

STALIN UNVEILS POLICY FOR CARE OF HOMELESS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, 25 KALANGARAI DE-ADDICTION, REHABILITATION CENTRES

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Chief Minister M.K. Stalin today unveiled the State Policy for the Welfare of Homeless and Mentally Ill Persons at the Secretariat. The policy, introduced by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, focuses on protecting and rehabilitating mentally ill individuals without support.

As part of this initiative, Stalin inaugurated 25 “Kalangarai” Integrated De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centers established in government medical college hospitals across Tamil Nadu at a cost of Rs.15.81 crore.

Comprehensive Mental Health and Rehabilitation Policy

The newly announced state policy outlines a structured approach to identifying and rescuing mentally ill individuals

wandering in public places. It emphasizes a rights-based approach that prioritizes patient welfare, inter-departmental coordination, and a holistic mental healthcare framework.

The policy defines a four-stage care system for homeless individuals with mental illnesses, including Emergency Treatment, Intermediate Medical Care, Long-Term Support, Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration.

It also ensures efforts to reunite recovered individuals with their families. For those unable to return to their families, the policy provides for long-term care and rehabilitation services, offering a safe and supportive environment.

To ensure effective implementation, the State Mental Health Commission will

oversee operations at the state level, while District Mental Health Committees will monitor activities at the local level. The government aims to eliminate homelessness among mentally ill individuals by offering integrated mental healthcare services.

Statewide Network of De-addiction Centers - The newly inaugurated 25 “Kalangarai” centers are located in government medical college hospitals across various districts Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirappalli, Salem, Thanjavur, Tirunelveli, Vellore, Villupuram, Krishnagiri, and more.

Additionally, key institutions in Chennai, such as Kilpauk Institute of Mental Health, Stanley Medical College, and Omandurar Government Estate, also house these centers.

Each center will be staffed with a six-member mental health team, including Psychiatrist (Head of the Unit), Counselor, Social Worker, Nurse, Security Staff, Sanitation Worker.

These centers will offer free, high-quality addiction recovery programs, including Medical and Psychological Therapy, Yoga and Breathing Exercises, Physical Fitness Activities, Indoor Games for Group Therapy, Counseling for Families.

All treatments will be provided free of cost, ensuring affordable and accessible mental health care for those in need. Health Minister Ma. Subramanian, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Minister P.K. Sekarbabu, Chief Secretary N. Muruganandam, officials were present at the event.

8 LAKH DEVOTEES BENEFIT WITH AYUSH AT THE MAHA KUMBH

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Ensuring the health and safety of millions of devotees, the Ministry of Ayush has extended comprehensive healthcare services to over eight lakh pilgrims, making their sacred journey safer and healthier during the Maha Kumbh Mela.

From setting up 20 Ayush OPDs to deploying mobile health units, over 90 doctors and 150 healthcare workers have been working tirelessly to provide continuous medical care throughout the grand spiritual event. These dedicated efforts ensured that devotees, kalpvasis, and saints could participate in the holy festivities without health concerns, particularly during the sacred Mahashivratri bath.

Dr. Akhilesh Kumar Singh, Nodal Officer for Ayush at the Prayagraj Maha Kumbh, informed that the Ministry has



successfully catered to the healthcare needs of over eight lakh devotees, reflecting the growing trust in traditional Indian medicine. Devotees also benefited from therapeutic yoga sessions conducted by the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), promoting physical and mental well-being.

To ensure seamless healthcare access, three Ayush Convention Halls were setup in Sector-2, Sector-21, and Sector 24, where daily yoga and wellness sessions educated pilgrims on preventive healthcare, disease management, and holistic living. Special attention was also given to the revered sadhus and saints, with dedicated

health screenings in prominent Akharas such as Juna, Anand, Niranjani, and Vaishnav Akharas.

In addition, mobile Ayush health units distributed medicines throughout the Mela area, while various teams operated from canopies at various Ayush facilities, providing essential health check-ups to kalpvasis.

To further safeguard devotees from common ailments, the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) launched a special initiative, distributing 10,000 Ayush Raksha kits packed with essential Ayurvedic medicines and wellness products. This initiative was complemented by a week-long health

camp, benefiting 15,000 pilgrims, reinforcing the Ministry’s commitment to preventive and holistic healthcare. Adding a green touch to the event, the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) distributed over 25,000 medicinal plants—including Tulsi, Ashwagandha, Shatavari, Neem, Amla, and Curry Leaf—to devotees, promoting natural healing and reinforcing the importance of medicinal plants in daily life.

The Maha Kumbh Mela is not just about spiritual awakening; it’s also about ensuring the well-being of millions who undertake this sacred journey. The Ministry of Ayush remained committed to its efforts in integrating traditional healthcare into this grand event, making holistic wellness an integral part of the spiritual experience.

RAKSHA MANTRI SHRI RAJNATH SINGH RELEASES FIRST EDITION OF MOD’S BI-ANNUAL HINDI MAGAZINE ‘SASHAKT BHARAT’

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh released the first edition of the Ministry of Defence’s bi-annual Hindi magazine ‘Sashakt Bharat’ at South Block, New Delhi on February 27, 2025.

The magazine comprises poems on the valour, patriotism and sacrifices of the

Armed Forces personnel as well as articles on the policies of the Government written by the personnel of the Ministry, irrespective of their ranks, showcasing inclusivity and unity in diversity.

Raksha Mantri appreciated the efforts of the MoD wing of the Department of Official Language towards



promoting Hindi. He stressed on the need to adopt and increase the use of Hindi, describing the language as the thread that binds the social

and cultural fabric of India.

The objective of ‘Sashakt Bharat’ magazine is to highlight the creative talent of the employees of MoD and encourage them to carry out their day-to-day activities in Hindi. The e-version of the magazine will be available on the official MoD website (<https://mod.gov.in/>).

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary (Defence Production) Shri Sanjeev Kumar, Secretary (Ex-servicemen Welfare) Dr Niten Chandra, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat and other senior officials of MoD were present on the occasion.

CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER RAM MOHAN NAIDU INAUGURATES UDAN YATRI CAFE AT CHENNAI AIRPORT

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Shri Ram Mohan Naidu, today inaugurated the UDAN Yatri Cafe at Chennai Airport, marking the second such facility under this groundbreaking initiative. The first UDAN Yatri Cafe was inaugurated on December 19, 2024, at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the historic airport. The Kolkata Cafe has been a resounding success, with travelers expressing high satisfaction with the quality, taste and cost of the offerings. Following immense passenger demand, the initiative is now being expanded nationwide.

Addressing the media, Shri Ram Mohan Naidu said, “The UDAN Yatri Cafe is a testament to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji’s vision of inclusive flying, making air travel more

convenient, accessible and affordable for all. Following its successful launch at Kolkata Airport, there has been strong demand from travelers to introduce this facility at other airports. After the eastern gateway of Kolkata, we are proud to bring the UDAN Yatri Cafe to the southern gateway, Chennai Airport which is one of the oldest and now the fifth busiest airport in the country, handling over 22 million passengers annually. We are committed to enhance passenger convenience here and with the Digi Yatra and Trusted Traveler Program E-gates, we are also providing a seamless, end-to-end digital travel experience.”

Minister Shri Ram Mohan Naidu also shared that the 86,135 sq.m. expansion of Terminal 2 is underway to enhance international operations. Additionally, the refurbishment of



Terminals 1 and 4 is progressing with an investment of over ₹75 crore, while a comprehensive traffic flow management system, costing ₹19 crore, is being implemented to ease city-side congestion.

Beyond infrastructure, Chennai International Airport is dedicated to passenger convenience. Free buggy services for senior citizens and pregnant women, childcare rooms, medical facilities and modern lounges ensure that every effort is made to provide a comfortable travel experience. In the media interaction, Minister also highlighted that the refurbishment of

operates entirely on green energy and houses a 1.5 MW solar power plant as part of its commitment to environment.

The UDAN Yatri Cafe inaugurated today aligns with the spirit of the UDAN scheme (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik), aimed at democratizing air travel and modernizing airport infrastructure. The event was attended by Dr T R B Rajaa, Minister for Industries, Tamil Nadu, senior officials from the Ministry of Civil Aviation, AAI and Chennai Airport, marking another milestone in the Ministry’s mission to enhance passenger experience and connectivity.

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OUR SRMIST VOLLEYBALL MEN TEAM WON GOLD IN THE STATE LEVEL INTER COLLEGIATE VOLLEYBALL MEN TOURNAMENT

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Our SRMIST Volleyball Men Team Won Gold Medal in the 20th Annual Kamarajar Memorial State Level Inter Collegiate Volleyball Men Tournament held at Nadar Mahajana Sangam S.Vellaichamy Nadar College from 23rd to 25th February 2025.

Match Results: 1st League Match: SRMIST Beat

2nd League Match: SRMIST Beat American College, Madurai. Score: (28 - 30, 25 - 10, 25 - 15, 25 - 17).

3rd League Match: SRMIST Beat Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy. Score: (25 - 20, 25 - 15, 25 - 10).

Final League Match: SRMIST Beat

STC, Pollachi. Score: (25 - 22, 25 - 18, 25 - 17).



Beat Karpagam College, Coimbatore. Score: (25 - 22, 25 - 18, 25 - 14).

Final Standings: Winners: SRMIST, Chennai. Runner: Chetan SRMIST.

TATA AIA CELEBRATES 'PLEDGE TO PROTECT' INITIATIVE IN CHENNAI TO DRIVE INSURANCE AWARENESS

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Tata AIA Life Insurance (Tata AIA), one of the leading private life insurers in India, has reaffirmed its dedication to protecting lives with the launch of its 'Pledge to Protect' initiative in Chennai. This initiative is part of the company's ambitious goal to secure one lakh lives in Q4FY25.



In support of this initiative, Tata AIA's employees and advisors in the Chennai Metro region visited HOPE orphanage on the auspicious occasion of Tata AIA's 24th Foundation Day. The group met differently abled people and provided them with food items, clothes, stationeries, daily necessities, and snacks. On 15th February, the Team Agency organized a Walkathon rally at Besant Nagar Beach, Chennai

between 5am and 7am. There were over 120 employees and advisors who participated in the event.

Amit Dave, Chief Distribution Officer - Proprietary Business, Tata AIA, said, "Life insurance offers much-needed financial security to people, including the vulnerable section of society. Therefore, the responsibility for creating this awareness rests with us all.

Tata AIA is committed to advancing financial inclusion and financial security for Indians through the 'Pledge to Protect' movement. We are committed to expanding insurance

coverage in India, and Tata AIA will tirelessly work to reach our goal of securing 1 lakh lives in the January-March quarter."

Under the Pledge to Protect drive, Tata AIA has undertaken diverse initiatives involving its 599 branches and over 1.43 lakh tied agents and employees across India. These include roadshows, jogger's park activities, housing society engagements and health camps. In addition to localising outreach, the Company will collaborate with Local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Panchayats, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs), enabling it to educate and onboard

individuals in rural and semi-urban areas. Over 550 Tata AIA branches have already initiated the drive, engaging close to 70,000 agents, employees and customers.

Beyond insurance, Tata AIA is also fostering financial empowerment through Jagruti, a financial literacy initiative where employees volunteer to educate underprivileged communities about essential financial tools. With a structured training module available in Hindi, English, and regional languages, employees are encouraged to share their knowledge, ensuring that at least four individuals in their network gain the confidence to make informed financial decisions. More than 3,300 Tata AIA employees have already volunteered as part of this initiative.

PUSH FOR HINDI KILLS ANCIENT MOTHER TONGUES: STALIN

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Thursday strongly opposed the three-language policy in Tamil Nadu, saying that the push for a "monolithic Hindi identity" is what 'killed' the "ancient mother tongues".

Taking to social media platform X, the CM wrote that Hindi had "swallowed" several Indian languages, including Bhojpuri, Awadhi, Braj, and Garhwali, which are now struggling to survive.

"My dear sisters and brothers from other states. Ever wondered how many Indian languages Hindi has swallowed? Bhojpuri, Maithili, Awadhi, Braj,

Bundeli, Garhwali, Kumaoni, Magahi, Marwari, Malvi, Chhattisgarhi, Santhali, Angika, Ho, Kharia, Khortha, Kurmali, Kurukh, Mundari and many more are now gasping for survival. The push for a monolithic Hindi identity is what kills ancient mother tongues. UP and Bihar were never just 'Hindi heartlands.' Their real languages are now relics of the past. Tamil Nadu resists because we know where this ends," the post read.

On Wednesday, Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) President Selvaperunthagai announced protests against Union Home Minister Amit Shah

during his visit to Coimbatore on February 26, accusing him of pushing the threelanguage policy and the New Education Policy, as well as allegedly attacking former Law and Justice Minister Bhimrao Ambedkar in Parliament.

"Our Union Home Minister will visit Coimbatore. Democratically we are going to protest against him by showing black flags. He is continuously attacking Tamil Nadu and is against the state government's proposals. Three language policy, the Prime Minister Education Scheme and the New Education Policy. He attacked

Baba Saheb Ambedkar in the Parliament, so whenever he will come to the state, the Congress Committee has decided to protest against him by showing black flags," TNCC chief Selvaperunthagai told reporters on Tuesday.

Tamil organisations and state parties have also announced protests against Amit Shah's visit, stating that they will show black flags to the Union Home Minister. They have accused the central government of trying to impose Hindi on Tamil Nadu, though the Union government has maintained that it respects the Tamil language and is not forcing any other language on the state.

AIRBNB INVESTS IN INDIA'S COMMUNITIES WITH GRANTS TO FOUR NONPROFITS THROUGH THE AIRBNB COMMUNITY FUND

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Airbnb is proud to announce the latest recipients of Airbnb Community Fund grants, including four organizations in India that are making a profound difference across various sectors.

Launched in 2020, the Airbnb Community Fund is a \$100 million initiative to directly support local communities and the people who live there. Each year, Airbnb donates to organizations that are supporting and strengthening communities around the world, including donations made in partnership with local hosts in many of these communities.

Each year, Airbnb partners with hosts to identify important issues and many of the non-profit organizations to receive donations. Airbnb hosts are deeply connected to their communities and by involving them in this process, Airbnb aims for the Fund to drive meaningful local impact. As in previous years, hosts helped direct a majority of the donations.

Amanpreet Bajaj, Country Head, Airbnb India and Southeast Asia, said, "At Airbnb, we believe in the power of community, and we are thrilled to support



organizations across India that are working towards creating a lasting positive change.

This year's grants are a testament to our commitment to empowering local nonprofits that are driving impactful initiatives in critical areas like waste management, education, and women's empowerment. The Airbnb Community Fund is not just about financial support; it's about amplifying the efforts of organizations that make a real difference in people's lives."

Airbnb Community Fund Recipients in India: This year's Community Fund grants were directed to organizations focusing on three key areas identified by the Airbnb Host Advisory Board: economic empowerment, environmental sustainability, and ending abuse and exploitation.

The nonprofits receiving donations in India are: Waste Warriors to create awareness around

will allow us to expand our work and drive long-term change."

Keshav Aggarwal, a member of the Airbnb Host Advisory Board, shared, "The people at Maher Ashram are natural hosts, welcoming everyone with warmth and compassion. Their inclusivity inspires us to bring the Airbnb host community closer to their mission.

We're excited to organize host meetups at Maher Ashram, focusing on volunteering and cultural immersion, which will help Airbnb hosts contribute meaningfully and build deeper connections with the incredible individuals at Maher Ashram."

The Airbnb Community Fund in action: To date, the Airbnb Community Fund has distributed more than \$36 million to organizations in nearly 70 countries, with hosts providing input each year. To learn more about the Airbnb Community Fund, please visit the website. This year's Airbnb Community Fund grants were distributed from July 2024 through early 2025. Airbnb works with grantmaking partners to support due diligence and facilitate payment to many nonprofit grantees.

Pratham to provide quality education to young people, primarily women and girls, in the underserved communities across India and beyond.

Concern India Foundation to support higher and professional education for underprivileged youth across India.

Etosha Chatterjee, Director, Programs for Waste Warriors, shared, "The multi-year support from Airbnb Community Fund will continue to play a key role in helping us strengthen waste management systems in the Indian Himalayas. Our focus is on empowering local communities, especially women, and creating sustainable solutions. The Fund

WAQF (AMENDMENT) BILL APPROVED BY CABINET, TO BE INTRODUCED SOON

Chennai, 28 February 2025: The Union Cabinet, in its meeting on February 19, approved the updated Waqf (Amendment) Bill, incorporating changes recommended by a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) led by BJP MP Jagdambika Pal, sources said. With this approval, the government has cleared the way for the bill's introduction in the second half of the Budget Session, set to

begin on March 10. The bill aims to streamline the registration of Waqf properties and implement key structural changes.

The JPC report on the bill was tabled in both Houses of Parliament on February 13, triggering strong opposition protests. In January, the committee approved all amendments proposed by members of the ruling BJP-led NDA while rejecting every

change suggested by opposition members during a clause-by-clause review. Out of 44 proposed amendments, the panel accepted 14 changes suggested by NDA members through a vote. Notable provisions in the bill include appointing at least two non-Muslim members to state Waqf boards and granting a government official the authority to determine whether a property qualifies as Waqf property. Following extensive deliberations, the JPC submitted its final report to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on January 30, after formally adopting the revised bill on January 29. Originally expected to be introduced during the Winter Session in November 2024, the bill was referred to the JPC for a detailed review before its scheduled presentation in Parliament.

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RICHARD RISHI STARRER "DRAUPATHI 2" - UNTOLD BLOOD SAGA OF 14TH CENTURY HOYSALAS

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Dear All, Greetings!!! Herewith i forward the press release pertaining to "Draupathi 2". Shivaji Productions Sola Shakkaravarthi in association with GM Film Corporation Critically-Acclaimed Mohan G's Directorial Richard Rishi starrer "Draupathi 2" - Untold Blood Saga of 14th Century Hoysalas Time to welcome the most adored 'Draupathi' on big screens.



Filmmaker Mohan G and actor Richard Rishi collaborated for the films 'Rudra Thandavam' & 'Draupathi', which became commercial success and critically acclaimed as well. Now the duo combo has yet again teamed up to deliver a

masterpiece titled 'Draupathi 2'. This time, it's going to be much bigger as the story is set in the backdrops of 14th Century, and will revolve around the herculean warriors, who will never fade away from the pages of History. Shivaji Productions Sola Shakkaravarthi is producing this film in association with GM Film Corporation.

The film's first look and Motion Poster has captured the spotlights of film industry in a

short span.

Much exhilarated over the tremendous response, director Mohan G says, "We are overwhelmed with the heartwarming response to our first look and title announcement.

The shooting will commence by March and the entire movie will be filmed across never-seen before locations in Mumbai, Hyderabad, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The film will have its worldwide theatrical release

before this yearend. Draupathi 2 is set against the backdrops of 14th Century, and will revolve around Hoysala Dynasty, and will exhibit the history of those gallant warriors who sacrificed their lives for Dharma, treating them as mere trifles."

The film will be simultaneously made in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi and Kannada. Ghibran Vaibodha is composing music for this film, and 'Draupathi 2' marks the first-ever collaboration of director Mohan G and Ghibran Vaibodha.

The makers will be unveiling more exciting announcements about the film shortly including some of the biggest actors being a part of this prestigious project.

"SRMIST JOINED HANDS WITH FC MADRAS ON THE MORNING OF THE 27TH FEBRUARY 2025 TO SIGN AN MOU (MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING)."

Chennai, 28 February 2025: The SRMIST, the Leading University in Education and Sports, joined hands with FC Madras on 27th February 2025 Morning to Sign MOU. This Memorandum of Understanding will make Football to Reach hundreds of Talented Children across India to come under the Umbrella of Two dedicated Institutions to make India a Strong Nation in Football.

SRMIST has been ruling the University Sports in India for the past 24 years and their players have represented the Nation in Olympics and in Asian Games in many sports. This MOU will allow Indian Talented Youngsters to reach the world Arena Football by signing in the different Football Leagues around the Globe.

SRMIST partners with FC Madras to advance football & university sports

* Five-year MoU to provide training, academic pathway & infrastructure for young footballers Kattankulathur: In a groundbreaking initiative to bridge the gap between youth and professional football, FC Madras and SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to create a structured pathway for young footballers, integrating high-performance training



with higher education. Under this agreement, FC Madras U20 players will be enrolled in SRMIST's academic programs while continuing their professional football journey. These athletes will represent SRMIST in university-level tournaments and FC Madras in national and state leagues, ensuring dual career progression in sports and academics.

A Partnership to Shape the Future of Indian Football - SRMIST expands its footprint into India's football ecosystem, joining hands with FC Madras to nurture the country's emerging football talent. FC Madras, a 4-star-rated professional football academy, has been a leader in youth football development through its Elite Scholarship Program, which provides full boarding, lodging, training, and education.

This MOU ensures that graduates from FC Madras' high school program now have a clear pathway to university education while continuing their professional football careers.

Speaking on the collaboration, FC Madras CEO Abhishek Yadav said: "At FC

will also manage the player development, coaching, and technical training, oversee competition participation, and performance monitoring.

Dr. S. S. Ponnusamy, Registrar of SRMIST, emphasized the significance of integrating football with education: "University sports play a key role in talent development worldwide. This partnership with FC Madras is a step toward building a system where young footballers can excel both academically and professionally."

FC Madras Technical Director Venkatesh Shanmugam highlighted the importance of this transition phase: "The move from U17 to professional football is critical. This collaboration ensures our players receive structured training, competition exposure, and education at a crucial stage of their careers."

FC Madras board member C.K.M. Dhananjai noted the broader impact of the agreement: "University sport is a global force, and FC Madras is stepping right into it! This partnership integrates elite sport with higher education, empowering young athletes on and off the field. The rewards of this collaboration extend to players, the university, and Indian football as a whole."

A THRILLING BUS STUNT SEQUENCE BEING SHOT ON A BIG BUDGET FOR 'ACCUSED' STARRING UDHAYA, AJMAL AND YOGI BABU

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Udhaya, Ajmal, 45 fighters and 60 junior artistes participate in this sequence helmed by Action Director Stunt Silva for which producers bought a bus

The action teaser of 'Accused' to be released soon

Made under the banners of Jaeshan Studios in association with Sachin Cinemas, Sri Dayakaran Cine Productions, and MIY Studios, 'Accused' is a film produced on a grand budget by A.L. Udhaya, 'Daya' N. Panneerselvam, and M. Thangavel.

Directed by Prabhu Srinivas, a renowned director in the Kannada film industry known for his successful films, the film marks the silver jubilee year of Udhaya. For the first time, Udhaya is acting with Ajmal and Yogi Babu in 'Accused'. The

movie features popular Kannada actress Jahnvika as the female lead.

A thrilling fight scene, which is one of the highlights of 'Accused' and an important part of the screenplay, is being shot for the past week in Kuthambakkam near Poonamallee. Action Director Stunt Silva is helming this high-budget fight scene.

The producers of 'Accused' have acquired a bus for this fight scene, which takes place entirely in bus. Udhaya and Ajmal are participating in the stunt scene along with about 45 fighters and 60 junior artistes. The film crew says the bus fight will be the high point of 'Accused', which is being made on highest ever budget in Udhaya's career so far.

'Accused' is being loaded with three stunning fight



sequences and the film crew plans to release the action teaser soon. They said that it will feature the making of the bus fight scene and will captivate the fans.

Shooting for 'Accused' began in January and is continuing without a break. With about 80 percent of the shooting completed, the entire shoot is scheduled to be completed by March 10 and the film is scheduled to be released during the summer holidays.

'Accused', a gangster drama, explores the idea that not everyone accused of a crime is guilty. It delves into how even good people can be

affected by system errors and become gangsters. Udhaya will be seen in a completely different role that he has never portrayed before. This film marks the first collaboration of Udhaya with Ajmal and Yogi Babu.

Cinematography of the film is being handled by Maruthanayagam I, with music composed by Naren Balakumar. The film's editing will be managed by renowned editor K.L. Praveen. The action sequences are being choreographed by the famous stunt director Stunt Silva. The art direction is by Anand Mani, and public relations are managed by Nikil Murukan.

PM TO PARTICIPATE IN JAHAN-E-KHUSRAU 2025 ON 28TH FEBRUARY IN NEW DELHI

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will participate in the grand Sufi music festival, Jahan-e-Khusrau 2025, on 28th February, at around 7:30 PM, at Sunder Nursery, New Delhi.

Prime Minister has been a strong

proponent of promoting the diverse art and culture of the country. In line with this, he will participate in Jahan-e-Khusrau which is an international Festival dedicated to Sufi music, poetry, and dance. It is bringing together artists from across the world to

celebrate the legacy of Amir Khusrau. Organized by the Rumi Foundation, the Festival, started by renowned filmmaker and artist Muzaffar Ali in 2001, will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year and will be held from 28th February to 2nd March. During the

Festival, Prime Minister will also visit the TEH Bazaar (TEH-The Exploration of the Handmade) that will feature One District-One Product crafts and other various exquisite artefacts from across the country, short films on handicrafts and handlooms, among others.

NSIC, TANSTIA CONDUCT AWARENESS WORKSHOP FOR MSME FRATERNITY

Chennai, 28 February 2025: Commemorating its 70th birth anniversary, the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), a PSU, established in 1955 under the Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to promote and develop micro and small-scale industries and enterprises in the country, and Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association (TANSTIA), together conducted an

awareness workshop on "Trade Enablement & Marketing (TEAM) initiative through ONDC platform", for the MSMEs in Tamil Nadu.

Sreevatsan, Senior General Manager, NSIC, shared his views on the Supply Chain Management being a catalyst for MSME growth and a key driver of India's economic progress.

three years, with 50% women entrepreneurs onboard, showcasing and promoting their B2B and B2C products and services", he added.

C.K. Mohan President TANSTIA, spoke on how India's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is a game changer that can empower Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to compete in both local and global markets. S. Suresh Babu IEDS, Joint

MSMEs over the next

Director, HoO, MSME-DFO said, "Government of India is one of the largest purchasers of the goods. NSIC registers Micro & small Enterprises (MSEs) under Single Point Registration scheme (SPRS) for participation in Government Purchases. The units which are registered under Single point registration scheme are eligible to get benefits of "Public Procurement Policy for Micro & Small Enterprises".

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PROTEIN DAY 2025 CALLS FOR SMARTER PROTEIN CONSUMPTION WITH THE #RIGHTWAYTOPROTEIN

Chennai, 28 February 2025: On World Protein Day 2025, Right to Protein, now in its 6th year announced its theme for 2025 to be #TheRightWayToProtein. This year's campaign focuses on educating people to make informed, balanced, and sustainable protein choices to enhance health and well-being.



The Right to Protein initiative, powered by the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC), has been a leading force in raising awareness about adequate protein consumption in India. And with each passing year, it has evolved to now become a global call to action, expanding its reach across South Asia.

The focus this year remains largely on ensuring both the right quality and quantity of protein for all. While progress has been made in addressing protein sufficiency over the past few years, the conversation now shifts to ensuring that quality protein is accessible to everyone. What lies at the core of the Right to Protein initiative is its commitment to fueling South Asia by promoting sustainable, nutrient-dense protein solutions across the region.

Manan Vora, Orthopedic Surgeon, Health & Longevity Educator, emphasized

the importance of understanding protein quality, "While the world continues to understand the importance of a balanced meal and a protein sufficient diet, what continues to exist as a core problem is people not understanding that not all protein is created equal. Hence, it is essential for individuals to not only meet their daily protein requirements but also year, it has evolved to now become a global call to action, expanding its reach across South Asia.

"At U.S Soy, we have always remained committed to meeting the ever-growing nutrition demand worldwide. And this year, through #TheRightWayToProtein, our aim is to bridge the knowledge gap around protein and inspire consumers to make informed dietary choices. Whether plant-based or animal-based, the right mix of protein sources can play a transformative role in improving overall nutrition and well-being. This year, through The Right to Protein we also want to emphasize quality protein and its

accessibility for all", said, Deeba Giannoulis, Regional Head of Corporate Affairs SAASSA at the US Soybean Export Council (USSEC).

Siddharth Ramasubramanian, CEO & Founder, Hello Tempay, said, "At Hello Tempay, the right way to protein starts with offering protein choices that can be incorporated into one's daily life. Easy to cook, versatile and affordable are key elements to adoption. Tempeh is a new category and easy access for vegetarians who severely lack protein options. With #TheRightWayToProtein we are building awareness and driving category adoption. We believe protein consumption in India is going to exponentially grow resulting in healthier, stronger nation."

In line with the same, SuperYou, a protein food and supplements brand co-founded by Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh and Nikunj Biyani, said, "We believe protein is for everyone—not just athletes or fitness enthusiasts, but also everyday hustlers, busy parents, students

with jam-packed schedules, and yes, even the occasional weekend warriors. But let's be real—choosing healthier options can feel anything but easy, affordable, or fun. The goal at SuperYou is to simplify healthier choices, ensuring that protein-rich foods fit seamlessly into modern lifestyles."

As part of our commitment to spread awareness about the importance of quality protein and its accessibility, hampers have been sent to industry specialists in the food and nutrition space, journalists, influencers, and nutritionists. These hampers included products from brands like SuperYou, Hello Tempay, Whole Truth Foods, and GoodDot.

Right to Protein is all set to celebrate World Protein Day on February 27, 2025, and through the theme of #RightWayToProtein we urge and encourage everyone to join The Right to Protein initiative or a better, sustainable and healthier life. Follow us on our social media to be part of the conversations! Stay connected on Instagram @RightToProteinSouthAsia and Facebook Right To Protein South Asia and LinkedIn at Right to Protein South Asia. Let's make #RightWaytoProtein the global standard for good health.

ACTOR R MADHAVAN JOINS PARENT GEENEE INC. AS INVESTOR & STRATEGIC PARTNER LAUNCHES PARENT GEENEE - FIRST-OF-ITS KIND LOCATION-BASED PARENTAL CONTROL APP IN INDIA - THE PILOT MARKET FOR THE B2C APP GLOBALLY

Chennai, 28 February 2025: US-based Parent Geenee Inc. today announced the global B2C launch of its location-based parental control app in Chennai. Actor R Madhavan has joined the venture in arguably a first-of-its-kind partnership for him as an investor and strategic partner in a startup venture. The collaboration represents a powerful synergy between Madhavan's advocacy for responsible technology use and Parent Geenee's mission to empower families in the digital age.

As a vocal advocate for education, Madhavan has frequently emphasized the importance of digital discipline in today's hyper-connected world. His decision to join Parent Geenee reflects a shared belief that technology should empower families rather than overwhelm them. The Parent Geenee team is bullish on the potential of India and believes that the country with its huge and young population can be its largest B2C market. The app will also be available to parents in the US and UK, along with children averaging 4.5 hours of screen time daily, digital well-being has become an increasing concern for modern parents.

Parent Geenee Inc. is a next-generation parental control app designed to transform digital parenting landscape by offering location-based features that aid responsible screen time management. In his comments at the launch, Actor R Madhavan, Investor & Strategic Partner, Parent Geenee said, "When Sasi approached me with the idea of Parent Geenee, I instantly connected as it reminded me of the challenges Sarita and I faced as parents in bringing up our now adult son. It stuck with me how enormous the challenge would be for today's parents



considering the higher digital exposure and accompanying perils for their children today. I am truly proud to be playing my part in this venture and hope to help millions of parents worldwide and particularly in India, foster healthy digital boundaries in their children and nurture a generation of digitally detoxified children."

An elated Sasi Naga, Founder & Chairman, Parent Geenee Inc., said, "The first big booster of confidence for us came when I met Maddy who instantly said yes when I discussed the idea with him. In fact, to my surprise, he went one step ahead and agreed to play an active role in the venture. We chose India as we believe it's at the cusp of a tectonic digital shift combined with increased wealth making device access no longer a luxury for a growing number of its urban population. The initial response has been overwhelming, and we look forward to quickly growing in the Indian market and the hearts of millions of Indian parents."

"Parenting in the digital age isn't about restricting technology—it's about guiding children to use it responsibly. With Parent Geenee we're looking to empower parents and children about forging healthy digital boundaries. At its core, the app springs from our strong commitment to building a movement towards responsible, collaborative digital parenting and moving the focus away from mere monitoring," added Hari Gadiraju, Founder & CEO of Parent Geenee.

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giving parents the final say. Effortless Setup & Multi-Device Management: With a one-step QR code linking process, parents can easily manage multiple children's devices under a single account.

Parent Geenee has a two-tier subscription model: Free and Premium. The Free version allows you to connect 1 child device, set up 1 safe zone, approve 2 app requests per week, filter inappropriate content, and receive location updates and tracking. The Premium version expands capabilities, enabling you to connect up to 4 child devices, set up 6 safe zones, approve unlimited app requests, and filter inappropriate content. Parent Geenee is now available on iOS in India, UK and US and an updated version will soon be available on android. The Beacon accessory is available for purchase in the U.S., U.K., and India via the official Parent Geenee website. The primary aim is to be a premium yet accessible digital parenting solution, bridging the gap between traditional monitoring apps and full-scale child surveillance tools.

Unlike traditional parental control apps that rely solely on time-based restrictions, Parent Geenee introduces location-specific digital boundaries, allowing parents to customize their child's screen time based on where they are—at home, school, or even specific rooms within the house. Key Innovations are: Location-Based App Restrictions: Set custom Safe Zones where apps are automatically restricted—whether at home, school, or a friend's house. Chill zones: With an optional Parent Geenee Bluetooth Beacon, parents can ensure chill zones in an otherwise all apps blocked Safe Zone. Real-Time Location Tracking & Travel Alerts: Parents receive instant notifications when their child arrives at school, deviates from a pre-approved route, or leaves a designated Safe Zone.

Parent Geenee for Schools: Parent Geenee isn't just for parents - it also offers a dedicated school version designed to empower educators. Instead of confiscating student devices, teachers, school administrators, and designated staff can use a specialized Schools Dashboard to limit app access seamlessly. This allows students to stay connected for learning while minimizing distractions, creating a more focused and productive school environment. (https://www.parentgeenee.com/for-schools/). By providing a simple yet powerful solution, Parent Geenee gives parents and educators the tools they need to foster responsible digital habits - without unnecessary complexity.

The Wish Feature: Instead of outright denial, Parent Geenee lets children request temporary access to restricted apps—teaching them digital discipline while

INDIA IS BECOMING AN ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE AND A KEY PART OF THE WORLD'S FUTURE, SAYS SCOT FAULKNER

Chennai 28, February 2025: India is becoming an economic powerhouse and a key player in shaping the future of the world, said Former US House Chief Administrative Officer Scot Faulkner on Thursday. He noted that the country is at the forefront of 21st-century development, seamlessly integrating technology and governance to meet the evolving needs of its people. Mr. Faulkner is on a week-long visit to India to attend a media conclave.

Praising Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Mr. Faulkner described him as one of the world's top leaders and an inspiration to others. After visiting the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya, he

emphasized the need for more such museums worldwide, stating that the museum serves as an inspiration and should be shared widely.

Mr. Faulkner visited the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya and the newly constructed Parliament. Following his visit, he lauded India's advancements and leadership on the global stage. He previously served as Director of Personnel for the Reagan Campaign and was part of the Presidential Transition and the White House Staff. He has held executive positions at the Federal Aviation Administration, the General Services Administration, and the Peace Corps.



Mr. Faulkner earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from American University and a Bachelor's Degree in Government from Lawrence University. He also studied at the London School of Economics and Georgetown University and currently serves as the Vice President of Shepherd University's George Washington Institute of Living Ethics.

Speaking after his visit to the New Parliament, Mr. Faulkner was highly impressed with its state-of-the-art architecture and technological innovations. He particularly noted the efficient management of multiple languages, simultaneous translation facilities, and the fully automated document system, calling them innovations that the world can learn from.

STATE SELECTED PARANDUR FOR SECOND AIRPORT, UNION MINISTER REVEALS

Chennai 28, February 2025: Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu has clarified that the Tamil Nadu government itself selected Parandur as the site for the state's second airport. Speaking to reporters at Chennai Airport, the

minister stated that efforts are ongoing to upgrade Chennai International Airport, which will continue to be operated by the government and will not be privatized. He further revealed that a consultation meeting on the Parandur airport

project is scheduled to take place next week in Delhi. He emphasized that the Union government had no role in site selection, as the state government made the decision, and the central authorities will proceed with the project accordingly.

With the location finalized, discussions on other aspects of the Parandur airport project are underway. Additionally, plans are being formulated to expand Coimbatore Airport due to the increasing number of passengers it handles.