

PAHALGAM ATTACK: STALIN STRONGLY CONDEMNS IN ASSEMBLY, SETS UP HELPLINE

Chennai, 24 April 2025: Following the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Anantnag district of Jammu & Kashmir, in which 28 tourists were killed, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin strongly condemned the incident in the Legislative Assembly.

On Tuesday at around 3 PM, terrorists opened indiscriminate fire at a tourist location in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, killing 28 people, including two foreign nationals, and

injuring several others. While addressing the Assembly, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said: "I strongly condemn the terrorist attack that took place in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, and express my deep condolences to the families of those who lost their lives.

The terrorists carried out a brutal assault yesterday, resulting in the shocking deaths of 26 tourists so far. Pahalgam, located in Jammu & Kashmir, is

visited not only by people from different parts of India but also by tourists from various countries around the world. The inhuman attack on innocent civilians in the Pahisar area is unacceptable and has no place on Indian soil. Such heinous attacks must be condemned unequivocally. Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has described this as a highly serious and brutal incident. No

matter what ideology terrorist organizations may claim, they must be crushed with an iron hand. As soon as the news reached us, I ordered the setup of a 24x7 helpline center at the Tamil Nadu House in Delhi to assist affected families. Directions have also been given to ensure medical facilities and necessary support are provided immediately.

All necessary treatment for the injured is being arranged.

SECRETARY GENERAL OF MUSLIM WORLD LEAGUE CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER

Chennai, 24 April 2025: The Secretary General of Muslim World League, Sheikh Dr. Mohammed bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa today called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in Jeddah.

He strongly condemned the ghastly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir and offered deepest condolences on the

innocent lives lost.

Prime Minister recalled his meeting with the Secretary General in July 2023 in New Delhi. He appreciated the role of Muslim World League in promoting tolerant values, advocating moderation and advancing social cohesion and harmony. Recalling India's age-old philosophy of

Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam [the World is one Family] Prime Minister noted that India as a multi-cultural, multi-lingual, multi-ethnic and multi-religious society, celebrates unity in diversity. India's incredible diversity is a valuable strength that has given shape to its vibrant society and polity. He commended the firm stand of

Muslim World League against extremism, terrorism and violence. Prime Minister underlined that India attaches high importance to its relations with Saudi Arabia, which has today evolved into an enduring partnership across several domains. The close socio-cultural ties form an important facet of this partnership.

INDIA, SAUDI ARABIA MINISTERIAL PANEL ON DEFENCE COOP

Chennai, 24 April 2025: The India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC), co-chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Jeddah on Tuesday evening, decided to create a new Ministerial Committee on Defence Cooperation under it.

The second leaders meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) reviewed the work of the various committees, sub committees and working groups under the SPC, which encompass political, defence, security, trade, investment, energy, technology, agriculture, culture and people-to-people ties. The discussions were

followed by signing of the minutes by the two leaders, PM Modi and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

To reflect the deepening of defence partnership over the past few years, including joint exercises, training programmes, and collaboration in defence industry, the Council decided to create a new Ministerial Committee on Defence Cooperation under the SPC, a statement said.

To strengthen cultural and people-to-people ties, which has significant momentum in recent years, the Council decided to create a new Ministerial Committee on Tourism and Cultural Cooperation

under the SPC.

The four committees under the India-Saudi Arabia SPC shall now be as follows:

(1) Political, Consular and Security Cooperation Committee.

(2) Defence Cooperation Committee.

(3) Economy, Energy, Investment and Technology Committee.

(4) Tourism and Cultural Cooperation Committee.

The two leaders also held a meeting under Joint High Level Task Force on Investment (HLTFI), a mechanism which was agreed upon during the visit of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, to India in

September 2023.

Building on the commitment of Saudi Arabia to invest USD 100 billion in India in multiple areas including energy, petrochemicals, infrastructure, technology, fintech, digital infrastructure, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing and health, the joint High-Level Task Force on Investment came to an understanding in multiple areas to rapidly promote such investment flows. Both sides agreed to collaborate on establishing two refineries in India. The progress made by HLTF in areas such as taxation is a major breakthrough for greater investment cooperation in the future.

AGRINNOVATE INDIA LIMITED PAYS DIVIDEND OF RS.1.42 CRORE FOR FY 2023-24

Chennai, 24 April 2025: Agrinnovate India Limited (AgIn), a Government of India enterprise under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, has declared a dividend of Rs.1,42,23,513 for the financial year 2023-24. The dividend distribution complies with guidelines issued by the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM). This is the first time the AgIn has paid the dividend since its inception.



The dividend cheque was formally presented to Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi today. The event was also graced by the presence of Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi and

Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Dr. M.L. Jat. This announcement reflects AgIn's continued financial strength and strategic vision, under the leadership of Dr. Praveen Malik, Chief Executive Officer, Agrinnovate India Ltd.

Established in 2011,

Agrinnovate India Ltd. serves as the commercial arm of ICAR, bridging agricultural research and practical implementation. AgIn plays a pivotal role in transferring, valorizing, and scaling agri-technologies across India to benefit farmers and entrepreneurs.

The dividend declaration under scores AgIn's commitment to financial sustainability, institutional accountability, and its broader mission of advancing India's agricultural innovation ecosystem.

DELIVERY OF 10TH AMMUNITION CUM TORPEDO CUM MISSILE (ACTCM) BARGE, LSAM 24 (YARD 134)

Chennai, 24 April 2025: Induction ceremony of 10th ACTCM Barge, LSAM 24 (Yard 134) was held on 22 Apr 25 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. Chief Guest for Induction Ceremony was Cmde A K K Reddy, AGM(PR), ND(Mbi).

The contract for construction and delivery of eleven (11) Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile (ACTCM) Barges was concluded with M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd, Thane on 05 Mar 21, an MSME Shipyard. The Shipyard has



indigenously designed these Barges in collaboration with an Indian Ship Design firm and subsequently model tested at Naval Science and Technological Laboratory, Visakhapatnam successfully to ensure seaworthiness. These barges are built in

accordance with relevant Naval Rules and Regulations of Indian Register of Shipping (IRS).

These Barges are proud flag bearers of "Make in India" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives of Government of India. Nine ACTCM Barges

have already been delivered and the shipyard has also been awarded a contract for construction and delivery of four Sullage Barges to the Indian Navy thereby highlighting the Indian Navy's commitment towards encouraging MSMEs.

Induction of these Barges would provide impetus to operational commitments of Indian Navy by facilitating Transportation, Embarkation and Disembarkation of articles/ammunition to Indian Navy platforms both alongside jetties and at outer harbours.

POPE FRANCIS: CHAMPION OF PEACE, HUMANITY

Chennai, 24 April 2025: The world is mourning the death of Pope Francis, a spiritual leader whose papacy will be remembered not only for its historic firsts but also for his tireless pursuit of peace, human dignity and moral clarity in a divided world. Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who became the first pope from the Americas upon his election to the papacy on March 13, 2013, leaves behind a legacy defined by compassion, courage and a bold voice for justice. The first Latin American and Jesuit pope, Francis broke with convention time and again to speak directly to the conscience of the global community.

Tributes have poured in from across the globe. Leaders including French President Emmanuel Macron, Italian President Sergio Mattarella, Dutch Prime Minister Dick Schoof, and Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis praised the Pope's commitment to peace and human dignity. Iraqi President Abdul Latif Rashid was the first Arab leader to offer condolences, highlighting the pontiff's "humanist stance against war and violence." Sevim Dagdelen, foreign policy spokeswoman for Germany's Sahra Wagenknecht Alliance, noted the Pope's rare moral courage in confronting

stage. Whether addressing wars, inequality, or climate change, he spoke with a clarity that resonated across faiths and borders.

His sermons often cut against the grain of Western narratives, calling not for escalation but for reconciliation. In the face of the Gaza conflict, Pope Francis was among the few world figures to urge a ceasefire unequivocally. He called on all parties to show courage not in war, but in peace asking that leaders "raise the white flag" for the sake of their peoples, even as criticism mounted in Western capitals.

Francis also sparked deep reflection when he pointed to the role of NATO's expansion near Russia's borders as a contributing factor to the Ukraine crisis, emphasizing the need to understand root causes instead of

perpetuating cycles of blame and violence. Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis was unafraid to voice uncomfortable truths. He was a staunch advocate for the marginalised, a champion for interfaith dialogue, and a tireless critic of indifference. His vision was not of peace as the absence of conflict, but of peace as the presence of justice, humility and shared humanity. In the words of many leaders and citizens around the world, His Holiness will be remembered not only as the spiritual head of the Catholic Church, but as a fearless and compassionate voice for the voiceless.

The world grieves his passing away - but even in death, his message lives on: Peace is always possible, if we dare to seek it.

MAKKAL NEEDHI MAIAM PRESIDENT KAMALHAASAN TWEET

LEADING NBFC MUTHOOT FINCORP MAKES STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN BANKBAZAAR

BankBazaar has seen significant growth, with a 62.5% increase in co-branded credit cards in FY24 and an expected 46% annual revenue growth from FY22 to FY25. The company anticipates achieving full-year EBITDA profitability in FY25. With Muthoot FinCorp investing in BankBazaar's ongoing Series D2 round—alongside internal and new investors—bringing the total to ₹55 Cr, the company's total equity funding has now reached \$116 million.

Analysts attribute the sustained rally to subsiding tariff concerns. Assurances from a prominent political figure in the US that the Federal Reserve chief would not be removed helped

DECISION ON OLD PENSION SCHEME AT RIGHT TIME: FM

Emphasizing the

government's commitment to employee welfare, Mr. Thennarasu assured that the demands are being reviewed with sincerity and seriousness. "The Chief Minister is deeply concerned about the well-being of government staff," he added.

"60-DAY COUNTDOWN TO INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2025 KICKS OFF WITH ENERGIZING YOGA SESSION AND INSPIRING SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS"

Chennai, 24 April 2025: In anticipation of International Yoga Day 2025, the Directorate of Sports and Department of Yoga, in collaboration with the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, successfully organized a yoga practical session and awareness seminar today, marking the 60-day countdown to the global celebration.

The Yoga Session was held at AG Milkha Singh Stadium from 7:00 AM to 7:45 AM, and it was streamed live and saw the enthusiastic participation of 530 students, who engaged in rejuvenating yoga practices under the



warm rays of the morning sun.

The event highlighted the transformative power of yoga in promoting physical, mental, and emotional well-being among the youth. The event was inaugurated by the esteemed Registrar, Dr. S. Ponnusamy, and

featured keynote addresses from distinguished yoga experts – Dr. Prof. Elangovan, Dr. Valli, and Dr. Samudra. Their insightful talks emphasized the importance and relevance of yoga in empowering students to lead healthier, more balanced lives and succeed in their

academic and professional journeys.

This seminar served as a beacon of inspiration, fostering awareness and encouraging the younger generation to embrace yoga as a lifelong practice.

The initiative was spearheaded under the dynamic leadership of Dr. R. Mohana krishnan, Director of Sports, whose efforts ensured the success and impact of the event.

To commemorate the occasion, lunch was provided to all participants, making it a truly wholesome and enriching experience.

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL LANGUAGE VISITS THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF INDIAN CINEMA

Chennai, 24 April 2025: The Members of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language visited the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) and the National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) in Mumbai, on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

The delegation included Members of Parliament Shri Shankar Lalwani (Indore LS constituency), Shri Haribhai Patel (Mehsana LS constituency), Shri Kuldeep Indora (Ganganagar LS constituency), Dr. Sumer Singh Solanki (RS), Shri Zia Ur Rahman (Sambhal LS Constituency), along with Secretary



(Committee) Shri Prem Narain.

The Members of the Parliamentary Committee were received by Shri D. Ramakrishnan, General Manager, NFDC, and other senior officials. Shri Ravindra Kumar Jain, Senior Economic Advisor, Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, was also present on the occasion.

The museum tour was conducted by Ms. Jayita Ghosh, Manager – Marketing & Public Relations, NMIC, and Shri Satyajit Mandlay, Deputy General Manager and Curator. The Members of the Official Language Committee received an insightful overview of Indian cinema's historical journey, technological advancements, rare posters, and curated collections.

The Members were deeply impressed by the exhibits and praised the museum for preserving and showcasing the cultural heritage of Indian cinema. They shared that the visit was not only enlightening and informative but also emotionally resonant, offering a unique connection to the soul of Indian cinema. They also expressed their intent to revisit the museum in the future. The occasion marked a proud moment for both NMIC and NFDC, as the enduring legacy of Indian cinema was recognized and appreciated by key policy makers of the nation.

TUR PROCUREMENT CONTINUES IN MAJOR TUR PRODUCING STATES

Chennai, 24 April 2025: In order to incentivize the farmers contributing for the enhancement of domestic production of pulses and to reduce the dependence on imports, the Government has approved the procurement of Tur, Urad and Masur under Price Support Scheme (PSS) equivalent to 100% of the production of the state for the procurement year 2024-25.

The Government has also made an announcement in Budget 2025 that the

procurement of Tur (Arhar), Urad and Masur would be undertaken 100% of the production of the State for another four years up to 2028-29 through Central Nodal Agencies namely NAFED and NCCF to achieve self-sufficiency in pulses in the country.

Accordingly, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan approved the procurement of Tur (Arhar) in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka,

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh under Price Support Scheme during the Kharif 2024-25 season for a total quantity of 13.22 LMT.

The Minister has also approved the extension of procurement period in Andhra Pradesh by 30 days beyond 90 days upto 22nd of next month in the interest of farmers.

The procurement at MSP through NAFED and NCCF is in progress in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat,

Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana and a total quantity of 3.92 LMT of Tur (Arhar) has been procured in these states till 22nd of this month benefiting 2,56,517 farmers of these states. Tur procurement is also done from pre-registered farmers on e-Samridhi portal of NAFED and eSamyukti portal of NCCF. The Govt. of India is committed to take up 100 percent procurement of Tur @ MSP offered by farmers through central nodal agencies namely NAFED and NCCF.

AMERICAN CENTER CHENNAI LAUNCHES FREE SUMMER STEM ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS. INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS AND HANDS-ON LEARNING FROM APRIL 21 TO MAY 30

Chennai, 24 April 2025: The American Center at the U.S. Consulate General Chennai invites school students to attend free summer activities focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The sessions which commenced on April 21 will go on until May 30, 2025.

The program for students in classes 8 through 12 includes immersive and hands-on learning activities and will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, with movie screenings scheduled for Fridays at 10 a.m. Space is limited and all participants must register in advance for their daily slots via



email ChennaiAMCenter@State.Gov or WhatsApp 73056-76662.

STEM learning tools including coding kits such as MicroBits and Snap Circuits, Merge Cube augmented reality experiences, virtual reality goggles, a 3D printer, and NASA-themed LEGO sets are available for participants to immerse in this environment of

hands-on enrichment. Students can also participate in a fun and educational quiz daily for a chance to win prizes, including 3D printed keepsakes and NASA stickers.

Speaking about the initiative, U.S. Consulate General Chennai Public Diplomacy Officer Eric Atkins said, "The American Center is honoring American excellence in STEM

through summer sessions that will be a gateway to imagination, discovery, and meaningful learning. We are proud to offer this free program to help cultivate the next generation of innovators."

The American Center in Chennai, housed within the U.S. Consulate General, is a cornerstone for learning, dialogue, and inspiration, strengthening the relationship between the United States and India for more than seven decades. With a library of over 15,000 books and a wealth of multimedia and digital resources, the Center is open to the public each day between 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

DPIIT SECRETARY CHAIRS PMG REVIEW OF MEGA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN UTTAR PRADESH, HARYANA, PUNJAB AND UTTARAKHAND

Chennai, 24 April 2025: Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Shri Amardeep Bhatia, chaired a high-level meeting to review mega infrastructure projects in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, and Uttarakhand. The review meeting, conducted under the aegis of the Project Monitoring Group (PMG), was attended by senior officials from central ministries, state governments, and project proponents.

During the meeting, 19 issues across 17 significant projects were reviewed, with the total cost of these projects exceeding ₹14,096 crore. The

discussions focused on fast-tracking resolution of implementation challenges through enhanced inter-ministerial and inter-state coordination.

Among the major projects reviewed was the four-laning of the Jaunpur-Akbarpur road project, valued at ₹3,164.72 crore. The project involves two key issues across two work packages, and is crucial for improving regional connectivity and road infrastructure.

The meeting also laid emphasis on the establishment of new ESI Hospitals at multiple strategic locations. These projects are part of the Government of India's broader effort to strengthen healthcare

infrastructure, particularly in underserved and high-demand regions. Shri Bhatia noted that the hospitals will significantly improve access to quality medical care and contribute to regional development, thereby supporting the well-being of the workforce and their families.

The construction of the permanent campus of NIT Uttarakhand at Sumari in Pauri Garhwal district was another key project reviewed. Aimed at strengthening the region's educational ecosystem, the campus will provide a state-of-the-art academic and administrative environment for the institute. Once operational, it is

expected to elevate the quality of technical education and research in Uttarakhand and spur local socio-economic development.

Shri Bhatia reiterated the Government's commitment to reinforcing the institutional framework for project monitoring and urged all stakeholders to adopt a proactive approach for issue resolution.

He encouraged private sector participants to actively engage with the PMG platform (<https://pmg.dpiit.gov.in/>) to expedite project implementation by leveraging streamlined coordination with the government and other key entities.

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FLIPKART VENTURES AND DPIIT LAUNCH FLIPKART TOURISM CHALLENGE TO ACCELERATE INNOVATION IN INDIA'S TRAVEL SECTOR

Chennai, 24 April 2025: Flipkart Ventures, the investment arm of Flipkart, has launched the Flipkart Tourism Challenge in collaboration with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The initiative is part of the Government of India's Startup India program under the Bharat Startup Grand Challenge. As part of Flipkart's continued efforts to foster innovation and support the growth of startups, this challenge focuses on enabling technology-led solutions that enhance the experience for travelers and tourists and contribute to the development of the country's tourism ecosystem.

The Flipkart Tourism Challenge invites DPIIT-recognized startups and Indian companies to build innovative travel-tech solutions.

With rising demand for unique and accessible travel options, the challenge seeks ideas in areas such as enhanced discovery, personalized



recommendations, immersive destination previews, AI-powered affordability tools, and tech-enabled on-ground experiences.

Applications are now open and will close on May 5, 2025.

The winning startup will receive a ₹2.5 lakh cash prize, mentorship from Flipkart leaders, and potential entry into Flipkart Leap Ahead, the company's early-stage accelerator investing up to \$500K in seed capital.

The selected startup will also have the opportunity for pilot engagements with Flipkart Group companies, undergo founder's training curated by Bain & Company, and gain access to Flipkart's VC network. The runner-up will receive a ₹1 lakh cash prize, along with strategic mentorship and capability-building support.

Lubna Ahmed, Vice

President & Head of Flipkart Ventures, said, "At Flipkart Ventures, we see startups as key drivers of innovation and economic growth.

Through the Flipkart Tourism Challenge, we aim to empower emerging entrepreneurs building scalable, tech-first solutions to real-world challenges by providing them with the capital, mentorship, and industry access they need to succeed.

Our collaboration with DPIIT reflects a shared vision to accelerate digital innovation and nurture the next generation of entrepreneurs driving India's startup and digital economy."

A Startup India representative said, "India's startup ecosystem continues to be a beacon of innovation, solving challenges across sectors with scale and

agility.

The Flipkart Tourism Challenge is an exciting step in that direction, bringing together innovation, industry support, and real-world impact. Through this collaboration with Flipkart, we aim to empower homegrown startups to solve for India's unique travel needs and accelerate their journey from idea to scale."

This challenge is part of Flipkart Ventures' broader commitment to strengthening India's startup ecosystem through its early-stage accelerator program, Flipkart Leap Ahead (FLA).

Designed to identify and support high-potential digital startups, FLA is the cornerstone of Flipkart Ventures' \$100 million seed-stage fund launched in 2022.

The program offers investments of up to \$500K, along with strategic mentorship and ecosystem access. To date, Flipkart Ventures has backed over 20 startups and continues to actively support ventures with strong growth potential.

CHENNAI GETS ITS FIRST O-ARM WITH NAVIGATION SYSTEM FOR ADVANCED BRAIN, SPINE AND ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERIES AT KAUVERY HOSPITAL

Chennai, 24 April 2025: Kauvery Hospital Alwarpet a unit of Kauvery Group of Hospitals launched Chennai's first O-ARM with Navigation system for advanced brain, spine and orthopaedic surgeries. Gracing the occasion, Dr. Narayanan V, Chairman of ISRO, inaugurated the O-ARM Surgical System at Kauvery Hospital.

The O-Arm system, powered by AI-driven 2D and 3D imaging, is designed to assist surgeons in performing highly complex brain, spine, and orthopedic procedures with greater precision and safety.

It provides real-time imaging during surgery, allowing for better orientation, precise decision-making, and the ability to verify implant placement and spinal alignment instantly. The state-of-the-art mobile imaging platform provides 360-degree, CT-like images during surgery.

It gives surgeons a comprehensive view of the operative site, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions in real time.

The system integrates seamlessly with the StealthStation Navigation, a GPS-like tool for the body, ensuring optimal placement of screws and implants, particularly in delicate spine surgeries.

Speaking about the O-ARM, Dr. Ranganathan Jothi, Chief - Brain & Spine Surgeon and Director of Neurosciences, Kauvery Hospital Chennai says, "As neurosurgeons, we often operate in areas of the brain and spine where precision is not



just important—it's everything. The O-ARM allows us to see the anatomy in exquisite detail while we are operating, and this makes a significant difference in the outcome.

It's like performing surgery with a 3D map in hand. Complex spinal deformity corrections, tumour resections, and minimally invasive procedures can now be done with greater accuracy and confidence. This is not just technology—it's a safety net for our patients, and a huge leap forward for neurosurgery in Chennai."

Dr. Krish Sridhar, Group Mentor Neurosciences and Director Kauvery Institute of Brain & Spine, Kauvery Hospital Radial Road says, "At the heart of any neurological procedure is the need to preserve function while addressing disease—and that balance requires the finest tools.

The O-ARM with Stealth Navigation transforms how we plan and execute surgeries.

It gives us the ability to visualize, navigate, and confirm the surgical pathway in real time.

For patients, this translates into less invasive procedures, lower risk, and quicker recovery. Introducing

this system is not about being first—it's about being right.

It's a decisive move to make cutting-edge, patient-centric neurosurgical care accessible right here in Chennai."

"In neurosurgery, even a millimeter can make a world of difference. The O-ARM's 3D imaging and real-time feedback equip us to perform with unparalleled accuracy.

For our patients, this means safer surgeries, less time under anesthesia, and quicker recoveries and for surgeons this is a boon," says Dr. Shyam Sundhar, Senior Consultant Neurosurgery Kauvery Hospital Alwarpet.

Speaking on the technology, Dr. Balamurali, Head of Spine Surgery Kauvery Hospital Alwarpet said, "Spine being a delicate part of the body, any minor error in the surgery can cause long term impact for the individual.

Also, there is a fear that always comes with a spinal surgery whether they will be able to walk on their own, or if the quality of life would be compromised. Kauvery Hospital Alwarpet is the first centre in Chennai to introduce the O-ARM and only few centres have the O-ARM in

the country.

This is the best technology available in the world, compatible with robotic spine surgery with AI and virtual reality augmentation."

In spinal care, it is used in treatments such as spinal fusion surgeries, scoliosis correction, disc replacement, and tumor resections.

In neurosurgery, it supports operations involving deep-seated brain lesions, cranial trauma, and skull base repairs.

For orthopedic cases, it assists in the treatment of pelvic fractures, complex bone reconstructions, joint revisions, and bone tumors requiring high-precision removal.

Dr. Aravindan Selvaraj, Co-founder and Executive Director Kauvery Group of Hospitals said, "Patient safety has always been our top priority, and every step we take is rooted in that commitment.

With the launch of the O-ARM Surgical Imaging System—Chennai's first—we are proud to bring in a technology that truly puts the patient first.

This system enhances surgical precision, minimizes risks, and significantly improves post-operative recovery.

By introducing the O-ARM with Stealth Navigation in Chennai, we are ensuring that our patients receive the safest and most advanced care available today. This launch reaffirms our vision of blending compassionate care with world-class innovation."

STARBUCKS CELEBRATES ITS SPECIALLY CRAFTED, 48 - HOUR STEEPED COLD BREW

Chennai, 24 April 2025: This summer, Starbucks is set to redefine what Cold Brew means to coffee lovers. Designed to spotlight Starbucks unmatched brewing expertise, the addition of their two new beverages to the existing Cold Brew lineup, highlights the meticulous 48-hour cold-steeping process and the exclusive single origin Kenyan beans that come together to create a brew that's bold, smooth, and distinctly Starbucks.

Alongside its classic Cold Brew, the Vietnamese Cold Brew, the Vanilla Sweet Cream Cold Brew, Ginger-ale Cold Brew and the Nitro Cold Brew, Starbucks has introduced two exciting new beverages to elevate the summer experience:

The Zesty Orange Cold Brew, a vibrant, double-layered refresher featuring an orange flavour, soda, and a candied orange

garnish

The Coconut Cold Brew, a tropical twist made with cold brew, coconut water, and coconut jelly

"With our Cold Brew, we are not just introducing a beverage - we are introducing a culture of craft. The 48-hour steeping process, our use of premium single-origin Kenyan beans, and our inventive new flavors like the Zesty Orange and Coconut Cold Brew are all tailored for a new generation that values both quality and creativity. Gen Z is driving a bold shift in India's coffee culture - one where customization, taste, and craftsmanship matter. Cold Brew is fast becoming the gateway into coffee for this audience, and TATA Starbucks is proud to lead that evolution" said Mitali Maheshwari, Head of Product and Marketing at TATA Starbucks

Commenting on the launch, Vibhor Mishra,



Coffee Ambassador for APAC & China and Regional Director - Operations, South and East said, "What makes Starbucks Cold Brew truly stand apart is the depth of intention behind every cup. We start with single-origin Kenyan beans, celebrated for their citrusy brightness, and let them steep for 48 hours - one of the longest, most meticulous brewing methods in the world. That time unlocks a smoothness and complexity that simply can't be rushed. It's a celebration of patience, precision, and passion - and it's what defines the Cold

Brew experience at Starbucks."

At the heart of Starbucks Cold Brew is a thoughtfully sourced single-origin Kenyan beans that bring bright citrus notes. This is then slow-steeped for 48 hours, one of the longest brewing methods in the world, to extract the most refined, full-bodied flavors possible.

Whether you are a longtime Cold Brew fan or discovering it for the first time, Starbucks invites you to experience a new standard in coffee-crafted with purpose, brewed with patience, and perfected with passion.

GOVT TO CONTINUE 3% SPORTSPERSONS JOB QUOTA

Chennai, 24 April 2025: Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin announced in the Assembly on Tuesday (April 22, 2025) that the Tamil Nadu government will once again reserve 3% of jobs in government services and public sector undertakings for sportspersons, continuing the initiative this year as

well. As part of this, 100 sportspersons will be employed, with at least 25 positions earmarked for persons with disabilities.

The Deputy CM made this announcement during the Question Hour, responding to Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) MLAM. Sinthanai Selvan

(Kattumannarkoil).

He noted that following last year's implementation of the 3% reservation policy, 104 sportspersons were recruited into various government and public sector roles, 11 of them in the police department and five among them persons with disabilities.

Addressing further

queries, Udhayanidhi Stalin said the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu has invited applications for the recruitment of 32 sub-inspectors of police, specifically for sportspersons. He also confirmed that a separate notification for police constable posts would be issued shortly.