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PRIME MINISTER CONDOLES PASSING OF DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN

2025: Prime Minister, heights. "India will Modiadded. Shri Narendra Modi, always be grateful to today, condoled Dr. Kasturirangan for passing of Dr. K. his efforts during the Kasturirangan, a drafting of the National towering figure in Education Policy saddened by the India's scientific and (NEP) and in ensuring educational journey. that learning in India Shri Modi stated that became more holistic Dr. K. Kasturirangan and forward-looking. served ISRO with great He was also an diligence, steering outstanding mentor to

Chennai, 26 April programme to new and researchers", Shri nation will always be India's space many young scientists

The Prime Minister posted on X:

"I am deeply passing of Dr. K. Kasturirangan, a towering figure in recognition. India's scientific and

remembered.

He served ISRO with great diligence, steering India's space programme to new heights, for which we also received global

His leadership also educational journey. witnessed ambitious His visionary satellite launches leadership and selfless and focussed

contribution to the on innovation." ARMY CHIEF REVIEWS SECURITY SITUATION IN SRINAGAR

2025: Amid the rising the 15 Corps actions being taken by prompting an tension between India Commander briefed the formations against immediate retaliation and Pakistan over the him about the ongoing terrorists inside own from the Indian Army, Pahalgam terror attack, security situation and territory and Pakistan officials said. "Small Indian Army Chief he met with senior Army's attempts to Arm Firing at some General Upendra Army commanders violate the ceasefire places on Line of Dwivedi, for the first deployed in the along the LoC. time, reached Jammu Kashmir Valley, along and Kashmir's with officials from Pakistan Army troops Srinagar and reviewed other security opened fire at some the security situation of agencies. The Indian the Union Territory.

Army Chief General

Earlier today, places along the Line

Chennai, 26 April Upon his arrival, was also briefed on the of Control (LoC), Control initiated by the Pakistan Army. Effectively responded to by the Indian Army. No casualties," Indian Army officials said

PRESIDENT MURM ATTEND POPE'S FUNE

2025: President Vatican City today. at the demise of Pope condolence book. Droupadi Murmu will Tomorrow, President Francis and noted that be visiting Vatican City Murmu will attend the his affection for the for two days from funeral Mass of Pope people of India will today to attend the Francis at Saint Peter's always be cherished. State Funeral of Pope Square in Vatican City, Francis and offer which will be attended for External Affairs condolences on behalf by dignitaries from of the Government and around the world, a people of India.

President Murmu will pay homage to passed away on April Apostolic Nunciature Pope Francis by laying 21. Prime Minister (Embassy of the Holy

statement said.

a wreath at the Basilica Narendra Modi had See) in New Delhi on

Chennai, 26 April of Saint Peter in expressed condolences April 22 to sign the

"Minister of State Francis. and Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Kirti Vardhan "Pope Francis Singh had visited the

India has declared three days of State Mourning on the passing of Pope

"His Holiness Pope Francis will be remembered as a beacon of compassion, humility and spiritual courage by millions across the world," it said.

GENESYS UNVEILS EXECUTIVE BRIEFING CENTRE

2025: Genesys, a Genesys State of India. Today, it our solutions can global cloud leader in Customer Experience empowers leading provide, and build A I - P o w e r e d (CX)report, AI is Indian enterprises such tailored engagement Experience Orches becoming a top as AlonOS and strategies. tration, unveiled its priority for businesses, Hexaware withsecure, state-of-the-art with CX leaders reliable and resilient Executive Briefing surveyed expecting to solutions to help Centre (EBC) in allocate 33% of CX organisations increase Chennai, underscoring budgets to the customer satisfaction, its ongoing expansion technology over the operational efficiency and commitment to next year. As the third- and employee India. The newly largest R&D hubat productivity. established experi Genesys, Genesys ential facility offers India is a leading business esan contributor to patent immersive look at how filings for the Genesys is helping company, playing an businesses transform important role in customer and advancing AI-driven, employee experiences c l o u d - b a s e d through the latest experience orches advance ments in AI, tration solutions. workforce engagement, and customer journey management.

became the first global innovate with our CX organisation to R & D teams, establish an in-country experience the

Chennai, 26 April According to the cloud deployment in transformative value

pathy, Vice President and Managing Director for India & SAARC, Genesys said,"As we navigate the AI and cloud hype cycle, this facility offers a collaborative space for customers In 2021, Genesys and partners to co-

The Executive Briefing Centre reinforces our longterm commit ment to helping customers in India drive impactand highlights the region's importance as acritical Raja Lakshmi source fortalent and innovation.

> We believe Genesysis wellpositioned to be a key enabler of India's digital transformation, empowering Indian organisations to provide exceptional customer experiences which can fuel growth in a competitive market."

KEEL LAYING OF FOURTH NEXT GENERATION OFFSHORE PATROL VESSEL YARD (3040)

Chennai, 26 April 2025: Keel laying ceremony for Yard 3040, the fourth (ex-GRSE) Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV), was held at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) in Kolkata, on 24 Apr

The ceremony was attended by Vice Admiral Rajaram Swaminathan, Controller of Warship Production & Acquisition, as the Chief Guest. Cmde PR Hari (Retd), Chairman and Managing Director of GRSE, along with

capabilities.

from the Indian Navy construction of eleven and the shipyard, were Next Generation also present. This Offshore Patrol Vessels milestone marks a (NGOPV) were significant step concluded on 30 Mar forward in the 23 with Goa Shipyard construction of the Ltd (GSL), Goa and NGOPVs are being NGOPV, further Garden Reach built in consonance showcasing India's Shipbuilders and with the nation's vision indigenous Engineers (GRSE), of 'Aatmanirbhar shipbuilding Kolkata, with seven Bharat' and 'Make in The contracts for by Lead Shipyard GSL a u g m e n t t h e other senior officials indigenous design and four ships by Indian Naval Follow Shipyard maritime prowess.

The NGOPVs, with an approximate tonnage of 3000T, are designed for Coastal Defence & Survei llance, Search & Rescue operations, Protection of Offshore Assets and Anti-Piracy missions. Keel Laying of the vessel marks a significant milestone in the overall project timeline.

The eleven ships to be constructed India' and are poised to

RUSSIA OFFICIALLY LIFTS 2-DECADE BAN ON TALIBAN

Chennai, 26 April removed the Taliban's 2025: Russia recently designation as a officially lifted its two- "terrorist decade old ban on the organisation", a Afghan Taliban, symbolic gesture removing the group aimed at building from its list of friendly ties with designated terrorist Afghanistan's rulers. organisations.

confirmed by Russian Afghanistan in August state media on 2021, after American and the Taliban. Thursday, marks a forces pulled out. significant shift in The Russian country has formally President Vladimir Moscow's diplomatic posture toward the de facto rulers of Afghanistan.

The Islamist group The move, seized power in

imposed in 2003, takes



Although no years. Supreme Court's recognised the Putin previously decision to lift the ban, T a l i b a n - l e d described the Taliban Government since it as a partner in effect immediately and seized power in combating terrorism. Russia's Supreme paves the way for August 2021, Moscow Russia now views

between the Kremlin deepened its ties with the group in recent

Court on Thursday broader engagement has gradually cooperation with the group as a strategic necessity, especially amid growing regional security threats from extremist organi sations, Khaama

reported.

The Taliban remains isolated on the international stage due to its human rights record-particularly concerning women's rights. The group has imposed sweeping restrictions on Afghan women, including banning them from secondary and higher education and limiting their public presence without a male guardian.

The Taliban claims its policies are aligned with Islamic principles.

Russia's latest move, while not constituting formal recognition of the Taliban government, signals a pragmatic step toward deeper relations.



RAEEUCCI 2025 KICKS OFF WITH GRAND INAUGURATION AT SRMIST

Kattankulathur, 26 April 2025: The 4th International Conference on Recent Advances in Electrical, Electronics, Ubiquitous Communication, and Computational welcome from emces thematic scope, and its Intelligence Bangsuka and Sahana, (RAEEUCCI-2025), who set an inspiring commenced at SRM tone for the day by Institute of Science and emphasizing the Technology conference's pivotal (SRMIST), with great role in advancing enthusiasm and innovation and scholarly vigor. interdisciplinary Organized by the collaboration. The Department of Guests of Honour were Electronics and then felicitated by Prof. Communication C. Engineering and technically cosponsored by IEEE, the recognition of their event drew a vibrant mix of academicians, field. Dr. Damodar researchers, industry Panigrahy provided an leaders, and students from across the globe.

began with a warm event's objectives,



, Vice Chancellor, in contributions to the insightful overview of RAEEUCCI 2025, The inauguration elaborating on the

vision of being a catalyst for global

research exchange.

The release of the official Conference Proceedings by Prof. C. Muthamizhchelvan, Vice Chancellor, marked a significant moment in the event, reflecting SRMIST's commitment to high-Muthamizhchelvan impact scholarly his Special Address, contributions.

> In his Presidential Address, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the institution's dedication to innovation, entrepreneurship, and global academic

engagement.

His student-focused vision and leadership continue to empower the next generation of engineers and technologists.

This followed by the Inaugural Address by Chief Guest Dr. Arun Chandrasekhar, who inspired attendees to transcend boundaries in electronics design and system integration, urging students to think globally and act innovatively.

Dr. Sandip Patil, in shared his remarkable journey from researcher to entrepreneur, highlighting the realworld impact of nanotechnology and the importance of industryacademic synergy.

NHRC, INDIA CONDEMNS THE KILLING OF INNOCENT **CIVILIANS BY TERRORISTS IN THE PAHALGAM AREA** OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Chennai, 26 April shaken the conscience 2025: "The National of every right thinking Human Rights human being as a Commission (NHRC), serious issue of India is deeply violation of human disturbed by the news rights of the innocent of the killing of 28 victims and their people by the terrorists families. after identifying their faith in Pahalgam area of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir on 22nd April, 2025.

c o n d e m n s t h e The time has come to intimidation, reprisals, the necessary steps to dastardly attack on the act against those harmony among fix accountability; unarmed and aiding, abetting, communities and grave bring the perpetrators unsuspecting innocent supporting and violation of various to justice and provide civilians who were on a advancing terrorism human rights, succour to the families holiday to the valley. and to hold them including right to life, of the victims in all The incident has accountable for this liberty, equality, possible manner."

It has been said time and again at various forums that terrorism is one of the biggest



Otherwise, it may causes of human rights result in shrinking of The Commission violations in the world, democratic space, the State will take all

fraternity, and livelihood.

It is expected that

CSIR-IMMT SIGNS JOINT DECLARATIONS OF INTENT WITH RUSSIA'S GIREDMET, ROSATOM, MOSCOW AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MOSCOW TO ADVANCE CRITICAL MINERAL TECHNOLOGIES

Chennai, 26 April 2025: The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), through its premier minerals research institute CSIR-IMMT, has signed two Joint Declarations of Intent (JDIs) with leading Russian institutions the State Research and Design Institute of the Rare Metal Industry (JSC Giredmet), a premier research and design institute under the Russian State Atomic Energy Corporation, Rosatom, Moscow and the National University of Science and Technology MISIS, Moscow (NUST MISIS)—to strengthen cooperation in critical mineral processing and sustainable resource development.



CSIR-IMMT, and Dr technologies. Konstantin V.

Technology Unit, JSC NUST MISIS, Rosatom Science) and respectively. Shri interaction, the team another with Dr. Anoop Kumar briefed the honourable Michael R. Filonov Srivastava, Counsellor Ambassador on purpose (Vice-Rector, NUST (Space) from the ofthe visit to Russia and MISIS). The Embassy of India, highlighted the collaborations are Moscow was also importance of R&D and coordinated by Dr. Kali present during the technological Sanjay, Chief Scientist signing, supporting the collaboration in process and Head of Business bilateral collaborations metallurgy, with a focus Development from in critical minerals on critical minerals vital

The CSIR-IMMT team (Dr. Ramanuj Narayan, Director and Dr. Kali Sanjay, Chief Scientist and Head, Business Develop ment) met with His Excellency Mr. Vinay Kumar, Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation, at the Indian Embassy in Moscow on 24th April, 2025.

The meeting was facilitated by Shri Anoop Kumar (Space). During the for Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat.

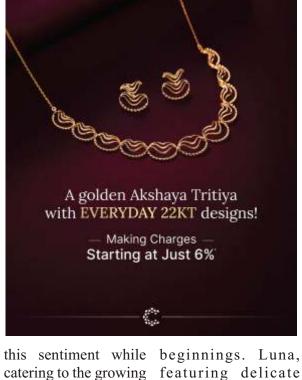
CARATLANE CELEBRATES AKSHAYA TRITIYA WITH THE CELESTIAL BRILLIANCE OF SOL & LUNA

Mumbai, 26 April 2025: Akshaya Tritiya, one of India's most auspicious festivals, marks a time of prosperity, new beginnings, and timeless traditions —especially when it comes to buying gold. This year, CaratLane -A TATA Product and India's leading omnichannel jewellery brand—is making the celebration even more special with the launch of its latest celestialinspired collections: Sol and Luna.

Drawing inspiration from the sun and the moon, these exquisite new lines blend symbolism, craftsmanship, and everyday elegance. Their arrival aligns perfectly with the spirit of Akshaya Tritiya and the regional New Year festivities across India—making it the perfect time to embrace fresh beginnings wrapped in brilliance.

Speaking on the launch, Saumen Bhaumik, CEO & MD -CaratLane, shared:

"Akshaya Tritiya is one of the most auspicious times of the year—when customers actively seek to buy gold. With Sol and Luna, we've launched collections that honour



meaningful jewellery that's wearable beyond the festive season.

We remain committed to making beautiful jewellery more accessible—with exciting offers, faster delivery, and inspiring designs.

This festive season, we're also giving away a free 0.5g gold coin on every ₹30,000 spent — making Akshaya Tritiya even more special."

Sol, crafted in 18KT yellow gold and special-cut yellow gemstones, channels the golden hues of sunrise—a radiant symbol of new

demand for design-led, diamond-studded Free 0.5g 22KT designs in 18KT gold, gold coin. captures the moon's serene yet powerful 2 free 0.5g gold coins. essence, symbolizing transformation and grace. CaratLane has

rolled out an extensive campaign to spotlight Sol & Luna including high-impact OOH ads, a highvisibility IPL partnership on Star Sports HD and JioHotstar.

With prices starting at just ₹20,000, the collections are available online, via Try-at-Home, and across CaratLane's 310+ stores.

Akshaya Tritiya arrives right on time.

Celebrations taken a notch higher with India's Most Delightful Jewellery Offer: This festive season, CaratLane is offering customers one of the most rewarding jewellery offers in the country. On every ₹30,000 purchase, shoppers

receive a free 0.5g 22KT gold coin — and the rewards scale as you shop more.

Here's how it gets even better:

- •₹15,000–₹30,000: Free 10g silver coin.
- •₹30,000–₹60,000:
- •₹60,000**–**₹90,000:
- ₹30,000: Another 0.5g gold coin added!

This limited-time offer is valid on all studded and preset jewellery purchases. For online orders, coins will be shipped after the jewellery has been delivered.

And because CaratLane knows that festivities wait for no one, it is also offering 6-hour home delivery on Sol & Luna pieces when ordered via the CaratLane app or website—ensuring your sparkle

TN APPROVES RS. 9,335 CR CHENNAI METRO

Chennai, 26 April with Kilambakkam.

This new line, in Kilambakkam.

The new metro line terminus. 2025: The Tamil Nadu will stretch for 26 government has kilometers. It will start officially approved the from the Chennai extension of the Airport Metro station Chennai Metro Rail to and go all the way to connect the airport the Kilambakkam bus stand.

This link is estimated to cost Rs expected to be very 9,335 crore, aims to helpful for commuters, make travel easier for especially those who people going to the travel frequently to airport and the other parts of Tamil upcoming bus terminus Nadu from the new Kilambakkam bus

It will also provide a faster and more reliable way to reach the airport from the southern parts of the city.

Officials have stated that the project will be carried out by Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL).

The funding for the Rs. 9,335 crore project will come from various

The plan includes building new elevated metro stations along the 26-kilometer

These stations will be designed with modern facilities to ensure a smooth and convenient experience for passengers.

This extension is part of the Phase II expansion of the Chennai Metro Rail network.

VIT VELLORE DONATED RS. 10 LAKHS TO **SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IN MYANMAR**

Chennai, 26 April 2025: Following the severe earthquake in Myanmar, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) Vice President for Assistance, Kadambari S. Viswanathan, has donated 2,45,92,500 Myanmar Kyats (equivalent to Rs.10 lakhs) to support relief efforts.

This donation was made on behalf of VIT Bhopal University and



was personally handed appointed to the Myanmar, at the over to Ja U, the Embassy of the embassy office Central Ambassador Republic of in New Delhi.

EPFO SIMPLIFIES TRANSFER CLAIM PROCESS THROUGH REVAMPED FORM 13 FUNCTIONALITY; MORE THAN 1.25 CRORE MEMBERS TO BENEFIT

2025: Simplification of launching a Revamped Transfer Claim Process Form 13 software through Revamped functionality. Form 13 functionality

living for its members, approved at the EPFO during January Transferor (Source) this year, has greatly Office the previous simplified the process a c c o u n t w i l l for transfer of PF automatically get account on change of transferred to the jobs by removing the present account of the requirement of member at the approval from Transferee employer in majority (Destination) Office of the cases.

accumulations used to of EPFO. happen with the credited (Destination Taxable PF interest. Office).

process, EPFO has facilitating the transfer removed the of around Rs. 90,000 requirement of Crores every year approval of all transfer henceforth as the entire

Chennai, 26 April Destination Office by be speeded up.

Henceforth, once Aadhaar To ensure ease of the transfer claim gets instantly furthering the Till now, the aim of "Ease of transfer of PF Living" for Members

It is expected to Now, with an aim to benefit more than 1.25 further simplify the Crore Members claims at the transfer process shall

UAN by Employers without seeding

With a view to further Ease of Doing Business and to address the grievances being raised w.r.t proper accounting of the Past Accumu lations that had been remitted to EPFO by the Exempted PF Trusts consequent to the surrender/ exemption and also in other cases involving This revamped remittance of past measure of risk involvement of two functionality also period contributions mitigation to protect EPF Offices. One, provides the consequent to quasi- the PF accumulations, from which the PF bifurcation of taxable judicial/recovery all such UANs would accumulation is and non-taxable proceedings, it has be kept in a frozen state transferred (Source components of PF been decided by EPFO and subsequently made Office) and two, the accumulations to to relax the require operational only after EPF Office in which facilitate accurate ment of Aadhaar for the seeding of the transfer is actually calculation of TDS on generation of Aadhaar. All these UAN/credit of Past measures are expected Accumulations for to significantly such members. Also, a improve services to facility for bulk members and reduce generation of UANs long standing based on the Member grievances including Id & other member further streamlining of information available validations for on record so as to auto settlement enable prompt of eligible claims.

crediting of funds in Bulk generation of the accounts of such members has been provided.

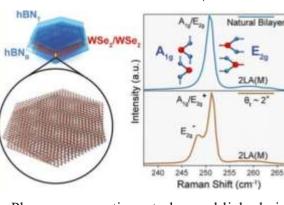
To that effect a software functionality has already been deployed and made available to the Field Offices in the FO Interface for bulk generation of UANs in the above said cases and also account the Past Accumulations without the requirement of cancellation of Aadhaar in EPFO Application.

However, as a

BREAKTHROUGH RESEARCH PAVES WAY FOR ENGINEERING MATERIALS VITAL FOR EMERGING QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY

Chennai, 26 April 2025: A breakthrough method of controlling properties of phonons-energy wave travelling through crystal lattice on vibration of atoms of the material, through twist angles between layers of twodimensional materials, can help engineer materials with tailored thermal, optical, and electronic characteristics, vital for quantum technology.

A phonon is a collective excitation in a periodic, elastic arrangement of atoms or molecules in condensed matter like a tiny wave of energy that travels through the crystal lattice when atoms in the material start to vibrate. They are similar to movement of ripples in a pond on dropping of a stone.



can play a crucial role the intricate in developing relationship between optoelectronics periodic structures that tunable photonic form when two or more methods in controlling superstructures) and properties of phonons their impact on for the purpose.

Researchers at the Indian Institute of key properties. This changes in Raman

Phonon properties study, published in and their interactions ACS Nano highlights devices. Scientists are two-dimensional (2D) exploring different lattices overlap (moiré phononic and electronic interactions.

Using Raman Science (IISc), spectroscopy, the team Bangalore, have demonstrated that twist uncovered a method to angles between 1° and vary twist angles in 7 ° in WS e 2 WSe2 (Tungsten homobilayers induce diselenide) splitting in phonon homobilayers to modes. They also influence phonon showed that unusual hybridization and other temperature-driven

frequencies and line widths, particularly at low temperatures (below 50 K), emphasizing the interplay of electronphonon coupling and phonon anharmonicity (restoring force in the system is not perfectly proportional to the displacement from equilibrium) in twisted systems.

This research which used the Raman facility, set up with support from the FIST (Fund f o r Improvement of S&T Infrastructure in Universities and Higher Educational Institutions) program of Department of Science and Technology, and received funding support of DST, opens new pathways for the design of advanced materials for photonic, quantum, and electronic applications.

PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY SIGNED MOU WITH CENTRAL POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE, BANGALORE

Chennai, 26 April 2025: Pondicherry University and Central Power Research Institute Bangalore officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marking a significant milestone in fostering academic and research collaboration. The agreement, signed in a ceremony brings together two premier institutions to drive innovations in the electrical power systems, renewable energy technologies, and sustainable development solutions.

Babu, Vice-chancellor, national and global Pondicherry University, emphasized the strategic importance of this partnership, stating that it aligns well with the university's aspiration to strengthen industry-academic linkages.

represents a perfect laboratory research and synergy between commercial academic excellence applications. This and industrial MoU with Pondicherry expertise. At University allows us to Pondicherry combine our state-of-University, we are the-art testing facilities committed to creating and decades of industry industry-relevant experience with the k n o w l e d g e P o n d i c h e r r y ecosystems, and this University's strong



students and faculties capabilities" to work on transfor mative projects that address India's growing energy demands while maintaining the en viron mental sustainability. Together, we will develop cutting-edge solutions that can be Prof. P. Prakash implemented at both levels." he said.

power research co-operation. institution, CPRI recognizes the critical importance of bridging "This partnership the gap between the

collaboration with academic foundation CPRI will enable our and research

The M o U establishes multiple avenues for the collaboration, including joint research projects, faculty exchange programs and expert lectures, student internships and handson training at CPRI facilities, shared access to research facilities and laboratories and Shri. B.A. Sawale, organization of Director General of national conferences CPRI, echoed these and workshops leading sentiments, stating, to an enhanced "As India's premier academic and research

In his address, Prof. S. Victor Anandkumar, Dean (International Relations), about the university's leading transformative knowledgepartnership in the field driven partnership.

of Energy and Power systems.

MoU co-ordinator and

faculty member of the

Department of Green

Prof. P. Elumalai,

Energy Technology, elaborated "This collaboration is the result of nearly a year of careful planning and discussions. It is particularly significant that it creates a structured platform for continuous interaction between our faculties and CPRI's scientists, ensuring that the partnership remains dynamic and productive." Prof. B. M. Jaffar Ali, Dean of Madanjeet School of Green Energy Technologies, expressed his delight at the potential impact this partnership will have across the university's academic landscape. The MoU signing ceremony was attended by faculty members and representatives from Pondicherry both institutions. This University, spoke collaboration marks a pivotal step in expanding global and advancing academic industrial outreach as exchange between well as the similarities Pondicherry and potential synergies University and CPRI, with CPRI Bangalore laying the foundation to for a vibrant,

Chennai, 26 April 2025: TRAI convened a meeting of the Joint Committee of Regulators (JCOR) on 25th April, 2025, at its headquarters in New Delhi to deliberate issues needing crosssectoral regulatory collaborative measures including dealing with unsolicite d (UCC)/ spam and communications.

Members of the JCoR, including representatives from RBI, IRDAI, PFRDA, SEBI, MoCA, and MeitY, participated in attended the meeting as special invitees.

The Joint Committee of Regulators (JCoR), an initiative of TRAI, was established to foster collaborative efforts among sectoral regulators from the telecommunication, IT, Consumer Affairs, and financial and insurance cross sectoral regulatory issues in the meeting: digital world and work collaboratively on adopting appropriate regulatory measures.



TELECOM REGULATORY

AUTHORITY OF INDIA (TRAI)

implementation.

The JCoR has

communication collaborative forum to take up the issue with address the issue of entities within their fraudulent UCC & regulatory jurisdiction for challenges in the expediting its digital era and enhance implementation in a to control UCC regular monitoring. through collective

> calls creating country. inconvenience and defrauding the citizens, especially, the senior citizens, the progress made by JCOR in this regard and the challenges ahead.

The following are sectors to deliberate some important items deliberated in the

implementation of their jurisdiction to and fraud while 1600 series numbers, allocated specially for Members of the making transactional committee have since and service voice calls leveraged this platform by the entities

formulate regulatory framework government and avoid their misuse by and ensure its effective financial sector, were spammers, prompt discussed.

The committee c o m m e r c i a l provided a very useful members agreed to regulatory frameworks time bound manner and

The CoAI also made a presentation In his opening before the committee the meeting. address, TRAI regarding various Additionally, DoT, and Chairman Shri Anil solutions that can offer MHA representatives Kumar Lahoti an entity one 1600 highlighted the critical series number CLI to need for a collaborative be presented to the approach to combat recipients across all the with the stakeholders spam messages and TSPs and LSAs in the in this regard to take

> Modalities for onboarding of senders of commercial communication on members agreed to Digital Consent further strengthen the Acquisition (DCA) collaborative efforts to platform were address these issues deliberated.

agreed to engage with the senders/Principal Modalities for Entities (PEs) within onboard them on DCA.

> During the deliberations, I4C discussed various ecosystem.

measures to counter fraudulent communication and the problem of Digital Arrest scams.

In this regard, measures such as deletion of unused message headers and collaboration and to reinforce their belonging to the content templates to action on fraudulent SMS headers, blocking of the Mobile Numbers/IMEI utilized in sending fraudulent messages etc. were discussed.

> The members agreed to work further on modalities for implementation of the

> The issue of spam and scam through OTT and RCS communi cation platforms were discussed.

MeitY will engage measures analogues to those for conventional telecommunication.

The JCOR collectively so as to JCOR members increase cross sectoral collaboration and also protect consumers from the harms of spam ensuring a more secure and efficient telecom commercial communication

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EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING NEEDED IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR: ICAR DG DR. M L.

Chennai, 26 April 2025: The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) and the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) jointly organized an interactive meet and felicitation ceremony to honour two eminent agricultural scientists -- Dr. Himanshu Pathak, together in achieving He further highlighted Director General, Prime Minister the challenges arising Delhi today.

A significant highlight of the programme was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between TAAS and NAAS, aimed at enhancing collaborative initiatives in agricultural science, development.

During the event, Dr. M.L. Jat called upon the agricultural fraternity to come



Dr. Himanshu

Pathak spoke on the

critical role of science

in societal

transformation. He

emphasized that every

society must adopt and

promote scientific

thinking, and

acknowledged the past

successes of

collaborative efforts

between the

Consultative Group on

He expressed

optimism that

c o n t i n u e d

partnershipsparticularl

CGIAR, and the

Special Innovation

between ICAR,

ICRISAT, and Dr. M.L. Narendra Modi's from the diversity of Jat, Secretary, vision of Amrit Kaal. Indian agriculture and Department of He emphasized the the necessity for well-Agricultural Research urgent need for science planned, integrated and Education (DARE) and evidence-based approaches to address & Director General, policymaking in them. ICAR—on their agriculture and appointments to bringing smile on their prestigious leadership faces, while also roles in their respective underscoring the institutions, in New importance of creating sustainable livelihoods for farmers. It is a time for common collaborative mission to bring smiles in famers face and align our goals to our nation's goals, he

"We must study International emerging agricultural Agricultural Research demands in the context (CGIAR) and NAAS. of global megatrends. research, and policy Strengthening both internal systems and external capacities, and ensuring their synergy, is key to building a resilient agricultural ecosystem," he stated.

Team (SIT)would further strengthen agricultural research and innovation in India.

Dr RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS, stated that our agricultural challenges encompass national food security, nutritional security, and environmental sustainability. These can be addressed by mitigating climate change, transforming grey areas into green spaces, and promoting regenerative agriculture, he added.

The ceremony also featured addresses from leading agricultural experts and dignitaries, including Dr. P.K. Joshi; Dr. Ashok K. Singh; and Dr. W.S. Lakra, who emphasized the importance of sustained collaboration to address future challenges in Indian agriculture.

The event concluded with a c o 1 1 e c t i v e reaffirmation of commitment to innovation, evidencebased policymaking, and inclusive growth in the agricultural sector.

CBIC INTRODUCES SEVERAL TRADE FACILITATIVE MEASURES RELATING TO TRANSHIPMENT AND AIR CARGO

2025: In line with the transhipment permit cargo is being off- importer taking up the announcement in the fee is required to be loaded in the Air cargo responsibility for re-Budget Speech 2025- paid for every Complexes from ULD export still exists, if he 26 by the Union transhipment permit. before the clearance. opts so. Minister for Finance Over a period of time, As a first step towards and Corporate Affairs, due to increase in streamlining Customs on facilitating volume of trade, Protocols, and aligning upgradation of including transhipped with the international infrastructure and cargo, some best practices for warehousing for air experienced delay in movement of Unit cargo including high the process. value perishable horticulture produce and streamlining the cargo screening and customs protocols and making it user-friendly, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has introduced several trade facilitative measures in Air cargo in particular and Regulations has been tranship ment is sued vide movement in general.

For logistical convenience or other business decisions, Logistics operators sometimes undertake movement of imported cargo during the customs clearance Customs Act, 1962. value or perishable

Chennai, 26 April Since old times, cargo. Currently, the that, the option of

As a measure for ease of business, CBIC has examined this matter and with effect from 24th April 2025, CBIC has decided to waive transhipment permit fee henceforth for all the transhipment movements. Changes to the

Notification No. 30/2025-Cus (N.T) dated 24th April 2025 (https://www.cbic.gov. in/f2d0927b-945d-4 1 1 c - 8 c 3 4 -65d272a6d047) in this

Further, with between Customs areas increase in the volume (Ports/Container of air cargo, need was Freight Stations/Inland felt by the trade for Container Depots etc.) temporary removal of without payment of Unit Load Devices duty by following (ULD) outside transhipment Customs Area in procedure under The certain cases of high-

Load Devices (ULD) outside Customs Area, CBIC has stipulated simplified and harmonised procedure for temporary import of ULDs on the lines of procedure already stipulated for marine containers being handled through the seaports since 2005.

With this simplified procedure, ULDs/air containers could also be imported temporarily outside the Customs area on execution of a Continuity Bond by the air carriers/air console responsibility to export more information. back within the specified time period.

Earlier, it required

It is further to inform that, the facility of 'All-India National Transhipment Bond' at air cargo complexes is operational since 2022. This facility has been intended to avoid multiplicity of the bonds that are submitted by airlines at multiple Customs stations for transshipment of import cargo.

In addition, Online filing of Transhipment application has also been enabled in ICEGATE, obviating the need for visiting Service Centre at the Air cargo.

Board Circular No. 15/2025-Customs dated 25th April 2025 agents, who take may be referred to, for

Above measures are aimed easing of compliances and the importer of the facilitating trade at Air goods to under the cargo complexes. The responsibility of Airlines, Console exporting the ULDs/air Agents or other containers back, in case stakeholders are of such temporary encouraged to import. It is clarified use the above facilities.

INAUGURATION OF AIR FORCE MUSEUM **HQ MAINTENANCE COMMAND IN**

2025: The Air Force fighter aircraft and Museum Vayusena Pichora missile at the Nagar in Nagpur was entrance. The various inaugurated on 25 April sections of museum 2025 by Air Marshal include History of IAF, Vijay Kumar Garg, Air Audio Visual section, Officer Commanding- equipment display in-Chief, Maintenance section, weapon section Command.

The Air Force Museum houses a rich has collection of Simulator section as per timing 1000- achievements of Air memorablia of Indian where visitors can have 1400 hrs and 1600-Military Aviation and real time experience of displays the history of fighter flying. Indian Air Force.

displays a Mi 8 days except Tuesday and showcase the their contributions.

Chennai, 26 April helicopter, MiG-21

The Museum also having flying and Gazetted holidays history, evolution and

The Museum open for public on all museum is to preserve



1800 Hrs.

The primary The museum will be purpose of Air Force

Force. It provides a platform for education, research and remembrance of the Air Force's personnel and

UNDER ROZGAR MELA, PM TO DISTRIBUTE MORE THAN 51,000 APPOINTMENT LETTERS TO NEWLY APPOINTED YOUTH IN **GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS ON 26TH APRIL**

newly appointed youth across the country. in various Government departments and organisations on 26th April, 2025 at around 11 AM through video conferencing. He will also address the gathering on the occasion. In line with

Prime Minister's

Chennai, 26 April commitment to accord 2025: Prime Minister highest priority to Shri Narendra Modi e m p l o y m e n t will distribute more generation, the 15th than 51,000 Rozgar Mela will be appointment letters to held at 47 locations

> It will provide meaning ful opportunities to the youth for their empowerment and effectively contributing to national development. The new recruits, selected from



across the country will Pensions, Ministry of be joining the Central Home Affairs, Government in various Department of Posts, Ministries/Department Department of Higher s including Department Education, Ministry of of Revenue, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Personnel and Public Labour & Employ Grievances and ment among others.

DRDO ACHIEVES SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN SCRAMJET ENGINE DEVELOPMENT Chennai, 26 April successful test, the

2025: Defence system will be soon Research & ready for full scale Development flight worthy Laboratory (DRDL), a combustor testing. Hyderabad-based laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has achieved a significant milestone in the field of Hypersonic Weapon Technology. DRDL conducted longduration Active Cooled Scramjet Subscale Combustor ground testing for more than 1,000 seconds at the newly built state-ofthe-art Scramjet Connect Test Facility at the design of long remarkable Murthy and the Hyderabad on April 25, 2025.

The ground-test is in continuation of the earlier test reported for 120 seconds in January 2025. With the

Hypersonic Cruise Missile is a class of weapons that can travel more than five times the speed of sound (> 6100 Kmph) for long duration and is powered by Air breathing engine. Air breathing propulsion systems, having supersonic combustion, plays a critical role for longduration cruise conditions.

duration scramjet combustor as well as test facility. It is an outcome of an integrated effort put by the DRDO labs along with industry &



academia and paves a Technologies for the strong base for the nation. Secretary, nation's Hypersonic Department of Defence Cruise Missile R&D and Chairman Development DRDO Dr Samir V Programme. Raksha Kamat congratulated Mantri Shri Rajnath Director General Singh complimented DRDO, Systems) Shri U Raja Industry partners and Babu, Director DRDL This test validates academia for the Dr GA Srinivasa achievement.

Hypersonic Weapon edge technologies.

h a s (Missiles & Strategic complete team for He termed the demonstrating the success as a reflection supersonic combustion of the Government's for more than 1,000 strong commitment in seconds involving realising critical c u t t i n g

CHINA ASSAILS US-PHILIPPINES MILITARY DRILL

and deploying strategic confrontation under the

with the United States to country strengthening press conference. make provocations - military deployment in conducting so-called the region and patrols and exercises provoking tensions and

Zhang made the remarks in response to recent media reports

Chennai, 26 April and tactical weapons, excuse of the Taiwan about the deployment of 2025: A Chinese seriously undermines question," Zhang an anti-ship missile defence spokesperson the common interests of Xiaogang, spokesperson s y s t e m i n t h e on Thursday said the regional countries. "We for the Ministry of Philippines for the first Philippines' collusion firmly oppose any National Defence, told a time -- believed by some analysts to be intended to simulate a blockade of the Bashi Channel in the event of a crisis in the Taiwan Strait.