Ministry of Defence, which included members from each wing of the Armed Forces, selected the winners upon the culmination of the Grand Finale of the Competition which was held on January 24 & 25, 2025. The winners are:



Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (Northern Zone). 2nd Prize - North Sikkim Academy, Nangan, Sikkim (Eastern Zone). 3rd Prize - Rajarambapu Patil Military School & Sports Academy Islampur, Sangli, Maharashtra (Western Zone). Consolation Prize - PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Belagavi Cantt. Karnataka (Southern Zone).

(Western Zone). 2nd Prize - St. Xavier's Higher Secondary School, Pathaliaghat, Sepahijala, Tripura (Eastern Zone). 3rd Prize - Pinegrove School, Subathu, District-Solan, Himachal Pradesh (Northern Zone). Consolation Prize - St. Xavier's English Medium School, Chhattisgarh (Southern Zone). The top three teams in each category were given a cash prize (1st - Rs 21,000/-, 2nd - Rs 16,000/- & 3rd - Rs 11,000/-), a trophy and a certificate. A consolation cash prize of Rs 3,000/- each was given to the remaining team in each category.

Two other bands - PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2 Belagavi Cantt. Karnataka (Southern Zone) and Government Sr. Sec. School West Point, Gangtok, Sikkim (Eastern Zone) - will perform at Vijay Chowk during the Beating Retreat Ceremony on January 29, 2025.

In his address, Raksha Rajya Mantri described the winners as well as the participants of the competition as the brand ambassadors of Viksit Bharat, a vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. He urged the youth to keep the nation first and strive to make India a developed nation by 2047.

From RDC 2023 onwards, the National School Band Competition is being jointly conducted by Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education. A School Band evokes a feeling of oneness, belonging and pride in school children towards their school and country.

Brass Band Girls: 1st Prize - Government Sr. Sec. School West Point, Gangtok, Sikkim (Eastern Zone). 2nd Prize - St. Joseph's Convent Sr. Sec. School, Idgah hills, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh (Western Zone). 3rd Prize - St. Joseph's Anglo Indian Girl's Higher Secondary School, Kozhikode, Kerala (Southern Zone). Consolation Prize - Gayatri Vidyapeeth, Shantikunj, Haridwar, Uttarakhand (Northern Zone).

Brass Band Boys: 1st Prize - Prince Lotus Valley Academy, Sikar, Rajasthan

Pipe Band Girls: 1st Prize - PM Shri Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Patamda, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand (Eastern Zone). 2nd Prize - Bhonsala Military School Girls, Nasik, Maharashtra (Western Zone). 3rd Prize - Shri Thakurdwara Balika Vidyalaya, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh (Northern Zone). Consolation Prize - Monte CBSE School, Kurnool, Pandipadu Village, Kallur Mandal Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh (Southern Zone).

Pipe Band Boys: 1st Prize - City Montessori School, Kanpur Road

PM SURYAGHAR AIMS TO EMPOWER CITIZENS TO BECOME ENERGY PRODUCERS: UNION MINISTER PRALHAD JOSHI

Chennai, 26 January 2025: Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy Shri Pralhad Joshi said that PM Suryaghar-Muft Bijli Yojana aims to empower people by making citizens energy-producers as well as enabling them to earn extra income by selling electricity to discoms.

The Minister was addressing 750 Special Guests of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy invited for witnessing the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi.

Union Minister said "Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi ji, the common people are now at the heart of India's renewable

energy revolution. Their work, dedication, and success are proof of what we can accomplish as a nation.

The beneficiaries of PM Suryaghar and PM Kusum are the real Ambassadors of India's renewable energy movement." The Minister also appreciated them for leading the charge in India's renewable energy journey. Beneficiaries of PM Suryaghar and PM Kusum from different parts of the country spoke on the occasion and appreciated the timely subsidies being received by them, the ease with which they could register on the PM Suryaghar portal without human interventions and the

huge savings and zero bills from electricity because of the installation.

Union Minister said "In Dharwad, Karnataka, a beneficiary of PMSurya Ghar achieved zero electricity bills by adopting solar power. With a ₹78,000 subsidy from the central government, this success story highlights Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of fostering sustainable and energy-efficient solutions across the nation."

A PM Kusum beneficiary, Rakesh Rohi from Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh told the

Minister that he installed solar pumps in his farm after being benefited by PM KUSUM Scheme which has vastly improved his yield.

The Special Guests of MNRE also visited PM Sangrahalaya earlier and will witness the Republic Day parade tomorrow.

Secretary, MNRE Ms Nidhi Khare said that the Ministry is always ready to learn and listen from the beneficiaries for improving the implementation of the schemes.

MNRE Joint Secretary Shri Lalit Bohra and other senior officials of MNRE were also present at the event.

ATHULYA SENIOR CARE LEADS THE WAY WITH BEACH CLEANING DRIVE AS NATIONAL CLEANLINESS DAY 2025 APPROACHES

Chennai, 26 January 2025: In anticipation of National Cleanliness Day on January 30, 2025, Athulya Senior Care, under its flagship initiative, CaringForASenior, organized a major community-driven beach cleaning event at Besant Nagar Beach. The initiative, held in collaboration with Urbaser Sumeet and the Madras School of Social Work, is part of Athulya's promise to environmental sustainability, senior well-being, and social responsibility.



With a strong focus on both environmental care and elder advocacy, this prelude to National Cleanliness Day brought together over 200 volunteers, including Athulya's dedicated staff, students, environmentalists, and local residents, united by a common cause: cleaning up Chennai's iconic Besant Nagar Beach.

The volunteers worked tirelessly for two hours, removing significant amounts of waste, leaving the beach cleaner and more beautiful for the community to enjoy.

Athulya's Founder and CEO, Mr. Srinivasan G., emphasized the

importance of bringing about a cleaner and more inclusive environment for all generations. "At Athulya, we believe that a clean and safe environment is a fundamental component of our senior citizens' health and happiness," said Mr. Srinivasan. "Through our CaringForASenior initiative, we aim to encourage a culture of respect and care for elders, while simultaneously promoting sustainability and environmental stewardship. This beach cleaning activity is a prime example of how collaboration and community action can lead to meaningful change."

The event also highlighted the growing impact of the CaringForASenior initiative, which has become a catalyst for

important social conversations about elder care, inclusivity, and community involvement. Athulya has spearheaded a variety of social projects aimed at improving the quality of life for senior citizens, including improving temple accessibility, organizing walkathons to promote active aging, and donating ambulances to Kaval Karangal to provide elder-friendly emergency care.

As part of the lead-up to National Cleanliness Day, the beach cleaning drive served as a demonstration of how collective action can create a tangible impact on both the environment and the lives of seniors.

Through initiatives like these, Athulya Senior Care is redefining how elder care intersects with

more social issues, making it clear that care for seniors extends far beyond the walls of assisted living facilities.

The efforts of the event leading up to National Cleanliness Day 2025 are a reminder of the power of community-led initiatives in driving positive change and creating a cleaner, greener, and more inclusive society.

Athulya Senior Care is a leading provider of assisted living services for senior citizens in South India, dedicated to providing compassionate care and support in a comfortable and dignified environment. Through its CaringForASenior initiative, Athulya is redefining the quality of life for seniors and driving social change in the areas of health, wellness, and community care.

SRMIST WOMEN VOLLEYBALL TEAM HAS WON THE GOLD MEDAL

Chennai, 26 January 2025: Our SRMIST women volleyball team has won the GOLD Medal in the All India inter University volleyball championship held at Rewa, Madhya Pradesh from 21st January to 25th January 2025.

League Match Results - SRM IST beat Adamas IST Score :(25-14/25-17/25-13).

SRM IST beat Maharaj Ganga Singh, Gujarat. Score : (25-07/25-04).

SRM IST beat kurukshetra University Score :(25-21/ 25-15 /25-17). Quarter Finals.

SRM IST beat KIIT, Odisha, Score: (25-18/25-16/25-17).

Semi Finals - SRM IST beat LPU, Punjab, Score :(25-17 /25-



16/25-15). Runners - M G University. III-Place - LPU, Punjab. Finals - Score:(25-16/25-21/25-15). Final Standing- Winners -SRM IST, Best setter- Sree Lakshmi.V. Best attacker-Gopika.G

GLOBAL GOALS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY 2025 (HOSTING PARTNER- SRMIST) DAY 2 RESULTS

Chennai, 26 January 2025: Global Goals Championship Trophy 2025 a landmark event celebrating the intersection of sports and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Hosting Partner SRMIST, Kattankulathur.



Results: Match 03- Mary's College. Score: 2-0. Match 04 - M.O.P Vaishnav College Beat Queen

Rathinam College Beat Dr. M.G.R University - Score: 5-2.

Match 05 - M.O.P Vaishnav College Beat SDNB, Vaishnava College. Score: 6-0.

Match 06 - Rathinam College Beat Nazareth College. Score: 2-0.

'MANIDHAM' PRODUCED BY KRISHNARAJU AND DIRECTED BY BRUNO SAVIO IS THE FIRST TAMIL FILM TO FEATUE PUDUCHERRY ACTORS IN ALL CHARACTERS

Chennai, 26 January 2025: 'Manidham,' a Tamil film that promises to delve deep into the complexities of human relationships, is produced by Krishnaraju K on Your Backers Production and Kaviya Studios banners.

Directed by J. Bruno Savio, the film has producer Krishnaraju playing the lead role. 'Manidham' marks the first Tamil movie entirely shot in Puducherry and featuring a fully local cast. The film's music, composed by the National Award-winning Srikanth Deva, has already

garnered significant praise. The recent audio launch of 'Manidham' was graced by prominent directors K. Bhagyaraj, R.V. Udhayakumar and Aravindraj.

Speaking about the film, producer and actor Krishnaraju shared, "'Manidham' sheds light on the true nature of relationships and friendships. The film revolves around the protagonist's journey of discerning between genuine and false bonds. We have presented this central theme in an engaging manner."

'Manidham' is a significant venture for



Krishna Raju, who has previously garnered attention with films like 'Infinity' and 'Kazhumaram.' Director Bruno Savio brings over 25 years of experience in corporate, industrial, and advertising filmmaking to this project.

The film's cinematography is

handled by Barani Selvam, while Velavan K has taken care of the editing.

Madhurika Rajalakshmi plays a pivotal role in the film. Co-produced by Annie Nirmala, the film has Arulmurugan as associate director. 'Manidham' is gearing up for the atrical release soon.

GOVERNMENT OF TELENGANA SIGNS MOU WITH JSW DEFENCE TO ESTABLISH MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN THE STATE

Chennai, 26 January 2025: The Government of Telangana has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with JSW UAV Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of JSW Defence, to establish a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility to make Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) in the state. As part of this strategic initiative, JSW UAV is set to invest approximately ₹800 crores in the project, through a technology arrangement with a leading US-based defence technology company. The MoU was signed in the presence of the Honorable Chief Minister of Telegana, Shri Revanth Reddy and Parth Jindal of JSW Group in the presence of senior dignitaries from the state on the side lines of the ongoing World Economic Forum (WEF) at Davos.



Speaking on the occasion, Shri Revanth Reddy, Honorable Chief Minister of Telengana, said, "Hyderabad, and Telengana, was long positioned in the global market as software and pharma leader.

With clear vision and diligent efforts, we are now establishing Telengana as a clear leader for investments in manufacturing across sectors, ranging from semiconductor, defence, private space to FMCG. My government's efforts to position Telengana as a

preferred option for the world for its China Plus One strategy has started bearing results."

Parth Jindal of JSW Group said, "This MoU underscores our unwavering commitment to playing a key role in indigenizing defense technology in India. We are deeply grateful to the Government of Telangana, led by the Honorable Chief Minister Shri Revanth Reddy, for its guidance and support through industry-friendly policies that make

initiatives like this possible."

JSW Defence Pvt Ltd. - a part of the US\$ 24 billion JSW Group - has a strategic partnership with Shield AI, Inc, a leading U.S defence technology company, to indigenize and manufacture Shield AI's "V-BAT", a Group 3 Unmanned Aerial System (UAS).

This collaboration marks a significant step in boosting India's defence capabilities by bringing in world-class UAS technology to the country.

MAHAKUMBH 2025: PRADHAN MANTRI JAN AUSHADHI KENDRAS IN PRAYAGRAJ ENSURING AVAILABILITY AND AWARENESS OF AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY MEDICINES TO PILGRIMS

Chennai, 26 January 2025: Five Jan Aushadhi centers have been set up in Mahakumbh Nagar, with one located in Kalagram, under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) of the Government of India. These centers will remain operational throughout the duration of the Mahakumbh Mela. The aim of these centers is to ensure the availability and awareness of affordable and quality medicines to the pilgrims.



Pharmaceuticals, Government of India, today reviewed the Jan Aushadhi Stall and other Jan Aushadhi centers in Prayagraj. He informed that, "Purchasing medicines from Jan Aushadhi centers saves the public 50 to 90 percent on costs." During his visit, he interacted with visitors and center operators to discuss the utility and

benefits of the PMBJP. The CEO further shared that there are 2,633 Jan Aushadhi centers operating in Uttar Pradesh, with 62 centers functioning in Prayagraj. Across the country, more than 15,000 centers have been opened under the Jan Aushadhi Scheme, with a target of opening 25,000 centers inspired

by the vision of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. This year, the target for the sale of medicines through these centers is Rs. 2,000 crores, of which over Rs. 1,500 crores has already been achieved. He explained the process for Mahakumbh devotees to find the nearest Jan Aushadhi center through a pin-code based system and informed them about the availability of affordable medicines. During the event, Shri Dadhich also answered questions from media representatives and expressed gratitude to the media for supporting the Jan Aushadhi Scheme.

DR. AGARWAL'S HEALTH CARE LIMITED'S INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING TO OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025, PRICE BAND SET AT ₹382/- TO ₹402/- PER EQUITY SHARE

Chennai, 26 January 2025: Dr. Agarwal's Health Care Limited, a trusted brand in the eye care services industry and according to the CRISIL MI&A Report is India's largest eye care service chain by revenue from operations for FY2024, has fixed the price band of ₹382/- to ₹402/- per Equity Share of face value ₹1/- each.

The Initial Public Offering ("IPO" or "Offer") of the Company will open on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, for subscription and close on Friday, January 31, 2025. Investors can bid for a minimum of 35 Equity Shares and in multiples of 35

Equity Shares thereafter. The issue has an employee reservation portion of up to 1,579,399 equity shares and shareholders reservation of up to 1,129,574 equity shares.

The IPO is a mix of fresh issue of up to Rs 300 crore and an offer of sale up to 67,842,284 equity shares by Promoters, Investors, and Other Selling Shareholders.

The proceeds from its fresh issuance to the extent of Rs 195 crore will be utilized for repayment / prepayment in part or



full of certain of its borrowings; and the balance proceeds will be utilized for general corporate purposes and unidentified inorganic acquisitions.

Dr. Agarwal's Health Care, provides end-to-end comprehensive eye care services, including cataract, refractive and other surgeries; consultations, diagnoses and non-surgical treatments; and sells opticals, contact lenses and accessories, and eye care related pharmaceutical products through its network of 209 Facilities as of September 30, 2024. According to a CRISIL MI&A Report cited in its red herring prospectus, the company held about 25% of the total eye care service chain market in India as of FY2024.

As of September 30, 2024, the Company

operates 193 facilities in India across 117 metro and non-metro cities spanning 14 states and four union territories, along with 16 facilities spread across nine countries in Africa. The Company operates through a hub-and-spoke and asset light operating model. According to the CRISIL MI&A Report, the Company has a diversified presence, with 70 facilities located in Tier-I cities and 123 facilities in other cities across India.

Dr. Agarwal's Health Care, under the aegis of its Chairman, Dr. Amar Agarwal, who has over 35 years of clinical experience in the eye care services industry, has pioneered multiple surgical innovations in ophthalmology and has published several papers in reputed scientific journals globally. Some key surgical capabilities of Dr. Agarwal's Health

Care includes intraocular lens procedures, cornea transplantation, pinhole pupilloplasty, single pass four-throw pupilloplasty and LASIK surgeries.

Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited, Morgan Stanley India Company Private Limited, Jefferies India Private Limited, Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors Limited are the book-running lead managers, and KFin Technologies Limited is the registrar of the issue.

The Issue is being made through the book-building process, wherein not more than 50% of the issue shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to qualified institutional buyers, not less than 15% and 35% of the offer shall be available for allocation to non-institutional investors, and retail individual bidders respectively.

PRESIDENT OF INDIA GRACES THE 15TH 'NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

Chennai Jan 26, 2025: The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu graced and addressed the 15th National Voters' Day Celebrations in New Delhi today (January 25, 2025). The President presented the Best Electoral Practices Awards to state and district officials who demonstrated exemplary performance in ensuring the smooth conduct of elections, on the occasion. She also received the first copy of the book "India Votes 2024: A Saga of Democracy" from the Chief Election Commissioner, Shri Rajiv Kumar.

Addressing the gathering, the President said that it is a matter of pride for all of us that our democracy is not only the oldest democracy in the world but is also the largest, diverse, young, inclusive and sensitive democracy in the world. She stated that India's democracy is a unique example for the modern world. Many countries of the world



are learning from our election system and management.

The President said that the impressive glimpse of our inclusive democracy is visible in elections. The increasing participation of women in elections is an important sign of the overall development of our society and country.

She noted that the Election Commission has made special efforts to facilitate the voting process for senior voters above 85 years of age, differently-abled voters and tribal voters

living in remote areas. In this way, she said, the Election Commission has set a good example of inclusive and sensitive election management.

The President said that the ideals and responsibilities associated with voting are the main dimensions of our democracy. The Voters' Pledge issued by the Election Commission can guide all citizens. She stated that along with full faith in democracy, voters should also have the firm resolve that they will exercise their right to vote by rising above

all kinds of narrow-mindedness, discrimination and temptation. Enlightened voters strengthen our democracy, she added.

Since 2011, National Voters' Day has been observed annually on January 25 to commemorate the foundation day of the Election Commission of India. This event aims to underline the centrality of the voter, raise electoral awareness among citizens and inspire their active participation in the democratic process.

UNION MINISTER OF TEXTILES SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH TO INAUGURATE HANDLOOM CONCLAVE 'MANTHAN' AT DR. AMBEDKAR INTERNATIONAL CENTRE JANPATH, NEW DELHI ON 28.01.2025.

Chennai Jan 26, 2025: "Handloom Conclave- Manthan" is an interactive workshop with various stakeholders of Handloom sector viz. Handloom weavers/manufacturer s, Retailers, Buyers, Designers, Academicians, Startup Founders, Handloom Entrepreneurs/Innovators, Handloom Co-operatives, Ecommers companies, from all segments of 5F vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister -Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign to chalk out future road map for handloom sector.

The conclave will be attended by almost 250 stakeholders comprising 21 panelists, 120 handloom beneficiaries coming from all parts of the country to join the conference, 35 officials from Weavers Service Centres and IHTs, around 25 State Govt. Officials (Handloom, Silk & Textiles) and officials from various other departments and establishments of the Textile Ministry.

The conclave aims to serve as a platform for various stakeholders to come together and share best practices, innovations, and strategies for growth in the handloom sector.

This initiative aligns with the government's ongoing efforts to enhance the livelihoods of weavers and improve the overall handloom industry. It will also help in developing the handloom sector as a key sector with immense potential to act as a growth engine for Viksit Bharat 2047.

Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles will grace the event as the chief guest for the Inauguration. The Hon'ble Minister of State for Textiles will be the guest of honour, in the gracious presence of Secretary (Textiles) and Development Commissioner for Handlooms.

Key highlights of the Event:

There will be 03 Technical Sessions:

Support for start-up eco system in

Handloom Sector. Handloom Marketing Avenues and strategies.

Modelling Handloom Sector for Young Weavers: Approach and Strategy.

The Technical session on "Support for start-up eco system in Handloom Sector" will highlight various initiatives of Office of DC (Handlooms) to support start-ups and young entrepreneurs and to create a robust eco-system for start-ups working in handloom sector.

In the panel discussion on "Handloom Marketing Avenues and Strategies" experiences and best practices of the handloom marketing will be shared by the distinguished panelists.

This discussion would be useful for the aspiring entrepreneurs, organizations and also for the entire handloom sector.

The final session will be focussed on discussing various

strategies for making the handloom sector attractive for the younger generation and involving the youth in creating a more vibrant and sustainable value chain in the handloom sector by adding more value proposition through various technical interventions and help of social and digital media.

The panelists of above technical sessions will be representing various entities of the entire handloom value chain such as Government Officials, Technical Experts, Start-up founders, Handloom Co-operatives, Producer Companies,

Academicians from NIFT and other institutes, E-Commerce stores, Handloom retailers, Weaver Entrepreneurs/innovators, Sustainable brands, Handloom Exporters and designers; their valuable insights will benefit the entire handloom community attending Handloom Conclave: Manthan.

FOOT OVERBRIDGES TO COME UP IN KOYAMBEDU, VELACHERY WITH ESCALATORS

Chennai Jan 26, 2025: In a bid to improve pedestrian safety and convenience, the Tamil Nadu State Highways Department has announced plans to construct foot overbridges (FOBs) in two bustling locations:

Koyambedu, near the DMDK head office on Jawaharlal Nehru Salai, and Velachery Railway Bus Stop on Velachery-Tambaram Main Road.

Both FOBs will be equipped with escalators and elevators, making them especially accessible for senior citizens and individuals with mobility challenges.

The Koyambedu FOB, with an estimated cost of Rs.18 crore, will be strategically positioned between the grade separator and the CMBT flyover, addressing frequent pedestrian safety issues in the heavily trafficked



area.

Approximately 320 square meters of land will be acquired to ensure smooth traffic flow during and after construction. Construct

ion bids have already been issued for this initiative, which aims to mitigate traffic congestion and enhance pedestrian safety on these vital roads

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942 POLICEMEN, 23 OFFICERS FROM TN GET PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS

Chennai Jan 26, 2025: A total of 942 police, fire and civil defence personnel have been awarded different categories of gallantry and service medals on the eve of the Republic Day, according to a government statement issued on Saturday. These include 95 gallantry medals.

The Central government has announced that 23 police officers from Tamil Nadu, including Superintendent of Police (SP) Jayalakshmi to be honored with the Presidential Awards for their service to the police force. Two Inspectors General Durai Kumar A T, Radhika from Tamil

Nadu received the Presidential medal for distinguished service. A total of 942 Personnel of Police, Fire, Home Guard & Civil Defence (HG&CD) and Correctional Services have been awarded Gallantry and Service Medals on the occasion of the Republic Day, 2025.

The awardees include the personnel of police, fire, home guard and civil defence and those working in correctional services, the Union home ministry said. Among the gallantry award winners, 28 personnel deployed in Left Wing Extremism-affected areas, 28 in the Jammu and Kashmir region, three in the northeast

and 36 posted in other regions are being awarded for their gallant action, it said.

Of the 101 President's Medals for Distinguished Service (PSM), 85 have been awarded to police personnel, five to fire services personnel, seven to civil defence and home guard service and four to correctional service.

Among the 746 Medals for Meritorious Service (MSM), 634 have been awarded to police service, 37 to fire service, 39 to civil defence and home guard service and 36 to correctional service, the statement said.

The Medal for Gallantry (GM) is

awarded for a rare conspicuous act of gallantry and a conspicuous act of gallantry respectively in saving life and property or in preventing crime or arresting criminals, the risk incurred being estimated with due regard to the obligations and duties of the officer concerned.

The President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM) is awarded for a special distinguished record in service and the Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM) is awarded for valuable service characterised by resource and devotion to duty.

RASHTRIYA KARMYOGI JAN SEVA PROGRAMME: CULTIVATING THE KARMAYOGI SPIRIT

Chennai Jan 26, 2025: The Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, organized the Rashtriya Karmyogi Jan Seva Programme at the Civil Services Officer's Institute, KG Marg, New Delhi. This interactive event aimed to inspire, enlighten, and guide Central Government employees to adopt the Karmayogi Way, emphasizing a citizen-centric approach to governance.

As part of a large-scale initiative by the Government of India and the Capacity Building Commission, with Illuminate Knowledge Resources (P) Ltd. as the Knowledge Partner, the programme focused on fostering Seva-Bhav (a sense of service) and accountability.

Under the guidance of Dr. Anju Rathi Rana, Additional Secretary, it served as a transformative experience, blending



training, introspection, and motivation to enhance work culture and responsiveness to public needs.

The session began with an interactive survey on the Pedgog App, allowing participants to reflect on their perception of work. Through stories from the Ramayana, motivational anecdotes, and comparisons of Karmayogi and conventional approaches, participants explored how shifting perspectives can lead to greater positivity and productivity.

Structured into four

modules of 1.5 hours each, the programme encouraged reflective discussions, teamwork, and collaborative problem-solving. Officers were reminded of their inner potential and inspired to adopt a proactive approach, moving beyond a "job-done" mindset to one focused on solutions, responsibility, and a commitment to national progress.

Participants shared insights on the benefits of a Karmayogi approach—developing an attitude of service with accountability and responsiveness.

Suggestions were sought on

implementing this mindset to meet both citizen needs and ministry objectives. The session emphasized behavioral change, time management, and a solution-oriented work ethic as keys to achieving impactful outcomes.

The ultimate message of the programme was clear: with Seva-Bhav, a sense of purpose, and love for the nation, employees can align personal and professional goals with the larger objectives of the ministry, fostering progress for citizens and the nation alike.

INDONESIAN PRESIDENT PRABOWO SUBIANTO PAYS TRIBUTE TO MAHATMA

Chennai Jan 26, 2025: Indonesia's President Prabowo Subianto paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat on Saturday. He laid a wreath at Rajghat and signed the visitors book.

Subianto was accompanied by Minister of State for External Affairs (MoS) Pabitra Margherita. In a post shared on X, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "A tribute to the

lasting legacy of Bapu. Indonesia President @prabowo of Indonesia paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat today morning."

Prabowo Subianto is the Chief Guest for India's 76th Republic Day celebrations.

His visit marks his first State Visit to India since assuming office in October 2024.

Earlier in the day, Prabowo Subianto received ceremonial at Rashtrapati Bhavan in



New Delhi.

The ceremonial welcome highlights the significance of the visit and sets the stage for enhanced diplomatic discussions between India and

Indonesia. Prabowo Subianto said India considers India a "very great friend" and expressed his commitment to promoting closer cooperation and closer partnership with India.

PRESIDENT'S POLICE MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED AND MERITORIOUS SERVICES AWARDED TO THE RPF/RPSF PERSONNEL

Chennai Jan 26, 2025: On the occasion of Republic Day 2025, the Hon'ble President of India has awarded President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM) and Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM) to the following Officers and staff of RPF/RPSF:-

President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM).

Shri Amiya Nandan Sinha, IG cum Principal Chief Security Commissioner, North Central Railway Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM).

Shri Sachin Ashok Bhalode, Deputy Inspector General, Northern Railway.

Shri P. V.

Santharam, Deputy Inspector General, South Eastern Railway.

Shri A. Ibrahim Sheriff, Deputy Inspector General, Southern Railway.

Shri Sunil Chand, Inspector, 9 BN / Railway Protection Special Force.

Shri Srinivasa Rao Donthagani, Inspector, South Central Railway.

Shri Chander Kant Tiwari, Inspector, 6 BN / Railway Protection Special Force.

Shri Kalu Sethi, Inspector, East Coast Railway.

Shri Dinesh Choudhary, Sub-Inspector, East Central

Railway.

Shri Gurbinder Singh, Sub-Inspector, 7 BN / Railway Protection Special Force.

Shri Rohitash Arya, Sub-Inspector, 6 BN / Railway Protection Special Force.

Shri Mahmood Hasan, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Northern Railway.

Shri Alok Ranjan Mitra, Assistant Sub-Inspector, Eastern Railway.

Shri Puttur Ravichandran, Assistant Sub-Inspector, / Driver, South Central Railway.

Shri Uttam Kumar Brahma, Head Constable, Northeast

Frontier Railway.

Smt. Asha, Lady Head Constable, North Eastern Railway.

The President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM) is awarded for a specially distinguished record of service, while the Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM) is awarded for valuable service characterized by resourcefulness and devotion to duty.

These awards are conferred twice a year, on Republic Day (RD) and Independence Day (ID), to honor and inspire RPF/RPSF personnel to uphold the highest standards of service in safeguarding Indian Railways.

UNION MINISTER DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA HOSTS MY BHARAT YOUTH VOLUNTEERS AND PROMINENT SPORTSPERSONS INVITED AS SPECIAL GUESTS FOR 76TH REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Chennai Jan 26, 2025: In a memorable lead-up to the 76th Republic Day celebrations, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, hosted MY Bharat youth volunteers, their families, and renowned sportspersons in New Delhi today. A total of 200 MY Bharat volunteers along with their families and 160 eminent sportspersons have been invited as special guests, recognizing their outstanding contributions to nation-building and excellence in sports.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mandaviya underscored the pivotal role of the youth in shaping India's future and urged them to embrace the guiding principle of "Nation First" in all endeavours.

Highlighting the importance of duty ("kartavya"), he stressed that the collective commitment of citizens will pave the way for a Viksit Bharat. Union Minister also reaffirmed the Panch Pran of Amrit Kaal,



emphasizing the shared responsibility of every individual in achieving the nation's developmental goals.

Dr. Mandaviya reflected on the successful organization of the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, held from January 10-12 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

The grand event, graced by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, showcased the leadership and organizational skills of MY Bharat volunteers, who played a crucial role in its success.

The event also featured inspiring addresses by five celebrated sportspersons—Thulsi

mathi Murugesan, Harvinder Singh, Konganapalli Narayanan, Vantika Agrawal, and Ashok Kumar—who shared their remarkable journeys and thanked the Government of India for its steadfast support in helping them achieve unprecedented heights in their respective fields.

The MY Bharat youth volunteers, invited along with their families, shared their experiences of participating in transformative initiatives launched by the Ministry of Youth

Affairs and Sports. Volunteers selected through impactful campaigns such as Swachhata Hi Seva and Ye Diwali MY Bharat Wali spoke about their

contributions to social development and the numerous opportunities provided through the MY Bharat platform. In a touching moment, the youth volunteers presented Dr. Mandaviya with a handmade painting as a token of gratitude.

The ceremony concluded with the sportspersons and youth volunteers thanking the Government of India for recognizing their efforts and inviting them to be a part of this historic celebration.

The event highlighted the Ministry's commitment to empowering youth and athletes while fostering a culture of excellence and nation-building.