

PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES THE 14TH INDIA-FRANCE CEOS FORUM

Chennai, 13 February 2025: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the President of France, H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron jointly addressed the 14th India-France CEOs Forum today in Paris. The forum brought together CEOs from a diverse group of companies from both sides, focusing on sectors such as defence, aerospace, critical and emerging technologies, infrastructure, advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, life-sciences, wellness and lifestyle, and food and hospitality.

Prime Minister in his address noted the expanding India-France business and economic collaboration and the impetus it has provided to the strategic partnership between the two countries. He highlighted India's attractiveness as a



Chennai, 13 February 2025: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the President of France, H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron jointly addressed the 14th India-France CEOs Forum today in Paris. The forum brought together CEOs from a diverse group of companies from both sides, focusing on sectors such as defence, aerospace, critical and emerging technologies, infrastructure, advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, life-sciences, wellness and lifestyle, and food and hospitality.

high-level committee for regulatory reforms had been constituted to establish trust based economic governance. In the same spirit, more than 40,000 compliances had been rationalized in the last few years.

Prime Minister invited French companies to look at the immense opportunities offered by the India growth story, in the defense, energy, highway, civil aviation, space, healthcare, fintech and sustainable development sectors. Underlining global appreciation and interest in India's

skills, talent and innovation and in its newly launched AI, Semiconductor, Quantum, Critical Minerals and Hydrogen missions, he called upon French enterprises to partner India for mutual growth and prosperity. He outlined the importance of active engagement in these sectors, reaffirming the commitment of both nations to fostering innovation, investment, and technology-driven partnerships. Full remarks of Prime Minister may be seen here

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, alongside the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France, H.E. Jean-Noël Barrot, and the Minister of the Economy, Finance, and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty of France, H.E. Eric Lombard also addressed the Forum.

INDIA IS MAKING REMARKABLE STRIDES IN AI, LEVERAGING IT FOR PUBLIC GOOD: PRIME MINISTER

Chennai, 13 February 2025: Emphasising that India is making remarkable strides in AI, leveraging it for public good, the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi urged the world to come and invest in our nation and bet on our Yuva Shakti!

Alphabet, Shri Sundar Pichai, the PM responded to his post on X as follows: "Glad to have met you @sundarpichai. India is making remarkable strides in AI, leveraging it for public good. We urge the world to come and invest in our nation and bet on our Yuva Shakti!"



INDIA TAKES PART IN THE 63RD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT NEW YORK

Chennai, 13 February 2025: India took part in the 63rd session of the Commission for Social Development (CSoCD), held from February 10 to 14, 2025 at New York, USA. This participation was led by Smt. Savitri Thakur, the Minister of State for the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India (GoI).

This session aimed to encourage discussions and collaborations on pressing social development challenges, with an emphasis on advancing inclusive social policies and fostering global social well-being. The session witnessed the participation from 49 Countries including Ministers from 16 countries like France, Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, etc.

India's involvement includes active participation in key discussions. On Tuesday, February 11, 2025, Smt. Savitri Thakur delivered India's statement at the Ministerial Forum, addressing the priority theme: "Strengthening



Solidarity and Social Cohesion."

India expressed its appreciation to the Commission for its leadership in discussing the importance of strengthening solidarity and social cohesion to ensure no one is left behind.

Since the 1995 Copenhagen Summit on Social Development, India has made significant progress in addressing poverty, malnutrition, and universal healthcare, while also pioneering digital public infrastructure for sustainable development. By aligning with global best practices and developing indigenous solutions, India has become a model for the Global South.

While addressing the Session, the Minister highlighted that India is driven by the vision of "Sabka

scalable businesses.

As India works toward accelerating progress on the 2030 Agenda for development, increasing women's workforce participation is a key priority. India's robust social protection model includes 26 weeks of paid maternity leave, maternity benefits for 37.5 million mothers, a network of One Stop Centres, and an integrated National Women's Helpline. Additionally, India's early childhood care, nutrition, and education initiatives benefit over 100 million children, mothers, and adolescent girls.

India supported the resolution on the priority theme and is progressing with the concept of saturation in social protection to ensure the delivery of essential services to the poorest populations, addressing multidimensional poverty.

India's rights-based approach to universal health coverage, including reproductive health, and the provision of clean cooking fuel, safe drinking water, sanitation, and affordable housing has transformed the lives of women and marginalized communities. Over 40 million homes have been built for the poor, with women as either sole or joint owners. Nearly 100 million women have been linked with self-help groups (SHGs), contributing to economic transformation and grassroots leadership. In conclusion, India is fully committed to accelerating global progress and supporting the Commission's efforts toward a just world for all.

DEFENCE SECRETARY MEETS MULTIPLE DEFENCE DELEGATIONS AT AERO INDIA 2025

Chennai, 13 February 2025: Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh held a number of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of Aero India 2025 in Bengaluru on February 11, 2025. He held discussions with the Mozambican Defence Secretary Mr Casimiro Augusto Mueio; Secretary, Ministry of Defence of Sri Lanka Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Sampath Thuyacontha; Permanent Secretary of Defence, Suriname Mr

Jayantkumar Bidesie; State Secretary of Mongolia Brigadier General Gankhayug Degvadorj; Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Nepal Mr Rameshwar Dangal; Permanent Secretary, Mauritius Mr Devendre Gopaul and Permanent Secretary, Democratic Republic of Congo Major General Lukwikila Metikwiza Marcel.

The meetings focused on reviewing the ongoing defence cooperation and



exploring ways to enhance the ties. In particular, the discussions centred on enhancing defence industrial cooperation. Later, the Defence Secretary also met Director of the

International Directorate of the Directorate General of Armament, France Lt Gen Gael Diaz de Tuesta to discuss various joint projects and defence industrial cooperation.

5TH MEETING OF THE NATIONAL TRADERS' WELFARE BOARD HELD IN NEW DELHI

Chennai, 13 February 2025: The 5th Meeting of the National Traders' Welfare Board (NTWB) was held on 11th February 2025, at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Shri Sunil J. Singhi, Chairman NTWB.

During the meeting, Shri Sunil J. Singhi, Chairman of the NTWB, highlighted about the major initiatives taken by the Central



Government in the Union Budget 2025-26 to fulfil the objectives of the board and for the welfare of small traders/MSMEs.

He also informed that the representations received from the members and trade associations have been

brought to the attention of the concerned Ministries/Departments for necessary action. Suggestions and inputs were solicited from the members to improve awareness and the reach of welfare schemes related to retail trade.

Major suggestions and representations received from the board members were discussed, focusing on key action points.

The meeting was attended by the non-official members nominated by the Central Government, representing Trade Associations and States/UTs, as well as the ex-officio members representing nine Ministries/Departments of India.

Build Your Future With Us

RTN.D.R.SATHYANARAYANAN
 Director
 Real Estate & Construction
 98413 59935

Oasis Grace
 Engineering projects Pvt Ltd
 No. 25, North Meera Street,
 Saidapet, Chennai 600015

25⁺ Years of Excellence

Our Projects

Projects in India: [Images of various projects]

Projects in Bangalore: [Images of Bangalore projects]

Projects in Chennai: [Images of Chennai projects]

TOYOTA KIRLOSKAR MOTOR REINFORCES ITS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY AT INDIA ENERGY WEEK 2025

Chennai, 13 February 2025: Reiterating its commitment to India's vision for Energy Independence by 2047 and Net Zero by 2070, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today marked its participation at the India Energy Week 2025, being held in Delhi during 11th - 14th Feb 2025. The India Energy Week 2025 (IEW) serves as an important platform to showcase practical and scalable clean energy solutions to realize energy self-reliance and reduce carbon emissions. This event brings together global political leaders, policy makers, thought leaders, experts, and end-users to deliberate on energy scenario, technologies, industry trends and policy outlook.



(SHEV): Innova Hycross (SHEV) showcasing phenomenally efficient hybrid electric system and E20 compliant.

Flex-Fuel Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle Prototype (FFV-PHEV): Featuring the Prius (FFV-PHEV) that combines the dual benefits of electrification and use of Ethanol (Biofuel) upto 100%, thereby delivering lowest carbon footprints on a well-to-wheel basis.

Urban Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) Concept: Showcasing an all-electric vehicle with a futuristic design and performance focus.

Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV): Highlighting the Mirai (FCEV), powered by hydrogen-as fuel of Future.

Electric Vehicle Sub-System: Locally manufactured e-Drive, the common powertrain sub-system which goes inside all the electrified vehicles.

Going ahead, given India's rapid economic growth and increasing new vehicle sales, all clean technologies including full range of electrified vehicles as well alternate fuel driven technologies is the need of the hour.

In this context, ethanol being an indigenous and clean energy source holds tremendous potential for immediate benefits to India, as it can significantly reduce fossil fuel consumption, the energy import bill and carbon emissions. Being agriculture based, higher use of

to enhance energy efficiency so as to decarbonize plant operations and the entire value chain, going beyond vehicle production.

TKM is rapidly advancing its sustainable mobility solutions, extending beyond vehicles, adopting renewable energy for manufacturing operations, strengthening localization and skilling initiatives under 'Make in India', to build a globally competitive manufacturing ecosystem.

By fostering clean energy integration across the entire value chain, TKM aims to not just drive sustainability but enable a self-reliant, energy-abundant India that aligns with the nation's NetZero vision.

At Toyota, we firmly believe that a multi-pathway approach to decarbonization is key, to accelerating energy transition and reducing carbon emissions from mobility sector".

Present at the event, Mr. Vikram Gulati, Country Head & Executive Vice President - Corporate Affairs and Governance, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "India Energy Week plays a vital role in bringing energy, mobility and technology players under one common platform, thereby creating awareness and helping to further the cause of clean energy and sustainable mobility. In its pursuit of holistic environmental stewardship, Toyota Global Environmental Challenge 2050 (TEC 2050) was announced in 2015, to address environmental issues like increasing carbon emissions, water shortage, and biodiversity loss. Guided by the principle of creating net positive impact on the planet and society, TEC 2050 integrates clean energy adoption and strategies

ASTA AVM TEMPLE CELEBRATES FIRST PRADHISHTADHINAM WITH DIVINE FESTIVITIES

Chennai, 13 February 2025: The Asta AVM Temple, Vadapalani marked its first Pradhish tadhinam, the first anniversary of its Kumbhabhishegam (consecration), with a day of vibrant celebrations on 31st January 2025. Residents and devotees participated in a series of sacred rituals and cultural performances, making the occasion a memorable one. The festivities began in the morning with traditional ceremonies, including Gho puja (worship of the cow), Ganapathy Homam (fire ritual dedicated to Lord Ganesh), Murugan Homam (fire ritual dedicated to Lord Murugan), Navagraha Homam (fire ritual dedicated to the nine planets), and Kalasa puja (worship of the sacred pot). The morning session



concluded with the distribution of prasadam (sacred offering).

The evening program offered a diverse range of spiritual and cultural experiences. Many children and adult residents of Asta AVM showcased their talents with captivating performances of divine songs.

A highlight of the evening was a

provoking thought-provoking Pattimandram (debate) featuring prominent speakers who discussed the purpose of temple visits, exploring whether they primarily serve as a means for achieving peace of mind or as opportunities for social gatherings. This engaging debate added an intellectual dimension to the celebrations. The evening's prasadam

distribution was also widely appreciated by all attendees.

Mr. Giridhar Dorai, Secretary of the Asta AVM Association, expressed his heartfelt congratulations to the Temple Committee for organizing such a vibrant and spiritually enriching event. He thanked them for their efforts in making the first Pradhish tadhinam a grand success.

AEQUS AND TRAMONTINA ANNOUNCE JOINT VENTURE TO MANUFACTURE COOKWARE PRODUCTS IN INDIA

Chennai, 13 February 2025: Aequs and Tramontina announce joint venture to manufacture cookware products in India.



The facilities at the Hubballi Durable Goods Cluster will manufacture products for customers in India and abroad.

Hubballi, Karnataka, February 11, 2025: Aequs Private Ltd. (Aequs) and Brazilian homeware products company, Tramontina, today announced a joint venture (JV) to produce cookware and other consumer products for customers in India and abroad.

Aequs Cookware Pvt. Ltd. (ACPL), the new 50:50 JV, will manufacture cookware at the manufacturing facilities of Aequs at the Hubballi Durable Goods Cluster (HDC). This will be the only manufacturing facility outside of the Americas for Tramontina, a homeware products conglomerate headquartered in

Brazil.

Leveraging the competitive advantage of Make in India, the JV combines Tramontina's decades of leadership in the cookware industry, and experience in product development and manufacturing, with Aequs' precision manufacturing capabilities. Additionally, the JV will benefit from the 400-acre consumer ecosystem at the HDC, which provides a comprehensive, a one-stop manufacturing infrastructure.

Mr. Aravind Melligeri, Chairman & CEO of Aequs, said: "We are thrilled to partner with Tramontina and bring their 100+ years expertise of cookware manufacturing to India. This collaboration is a testament to our capabilities, and

together, we aim to establish this joint venture as a leader in cookware manufacturing from India. The growing global demand for premium cookware presents a tremendous opportunity, and this partnership positions us to serve both domestic and global markets. By combining Aequs' integrated manufacturing ecosystem with Tramontina's global strength, we will drive innovation, efficiency, and scale to deliver world class products."

Mr. Eduardo Scomazon, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Tramontina said: "We are happy and excited about this joint venture with Aequs. In addition to enabling a more effective presence in

the Indian market, the Hubballi unit will allow us to serve the global market with high-quality products under highly competitive conditions."

The JV entails an investment of up to Rs 800 million.

Tramontina, a global brand with over 113 years of manufacturing experience, has a portfolio of more than 22,000 kitchenware and household goods sold in over 120 countries. Its kitchenware range includes utensils, equipment, and appliances.

Tramontina entered India last year with an omnichannel retail strategy that seeks to leverage general commerce, modern retail, and e-commerce platforms for a wide distribution of its products in the country. Initially, several lines of knives, accessories and kitchen utensils were launched, with more than 130 new items specially developed for Indian customers, aiming to meet local demand and expand market share in Asia

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

இ-சேவை மையம்
ஸ்டார் ரெயின்போ சர்வீசஸ்
11, SOUTH PERUMAL KOIL STREET, VADAPALANI, CHENNAI - 600 026.
8148231942 / 8144337349
வாது இ-சேவை மையம்

'MAKE IN INDIA' IS WORKING, SAYS DP WORLD CHAIRMAN

Chennai, 13 February 2025: India's Make in India initiative is transforming the country into a global manufacturing and trade powerhouse, with expanding infrastructure, rising exports and new trade agreements accelerating its momentum.

DP World Group Chairman and CEO, H.E. Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, reinforced this outlook, calling India the ideal destination for nearshoring and manufacturing for global markets.

"When it comes to manufacturing for a consumer market, there is no better place than India for nearshoring. Honourable Prime Minister Modi's initiative 'Make in India' for the world is truly working.

The country's roadways and railways are expanding and witnessing an increase in capacity and efficiency. Looking ahead, industrial parks and free trade zones near ports will be key



to sustaining India's trade momentum as it explores new markets," he told delegates at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland.

The chairman spoke on a panel - India's Economic Blueprint -- alongside India's Minister for Railways, Information and Broadcasting, Electronics and Information Technology, the Honourable Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw.

India's emergence as a global trading hub is reflected in its merchandise exports, which reached US\$ 284.31 billion from April to November 2024, up from US\$ 278.26 billion during the same period in 2023. The country has

signed 14 free trade agreements (FTAs), including with the European Free Trade Association and a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with the U A E, which significantly has boosted bilateral trade between the two nations.

Reaffirming DP World's commitment to India's logistics and trade growth, Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem added, "India holds great strategic importance for DP World. We have invested over US\$ 2.5 billion in the country's logistics ecosystem to enhance domestic and global connectivity. With a strong presence across the world, we are leveraging our global expertise and

capabilities to provide Indian businesses with seamless access to new markets like Africa, and beyond."

DP World has been a key partner in India's trade and logistics landscape since 1997. Today, it operates five state-of-the-art container terminals, handling 25% of India's EXIM container trade with a capacity of 6 million TEUs. The company has built three Free Trade Zones with 4.2 million square feet of warehousing space and is one of the largest rail freight operators, running container train services on over 50 EXIM and domestic routes and more than 16,000 owned containers.

As India cements its position as a global trade powerhouse, DP World remains committed to strengthening its logistics and supply chain capabilities, ensuring seamless connectivity that empowers businesses, accelerates exports, and strengthens India's role in global commerce.

ANRF LAUNCHES CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER J. C. BOSE GRANT (JBG)

Chennai 13, February 2025: The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) has announced the launch of the J. C. Bose Grant (JBG), a new scheme, to recognize the outstanding performance and contributions of senior Indian scientists and engineers through this extra-mural funding opportunities to enhance their research in cutting-edge scientific and technological areas.

The ANRF, an apex body to provide high-level strategic

direction of scientific research in the country as per recommendations of the National Education Policy (NEP) aims to seed, grow and promote research and development (R&D) and foster a culture of research and innovation. It will support capacity building at all levels to strengthen the research ecosystem of the country.

The J. C. Bose Grant is designed to support senior-level researchers who have demonstrated exceptional

achievements, with evidence of excellence such as publications records and research outcomes, patents, technology transfers, awards, and grants etc. across various domains of science and technology (S&T) including agriculture, medicine, as well as humanities and social sciences at the interfaces of S&T.

Participants must be active, senior Indian scientists or researchers with a proven track record of excellence, holding at least a Professor-level position or equivalent

at an Indian institution/university.

This grant provides an annual research funding of Rs. 25 lakhs for a duration of five years. Additionally, an annual overhead of Rs. 1.0 lakh will be provided to the implementing institution.

If the Principal Investigator (PI) superannuates, during the term of the grants, it can be continued subject to the host institutions willingness to host the PI. The grant can be availed until the age of 68.

INDIA ENERGY WEEK 2025 SHOWCASES INDIA'S CLEAN COOKING GAS MODEL: A BLUEPRINT FOR THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Chennai 13, February 2025: Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri chaired a Ministerial Roundtable on Clean Cooking on the second day of India Energy Week 2025. Shri Puri highlighted India's remarkable success in ensuring universal access to clean cooking gas through targeted subsidies, strong political will, digitization of distribution networks by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), and nationwide campaigns promoting cultural shifts towards clean cooking.



The session brought together representatives from Brazil, Tanzania, Malawi, Sudan, Nepal, and industry leaders including the International Energy Agency (IEA), Total Energy, and Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

Shri Puri emphasized that India's model is not only successful but also highly replicable in other Global South nations facing similar energy access challenges. The Union Minister noted that under India's Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), beneficiaries receive LPG access at a highly affordable cost of just 7 cents per day, while other consumers can avail themselves of clean cooking fuel at 15 cents per day. This affordability has been a game-changer in driving widespread adoption.

During the discussion, international representatives shared

their experiences and challenges in expanding access to clean cooking solutions. Hon. Dkt. Doto Mashaka Biteko, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy, Tanzania outlined its strategy to enable 80% of households to transition to clean cooking by 2030, leveraging subsidies and a mix of energy sources, including LPG, natural gas, and biogas. However, he acknowledged significant challenges, including financing constraints, the high cost of infrastructure, and the need for regulatory reforms to encourage private-sector participation.

H.E. Dr. Mohieldien Naiem Mohamed Saied, Minister of Energy and Oil, Sudan, emphasized the need for private sector engagement to bridge gaps in LPG supply, as the country still imports a significant portion of its energy needs. Encouraging local cylinder production and ensuring cost-effective imports remain key hurdles in achieving broader adoption. Representatives of Rwanda and Nepal shared their efforts in reducing firewood dependency through electric stoves and biogas expansion.

Mary Burce Warlick, Deputy Executive Director of IEA noted that India's success offers valuable

lessons for other countries, particularly in tackling challenges related to affordability, access, and infrastructure. She further emphasized the role of concessional financing and public-private partnerships (PPP) in expanding clean cooking access globally. Addressing cultural acceptance and regulatory adjustments, such as tax reductions, were also highlighted as crucial measures for large-scale adoption.

Rahool Panandiker, Partner at Boston Consulting Group (BCG) highlighted India's clean cooking transformation, underscoring its strong political commitment, effective subsidy targeting, and robust public awareness campaigns. He further credited India's Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for enabling last-mile LPG delivery through digital platforms, making adoption seamless. Panandiker also underscored the need for refining the cylinder refill model to ensure sustained usage and balancing affordability with economic sustainability.

Responding to the potential of solar cookers in expanding clean cooking technologies across the Global South, Shri Puri highlighted that IOCL's advanced solar cookers, featuring integrated solar panels, are priced

at approximately \$500 per unit with no additional costs over their lifecycle. The Union Minister added that while the current price point remains a challenge for widespread adoption, leveraging carbon financing and collaborating with the private sector could drive costs down, making solar cooking a viable alternative for millions.

This initiative aligns with India's broader efforts to diversify clean cooking options beyond LPG, reinforcing the country's commitment to reducing reliance on traditional biomass fuels and cutting carbon emissions.

Shri Puri concluded the discussion by reaffirming India's commitment to supporting energy access initiatives worldwide. He underscored that the Indian model, backed by smart subsidies and sustainable policies, provides a scalable solution for other developing nations striving to achieve clean cooking access. He stressed that achieving universal clean cooking access is not merely an economic imperative but a moral one, given the severe health and environmental impacts of traditional biomass cooking.

This roundtable reaffirmed India's position as a global leader in energy transition and clean cooking solutions, setting the stage for greater international cooperation in achieving universal access to clean energy.

LIFESIGNS SECURES STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FROM HEALTHCARE CAPITAL, A KAUVERY HOSPITAL GROUP INITIATIVE

Chennai 13, February 2025: Lifesigns, a pioneer in intelligent patient monitoring solutions, has secured funding from Healthcare Capital, the investment arm of the Kauvery Hospital Group. The funding underscores Kauvery Hospital's deep trust in Lifesigns' technology, having been an early adopter and clinical partner in the company's journey.



The investment will primarily advance Lifesigns' AI and predictive algorithm capabilities, further enhancing its proprietary patient monitoring platform. Lifesigns remains the only solution offering USFDA-approved hardware, software, dashboard, and AI integration, delivering proactive alerts and predictive insights across the patient journey—from ambulances to hospitals and home care.

Kauvery Hospital has been more than just a customer relationship—it has been a partnership in innovation. This investment from Healthcare Capital is a testament to the trust they place in our technology and its impact on healthcare outcomes," said Hari Subramaniam, Founder and CEO of Lifesigns.

"With this funding, we aim to push the boundaries of AI-driven patient monitoring, empowering healthcare professionals with predictive tools that eliminate uncertainty and enable confident decision-making."

Healthcare Capital,

Kauvery Hospital and Healthcare Capital.

"Lifesigns' technology is a game-changer, and we are excited to support their mission in redefining patient monitoring with AI-powered predictive analytics."

Lifesigns' technology is a game-changer, and we are excited to support their mission in redefining patient monitoring with AI-powered predictive analytics."

While Lifesigns continues to focus on AI advancements, the company is also gearing up for its next funding round in the next couple of months, where it plans to unveil new tech product and market expansion initiatives. With this strategic investment, Lifesigns is set to accelerate innovation, solidify its position as a leader in health tech, and contribute to shaping the future of patient monitoring.

CUTN SEMINAR EXPLORES AGASTHIYAR'S LEGACY IN SIDDHA MEDICINE

Chennai 13, February 2025: The Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN) recently held a one-day seminar on "Agasthiyar and Siddha Medicine," part of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam 3.0. The event, a joint initiative of the Departments of Tamil and History, brought together experts and enthusiasts to discuss the contributions of Agasthiyar to the Siddha system of medicine.

Krishnan, Vice-Chancellor of CUTN, inaugurated the seminar in the presence of Professor R. Thirumurugan, Registrar.

In his inaugural address, Professor Krishnan highlighted Agasthiyar's multifaceted contributions, emphasizing his influence on the Tamil language and his significant role in the development of traditional medicine and its impact on human well-being. He

noted that while ancient Indian texts document various treatments within Siddha, Ayurveda, and Unani systems, the absence of consistent documentation has sometimes resulted in these treatments being attributed to other sources. Professor Krishnan also emphasized the medicinal value found in many traditional foods.

Dr. N. Venkappan, Professor of Anatomy at the Government Siddha

Medical College, Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli, delivered a special address. He detailed Agasthiyar's pioneering contributions to Siddha medicine and discussed its continuing relevance in contemporary healthcare practices.

The seminar was organized by Professor G. Ramesh of the Department of Tamil and Dr. K. Mavali Rajan of the Department of History.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP ORGANISED AT CUTN

Chennai 13, February 2025: The Health Centre of the Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN), in collaboration with the National Service Scheme (NSS), Red Ribbon Club (RRC), and Thiruvarur Medical College Hospital, successfully organized a blood donation camp at the CUTN Health Centre on 11th February 2025.



The camp was officially inaugurated by Prof. M. Krishnan, Vice Chancellor of CUTN, who expressed heartfelt appreciation for the volunteers who actively participated in initiatives contributing

to public health. Prof. Sulochana Shekhar, Controller of Examinations, and Shri CA G.R. Giridharan, Finance Officer, were part of the inauguration ceremony.

The event witnessed active participation from students, faculty, and staff, who volunteered to donate blood. To ensure the safety of both donors and

recipients, each volunteer underwent a thorough screening process, including checks on vital signs and haemoglobin levels, conducted by a team of medical and paramedical professionals from Thiruvarur Medical College and the CUTN Health Centre.

All blood donors were given certificates of appreciation and

refreshments to express gratitude for their generous contribution.

The event was spearheaded by Dr. K. Vishnu Priya, Senior Medical Officer; Dr. S. Prem Davis, Medical Officer; Dr. Balashanmugam, NSS Coordinator; and Dr. Gunasekaran, Red Ribbon Club Coordinator.

They were supported by the Health Centre doctors, Dr. Dhilipanraja, Dr. Vignesh and Dr. Sowmi and staff, along with volunteers from the NSS and Red Ribbon Club.

RAKSHA MANTRI HOLDS BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH DEFENCE MINISTERS OF ZIMBABWE, YEMEN, ETHIOPIA, GAMBIA & GABON ON DAY 3 OF AERO INDIA 2025

Chennai 13, February 2025: On the margins of Aero India 2025, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh held bilateral meetings with Minister of Defence, Zimbabwe Mrs Oppah Muchinguri Kashiri; Minister of Defense, Yemen Lt Gen Mohsen Mohammed Hussein Al Daeri; Minister of Defense, Ethiopia Mrs Aisha Mohammed (Eng.); Minister of Defence, Gambia Mr Sering Modou Njie and Minister of National Defence, Gabon Ms Brigitte Onkanowa in Bengaluru on February 12, 2025.

and expressed confidence that this would lead to further deepening of ties. They underscored the importance of regular engagements between the Defence Ministers to effectively implement the MoU. Both countries affirmed their commitment to deepen collaboration between the defence industries for production and maintenance of assets. Cooperation in the fields of Military Medicine was also discussed.

During the meeting with the Ethiopian Defence Minister, both leaders expressed satisfaction at the growing bilateral defence ties. Acknowledging the importance of close and active engagement, both Ministers signed an MoU cooperation in the field of defence for institutionalising the ongoing ties. Both sides considered

collaboration in various areas including military training, courses, peacekeeping and capacity building of the Armed Forces of Ethiopia. Discussions to further strengthen defence industry cooperation were also held and India's emerging private sector was highlighted.

In the meeting with the Defence Minister of Yemen, both leaders took note of enhancing engagements in the field of defence. To take this a step further, both leaders held discussions for partnership in the field of military training, courses and capacity building of the Armed Forces of Yemen. The meeting gave an additional impetus and guidance to the deepening of the defence cooperation between India and Yemen. During the meeting with the Gambian Defence Minister, both leaders reiterated their

commitment to working together in defence domain. The two leaders reaffirmed their desire to enhance cooperation for capacity building, capability enhancement and sharing of best practices for the mutual benefits of both sides. Both sides also highlighted the huge potential for defence industry cooperation.

Raksha Mantri's meetings with the Defence Minister of Gabon provided both sides with an opportunity to discuss the matters related to bilateral defence cooperation. Both leaders pledged to continue to deepen cooperation and focused their discussions on key issues related to training and capability enhancement of the Armed Forces. Both sides also explored the possibility to collaborate in the area of defence industry.

MINISTRY OF AYUSH AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO ENHANCE GERIATRIC HEALTHCARE AND COMBAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Chennai 13, February 2025: In a landmark move aimed at improving the well-being of senior citizens and addressing the growing concern of substance abuse, the Ministry of Ayush and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in New Delhi today. This strategic partnership seeks to implement Ayush-based interventions to promote geriatric healthcare and combat substance abuse.



The MoU was signed in the presence of Shri Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush, and Shri B.L. Verma, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Sh. Amit Yadav, Secretary and senior officials from both ministries were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister of State (IC), Ministry of Ayush, Shri Prataprao Jadhav, stated, "Geriatric healthcare and

substance abuse are critical areas that require special focus, especially as we face an ageing population and growing concerns around addiction. This collaboration between the Ministry of Ayush and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment represents a significant step towards addressing these challenges. By leveraging the holistic approach of Ayush systems alongside social welfare initiatives, we aim to empower our senior citizens and those affected by substance abuse."

While addressing the gathering, the Union Minister of State, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri B.L. Verma, said, "Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, our government has taken several steps to ensure the welfare of our senior citizens. The signing of the MoU with the Ministry of

Ayush will benefit our senior citizens in a big way. The development of elderly-specific training modules, treatment protocols, yoga training programs, sharing of preventive and curative practices, etc., under the MoU will go a long way in enabling our senior citizens to lead a healthy life. By joining hands with the Ministry of Ayush, I am sure that together we can provide comprehensive services to the community."

While highlighting the initiatives of the Ministry of Ayush for geriatric healthcare, the Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, stated, "We have various programmes and initiatives to address the challenges being faced by the ageing population, such as the Geriatric Healthcare Camps under the National Ayush Mission. The Ministry of Ayush remains committed to enhancing the health

and well-being of senior citizens, and this MoU will boost our efforts to provide quality health care to the senior citizens."

Sh. Amit Yadav, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, said, "By signing of MoU with Ayush, the Ministry will try to make this country a place free from any addiction of drugs with the help of Ayush by adopting their model of treatment and living a healthy life. And ensure that our senior citizens lead a healthy and dignified life by adopting a series of interventions devised through the Ministry of Ayush."

The MoU is a pioneering step to develop cooperative initiatives for health promotion among senior citizens and those affected by substance abuse.

By leveraging the strengths of Ayush systems, both Ministries committed to working together on various initiatives, including awareness programs, capacity-building for service providers and the establishment of geriatric health and de-addiction units under A y u s h autonomous bodies.

ATDC AND SECL SIGN MOU TO EMPOWER 400 UNEMPLOYED YOUTH FROM CHHATTISGARH AND MADHYA PRADESH

Chennai 13, February 2025: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today between Apparel Training & Design Centre (ATDC), Gurugram, and South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), a Bilaspur based CIL Subsidiary under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Coal, for a vocational training program aimed at uplifting under privileged youth from economically weaker sections of society.

The agreement was signed in the august presence of Ms. Rupinder Brar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal and Ms. Santosh, DDG Ministry of Coal at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The Additional

Secretary extended her congratulations to the SECL CSR team for taking proactive and forward-thinking steps in implementing the vocational training program with ATDC.

The program, which is part of SECL's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, is set to benefit 400 candidates, providing them with the skills needed for self-employment. A total of Rs. 3.12 Crore will be allocated for the initiative.

Under this agreement, ATDC will establish training centers for 300 candidates in a non-residential self-employed tailor program across SECL Bishrampur, Sohagpur and Korba



areas. Additionally, 100 candidates will undergo a fully residential program at the ATDC training center in Chhindwada, Madhya Pradesh, which will include free boarding and lodging. These candidates will be selected from within a 25-kilometer radius of S E C L ' s establishments.

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Shri Biranchi Das, Director (P), SECL; Shri Rakesh Vaid, Senior

Vice Chairman, ATDC; Dr. Vijay Mathur, Director General and CEO, ATDC; Shri Alok Kumar, General Manager (Civil/CSR), SECL; along with officials from SECL and ATDC. Under the guidance of the Minister of Coal, this initiative strives to empower under privileged youth in coalfield regions, create employment opportunities, and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat.