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TN issues guidelines for sportsperson training

Chennai, July 25: The Tamil Nadu government has issued standard operating procedure (SOP) for the resumption of training activities of sportspersons preparing for national and international events.

A government order (G.O.) issued in this regard by Chief Secretary K. Shanmugam said that sportspersons, except those aged over 50 and below 15, preparing for such events, could resume training.

However, the guidelines clarified: "Gym/fitness centres and swimming pools will not be opened until further government orders." It also made the use of Aarogya Setu app mandatory for all athletes and staff at the centres.

Reusable face masks must be worn by staff members and athletes, at all times, and adequate stock should be maintained by the organisations at all times, it said.

Six focus areas

Reviewing the Covid situation with District Collectors earlier yesterday through video conferencing from Chennai, Chief Secretary K. Shanmugam underscored the importance of six focus areas for containing the spread of infection in the coming days.

The meeting assumes significance as the number of persons infected by this virus has been going up in many districts and the present phase of lockdown comes to an end within a week. The

focus areas as mentioned by the Chief Secretary are: Focus on districts where cases are rising, focus on comorbid cases to decrease death rate, fever clinics, wholesale markets and industries to control mass spread, monitoring containment zones and increasing sample testing.

'Don't miss any death'

Taking a serious view of the inclusion of 444 unaccounted deaths due to Covid two days ago, Shanmugam directed all Collectors to ensure that there is no omission of Covid deaths in future. "District Collectors should coordinate and ensure that Covid death reports are properly reconciled on daily basis in each district without any omission, in consultation with local

bodies and ensure its submission to the State Health Department for its eventual notification," the Chief Secretary said in his letter to the Collectors.

Shanmugam said the Collectors should verify the daily death report received from all government and private hospitals and compare with local bodies' records maintained for cremation or burial to ensure that there are no omissions while reporting Covid deaths in future. The government has constituted a State-level committee to continuously scrutinise and reconcile Covid death reports on a weekly basis to avoid omission in the future.

12-month GST holiday can boost tourism, hospitality: VGP MD

Coronavirus aka COVID-19 pandemic has left the world shattered and governments across the globe are now scrambling to get their economies up and running in an era of 'New Normal' comprising of masks, social distancing and frequent sanitization. Tourism, hospitality and the entertainment industry have been the hardest hit as they thrive on huge footfalls.

Trinity Mirror spoke to a few industry experts to elicit their views on the current situation and the way forward.

In the first of this series, we publish opinions VGP Group of Companies Managing Director, V.G.P. Ravidas shared responding to our questionnaire.

He says, "the tourism, hospitality and entertainment industry can in fact rejuvenate the morale of the people, who have been forced to face unprecedented situations due to total or partial lockdowns. He also bats for governments (central and state) to provide a 12-month GST holiday to revive these crucial segments of the economy".

VGP Golden Beach Resort and VGP Universal Kingdom are a much sought after family destination and a big favourite for children and hence the tagline it is Disneyland of India.



VGP Group Managing Director, V.G.P. Ravidas

capacity utilization as social distancing will not be an issue at all.

Have owners of tourism, entertainment and hospitality protocols thought of alternate plans on utilizing their spaces for business profitability?

V.G.P. Ravidas: Speaking about our Group, we have ample open space in our resort, which can be used for gatherings such as weddings or family events. We can strictly adhere to restricting gatherings to 50 people as required - this could be a possible revenue stream.

Another idea that we have thought of is to use the large car park in our facility for a drive-in mini theatre.

How are such facilities coping up with extended periods of lockdown restrictions in terms of managing their staff as well as maintaining facilities?

V.G.P. Ravidas: Managing the staff under the lockdown situation is the most challenging problem. With zero revenue, it is difficult to pay salary of the staff.

It is wise to work with the teams and reduce salaries by 25 to 30 per cent till the business revives rather than layoff employees.

As far as maintenance is concerned, power consumption is the major issue, so have been working on reducing the connected load

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Palermo Open from Aug 3 to mark the return of tennis

Rome, July 25: With second-ranked Simona Halep joined by 2017 French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko and last year's Roland Garros finalist Markéta Vondroušová, this year's Palermo Ladies Open tennis tournament will be much expected as it comes amidst cancellation of all premier sports events due to COVID 19 epidemic. The Aug. 3-9 event marks the return of tour-level tennis following a five-month break for the coronavirus pandemic.

Other stars who will be competing are No. 14 Johanna Konta, No. 15 Petra Martić and No. 20 Maria Sakkari. The reason for such a high-profile field in a small clay-court tournament usually skipped over by top players is simple:

It's the first official event for men or women since early March.

2 militants killed in encounter near Srinagar

Srinagar, July 25: Two militants were killed in an encounter with security forces on the outskirts of Srinagar on Saturday, police said.

Security forces launched a cordon-and-search operation in the Ranbirgarh area on the outskirts of the city this morning following specific information about the presence of militants there, a police official said. He said as the forces were conducting the search, militants fired upon them.

The forces retaliated, ensuing a gunfight, the official said and the identity and group affiliation of the militants were being ascertained.

NRI women files lawsuit for delay in US work permit

Washington, July 25: An Indian woman has filed a lawsuit against the US Citizenship and Immigration Services for the alleged delay in issuing work permits, accusing the authorities of sitting on a backlog of at least 75,000 unprinted Employment Authorisation Documents.

Ranjitha Subramanya, who is on an H-4 dependent visa and her husband Vinod Sinha on H-1B work visa, in a lawsuit filed before a federal court in Ohio said that while her application to extend her H-4 status and Employment Authorisation Document (EAD) was approved on April 7, she did not receive the work authorisation card till date.

As a result, she was forced to stop working for her employer after her initial EAD expired on June 7, 2020.

Her employer has notified her that she will lose her job if she does not provide proof of employment authorisation by August 9, 2020, said her lawyer Robert H Cohen in the lawsuit.

An H-4 visa is a visa issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to the immediate family members of the H-1B visa holders. Spouses on an H-4 visa can apply for an EAD.

The lawsuit alleges that the USCIS is sitting on a backlog of at least 75,000 unprinted EADs.

Selling stove to cook at home!

Aurangabad, July 25: Having lost their livelihood due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown, a couple in Maharashtra's Aurangabad city has resorted to selling few valuable possessions they have to buy ration.

With no source of income, Motikaranja resident Mohammed Haroon and wife are trying to sell their induction cooktop, which they had purchased to save on LPG expenses just six months ago.

The 37-year-old, who worked as a helper at a company in Shendra industrial area, lost his job in the initial period of the lockdown.

"I bought groceries four months

ago and later some relatives helped us out. Now as we are running out of ration, we have to find our own way," Haroon said.

A Class 12 pass out, Haroon's wife would give tuitions to children from Urdu medium schools. However, once the viral outbreak began, children stopped coming.

"We used to earn Rs 15,000 per month before the lockdown, but now we are left with no income," said the father of two.

After selling his wife's jewellery to pay house rent, Haroon is now trying to sell the induction cooktop, which he had prudently purchased to save money on LPG cylinders.

Excerpts of the interview:

With the physical distancing becoming the 'new normal', how can the tourism, entertainment and hospitality sectors implement the same?

V.G.P. Ravidas: Some of the

COVID-19 tally touches 13,36,861

New Delhi, July 25: India's COVID-19 tally zoomed past 13 lakhs today, just two days after it crossed the 12 lakh mark, while the recoveries mounted to

8,49,431, according to the Union Health Ministry.

With 48,916 fresh cases, the country's coronavirus infection tally surged to 13,36,861, while the death

toll rose to 31,358 with 757 more people succumbing to the disease in the last 24 hours, data updated by the ministry at 8 am showed.

There are currently 4,56,071 active cases of COVID-19 in the country.

Terrorists holed in Kerala, Karnataka, says UN report

United Nations, July 25: A UN report on terrorism has warned that there are significant numbers of ISIS terrorists in Kerala and Karnataka, noting that the al-Qaida in the Indian Subcontinent terror group, which reportedly has between 150 and 200 militants from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar, is planning attacks in the region.

The 26th report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team concerning ISIS, al-Qaida and associated individuals

and entities said that the al-Qaida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) operates under the Taliban umbrella from Nimruz, Helmand and Kandahar provinces of Afghanistan.

The group reportedly has between 150 and 200 members from Bangladesh, India, Myanmar and Pakistan. The current leader of AQIS is Osama Mahmood, who succeeded the late Asim Umar AQIS is reportedly planning retaliatory operations in the region to avenge the death of its former leader, it said.

Thus, around 63.54 per cent people have recovered so far.

The total number of confirmed cases includes foreigners.

This is the third consecutive day when COVID-19 cases increased by more than 45,000.

Of the 757 deaths reported, 278 were from Maharashtra, 108 from Karnataka, 88 from Tamil Nadu, 59 from Uttar Pradesh, 49 from Andhra Pradesh, 35 from West Bengal, 32 from Delhi, 26 from Gujarat, 14 from Jammu and Kashmir, 11 from Madhya Pradesh and eight each from Rajasthan and Telangana.

Uploading of documents for arts and science colleges to begin from Aug 1

Chennai, July 25: The online upload of documents for government college of arts and science will start on August 1. The previously announced date was July 25.

Minister for Higher Education KP Anbalagan announced that "Tamil Nadu has 109 government arts and science Colleges. Around 92,000

seats in undergraduate courses are available for students in these colleges."

Tamil Nadu's government arts and science colleges started accepting applications for undergraduate courses online from July 20.

In order to help the students, the Government of Tamil Nadu has set up websites to accept applications

online. So far 2.09 lakh students have submitted their applications.

Initial date for uploading student certificates and documents online was set as July 25. It is now extended to August 1, on students' request. Students can upload their certificate on website <http://tngsa.in> from August 1 to August 10.

Fatality rate remains low: Minister

New Delhi, July 25: India has one of the world's lowest COVID-19 infection and death rates, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Friday, underlining that the recovery rate among coronavirus-infected patients in the country is 63.45 per cent while the mortality rate is 2.3 per cent.

For the third day in-a-row, the number of COVID-19 recoveries in a 24-hour span saw another record high with 34,602 patients having recuperated. This pushed the total number of recoveries to 8,17,208, the Union health ministry said.

The case fatality rate has further declined to

2.38 per cent, it said. India saw a record single-day spike of 49,310 cases, taking the country's tally to 12,87,945.

The death toll mounted to 30,601 with 740 new fatalities reported in a span of 24 hours, the ministry data updated at 8 am showed.

However, a PTI tally showed that there were 13,34,309 cases, with 31,353 deaths, according to the data provided by various state and Union Territory governments.

Speaking at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Health Ministers' Digital Meet, Vardhan spoke about the results of the lockdown.

"At 864 cases per

million and less than 21 deaths per million of our population, India has one of the world's lowest infection and death rates," he said.

Vardhan also emphasized how the Indian traditional system of medicine has also contributed substantially in boosting the immunity of the general population during COVID-19, according to a health ministry statement.

"There is currently no institutional mechanism within the SCO to discuss cooperation in traditional medicine that has the potential to fulfill the WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023 and also reinforce the

effective implementation of the joint statement on cooperation in combating epidemics signed at the Qingdao Summit in 2018," the statement quoted the Union health minister as saying.

Expressing his condolences at the loss of lives across the world due to COVID-19, Vardhan described India's political commitment to contain the pandemic and spoke on how Prime Minister Narendra Modi has "personally monitored the situation and ensured a pre-emptive, pro-active and graded response to prevent the deadly virus from spreading".



The mark sheets for Plus Two students were distributed today to all the students in Tamil Nadu. At Presidency Higher Secondary School for girls the students are seen receiving their mark sheets from their school headmistress MM Ramalakshmi. All the students could be seen wearing masks and maintaining social distance at all times.

SRM IST provides options to study abroad

Kattankulathur, July 25: SRM Institute of Science and Technology-SRMIST(formerly known as SRM University), Chennai, India, as a member of the India Global Higher Education Alliance of the US based College Board, which conducts the SAT examinations, is offering attractive scholarships of up to 35% for students with SAT scores. SRMIST offers exciting options, one should never miss, be it Transfer / Twinning program to study abroad after 2 years at SRM and completing the final 2 years abroad for the degree to be awarded by the overseas university or after completing graduation, or in opting for a top notch job through campus placement. With over 200 MoUs with universities overseas, the options are unlimited. On the job front, SRMIST offers incredible opportunities for placement. This year, the achievements have been remarkable with 8500+ job offers, 625+ companies recruiting, with a top salary of Rs. 41.6L, the highest ever by any university in India. SRMIST is a highly preferred university in India, QS 4 Star Rated Top No 1 Multi-Stream University, with over 50,000 students from across India, and 64 countries, 3,200 faculty, Semester Abroad Programs, Industry Internships, Student run Clubs and Labs. It offers a wide range of programs in Engineer-

ing, Medicine and Health Sciences, Management, Science and Humanities, Law and Agricultural Sciences. If you are an NRI/PIO/OCI seeking B. Tech degree, to avail domestic fee, one can apply through Admission(www.srmist.edu.in). SRMJEE stands cancelled due to the Pandemic. Admissions are now based on the ranking of marks obtained in 12th Standard / Equivalent through E-Counseling starting in the first week of August 2020. Those who are NRI/PIO/OCI or Foreign-cate-

Amazon announces 10 new fulfillment centres

Madurai, July 25: Amazon India recently announced the expansion of its fulfillment network in India, with 10 new Fulfillment Centers (FC) and expansion of 7 existing buildings. With this expansion, Amazon.in will have more than 60 FCs in 15 states, with a total storage capacity of over 32 million cubic feet. The new FCs include the specialized network of FCs for large appliances and furniture category and Receive

Centers. Amazon India's fulfillment network will be spread across a floor area of more than 3 million square feet, more than the land size of 100 football fields.

Davao launches Pre-med online classes

Chennai, July 25: Davao medical school foundation International Pre-med online classes was inaugurated by Actor .S.Ve.Shekar, Retd Chief Justice Valli Nayagan and TRW Groups CEO Dr. David K Pillai. According to CEO Dr. David K Pillai, "Davao medical school foundation is a Medical school in Philippines. This medical school has a reputation of producing top rank-



No Lockdown for Politicians..!

And in the midst of India becoming the world's second worst country, hit by the Coronavirus, yet indulging in dirty politics in the state of Rajasthan, in my mind's eye, I see a youthful lawyer, approaching a judge in some mighty court in our land, "Your honour is there no lockdown for politicians?" he cries. The kindly judge looks down at the young lawyer, "Who do you represent, young man?" "I represent the youth of our country facing unemployment, the poor staring at starvation, migrant workers braving death, and also every individual in this country pitted against the virus!" "And what is your plea?" "Your honour, I repeat, is there no lockdown for politicians? Today, when they should be focused on saving lives of their constituents, serving people through the availability of medication and more beds in hospitals, when their every thought should be eliminating this virus enemy, how can they

even think of knocking each other down?" The judge looked down at the young lawyer, remembering his own youth, when thoughts as zealous filled his mind, "Son," he said sadly, "Dastardly emotions of ego and greed cause these politicians to do this now!" "And your honour..." "Yes," said the judge. "Is this the time to spend billions on a new Parliament building, when a government in Maharashtra couldn't pay doctors they'd borrowed from Kerala, their salary? When preventive virus suits are substandard, our tests mediocre, our data fudged? When we have no funds to medicate the poor and give them a chance for one more breath on some dysfunctional ventilator? Is this the time to raze a good building just to show the world how great we are? Shouldn't greatness be in saving lives of the least of our brethren not giving more legroom for our elected representatives to stretch themselves

in comfort and then debate how to pull each other down?" The learned judge shook his head sadly. "Your honour," sobbed the young lawyer, "in this lockdown, we have just discovered our gods can be worshipped in our homes, in our hearts and in our minds, something that has brought calm between communities, a peace never felt before, as we have learned to make religion personal, and not a public display. Now, is this the time for politicians to start discussing a taller steeple, a bigger dome, or a larger pillar of a religious place?" The judge sitting in a court somewhere in the country, sighed as he watched the lawyer and all those he represented sobbing throughout the land in anguish. He wished he had the powers to enforce a complete lockdown on politicians, "they are bigger killers than the virus!" he thought sadly and wept with the rest of India.!

Nivea achieves Virtual Guinness World Record

NIVEA MEN, the complete male grooming brand, has added another feather to its cap with a new and one of a kind, virtual Guinness World Records feat. The record created was for the title, "Most People Washing Their Face Online Simultaneously" on alive stream where 119 Indian men participated with the newly launched, Nivea Men Acne Face Wash. In the wake of the current global pandemic where hygiene is of paramount importance, the participants enthusiastically rose to the challenge and washed their face for a minute, making a new virtual Guinness World Records feat for the skincare brand.

5000 students studying in the Philippines and about 2800 students have graduated from the college and are currently working

across the globe. Davao medical school foundation is one of the finest medical schools in the Philippines.

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NOTICE OF 33RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE
NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty Third(33rd) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Monday, the 17th day of August, 2020 at 12.00 Noon through Video Conference (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the business as set out in the Notice dated 21st July, 2020. The Company has sent the Notice of AGM on 24th July, 2020, through electronic mode to Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories in accordance with the circular issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs dated May 5, 2020 read with circulars dated April 8, 2020 and April 13, 2020 (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020.

The Members of the Company are hereby informed that pursuant to the Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 20 of the Companies Management and Administration (Amendment) Rules, 2015, the Members are provided with the facility to cast their votes on all resolutions set forth in the Notice of the AGM using electronic voting system (e-voting) provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL).

E-voting is optional and e-voting rights of the Members will be reckoned on the Equity Shares held by them as on 10th August, 2020, being the cut-off date. The remote e-voting period commences from 14th August, 2020 (9 A.M.) and ends on 16th August, 2020 (5 P.M.). During this period, the Members may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL thereafter. Those Members, who shall be present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and had not cast their votes on the Resolutions through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-voting system during the AGM. A Member may participate in the Meeting even after exercising his right to vote through e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again at the Meeting.

Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes Member of the Company after the Annual Report has been sent electronically by the Company and holds shares as of the cut-off date i.e. 10th August, 2020 may contact our RTA i.e. Cameo Corporate Services Limited, "Subramanian Building, No. 1, Club House Road, Chennai - 600 002, Tel: 044-28460390, Fax: 044-28460129 or email to cameo@cameoindia.com and obtain copy of Annual Report.

In case of any queries, the Members may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting User Manual for members available at the download section of <https://www.evotingindia.com/userdocs/FAQs.pdf> or send an email to CDSL Help desk at helpdesk.evoting@cdsliindia.com or call 022-23058542 / 43.

The results of remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM along with the Scrutinizer's Report will be placed on the Company's website and on the website of CDSL (www.evotingindia.com) within Forty Eight (48) hours of passing of the resolutions at the AGM to be held on 17th August, 2020 for information to the Members and communicated to the BSE Limited.

Book Closure
Notice pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 is also hereby given that the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 11th August, 2020 to 17th August, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of the AGM.

Place: Chennai
Date: 24th July, 2020
For Epsom Properties Limited
Rajesh Kumar Mallour
Managing Director

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Regd. Off: 8/11, Police Station Road, Pallavaram, Chennai - 600 043.
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NOTICE OF THE BOARD MEETING
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29, read with Regulation 47(1) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a meeting of Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Friday, 31st July, 2020** at its corporate office, No. 1034, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Dr. Rajkumar Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore, 560010 at 4.00 p.m. Inter alia to consider and approve the Audited Financial Results of the Company for the 4th quarter and year ended 31st March, 2020. Further, this notice is available on the website of the Company (www.oswalminerals.com) and Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited (www.mse.in/index.aspx).
For Oswal Minerals Limited
Sd/-
Place: Bengaluru Milan Maroti
Date: 24.07.2020 Company Secretary

SOUTHERN LATEX LIMITED
CIN: L25199TN1989PLC017137
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NOTICE
Noticels hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29 (1) (a) read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Monday, the 03rd August 2020, at Chennai to consider amongst others, the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended 30th June 2020.
The Notice is also available on the Company's website at www.southernlatex.in and also the website of the Stock Exchange where the shares of the Company are listed viz., BSE Ltd., www.bseindia.com.

For SOUTHERN LATEX LIMITED
Sd/-
KAVITHA.C
COMPANY SECRETARY &
COMPLIANCE OFFICER
Place: Chennai
Date: 25-07-2020

Indowind Energy Limited
CIN No.: L40108TN1995PLC032311
Kohari Buildings, 4th Floor, No.114, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034.

NOTICE
This is to inform that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Indowind Energy Limited will be held on Wednesday, 29th July, 2020 to consider inter alia, the Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31st March, 2020 either at Kohari Buildings, No.114, M.G. Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034 or/and through Video Conference.
For Indowind Energy Limited
Place: Chennai Sd/- Harsha J
Date : 24.07.2020 Company Secretary

Indus Finance Limited
CIN No.: L65191TN1992PLC022317
Kohari Buildings, 4th Floor, No.114, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600034.

NOTICE
This is to inform that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Indus Finance Limited will be held on Wednesday, 29th July, 2020 to consider inter alia, the Audited Financial Results for the quarter and year ended 31st March, 2020 either at Kohari Buildings, No.114, M.G. Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 034 or/and through Video Conference.
For Indus Finance Limited
Place: Chennai Sd/- K.K. Dinakar
Date : 24.07.2020 Company Secretary

Tablets (India) Limited
CIN: U24231TN1938PLC002883
Registered office: Jhaver Centre, R A Building, IV Floor, Old No.19, New No.72, Marshalls Road, Chennai - 600008, Tamil Nadu

Shorter Notice is hereby given to the members that the Company is intending to conduct an Extra Ordinary General Meeting on 29th July, 2020 at the Registered office of the Company situated at Jhaver Centre, R A Building, IV Floor, Old No.19, New No.72, Marshalls Road, Chennai - 600008 at 10.00 a.m. for passing Special Resolutions for Rescinding the Special Resolutions Passed For Conversion of Public Limited Company Into A Private Limited Company. Dispatching of notice is in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2013 and Rules made thereunder and Clause 1.2.2 of Secretarial Standard-2. Pursuant to the General Circular 14/2020 dated 08th April, 2020 and General Circular 17/2020 dated 13th April, 2020 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the company also proposes to circulate the notice calling Extra Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) by email to the members of the Company. In this regard, the members of the Company are requested to contact Miss. Ishwarya R. Officer - Secretarial through Telephone No 044-4205 0122 and shall register/update their email id or members shall also send an email to secdept@tabletsindia.com with their shareholding details for registration/update of their email id's for sending the notice of EGM through email and further for participation and voting in the above said meeting.

TABLETS (INDIA) LIMITED
Sd/-
M B PARAMESWARAN
Sr. G.M. FINANCE & COMPANY SECRETARY
Registered office: Jhaver Centre, R A Building, IV Floor Old No.19, New No.72, Marshalls Road, Chennai - 600008, Tamil Nadu
Date: 24.07.2020
Place: Chennai

Hemang Resources Limited
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Website: <http://bhatiacoindia.com/BILL/INDEX.htm>

NOTICE
(For attention of Equity Shareholders of Hemang Resources Limited)
(For Transfer of unpaid/unclaimed dividend and equity shares of the Company to Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) Account)
This Notice is published pursuant to the provisions of sub-section (6) of section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 including any amendment and re-enactment thereof.
To comply with the above provisions, the Equity Shares of the Company in respect of which dividend has not been paid or claimed for seven consecutive years or more are required to be transferred by the company to the demat account of the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) Authority. Accordingly, the Company has communicated to all the concerned shareholders at their address registered with the Company / Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) records, whose shares are liable to transferred to demat account of IEPF Authority, advising them to claim the unpaid dividend for the financial year 2012-13 and onwards. The Company has also uploaded on its website i.e. <http://bhatiacoindia.com/BILL/INDEX.htm> full details containing name of such shareholders and their folio numbers or DP ID / Client ID with their shares liable to be transferred to the demat account of IEPF Authority.
The Shareholders may please note that when the above equity shares would transferred into the DEMAT account of the IEPF Authority then such shares will not be available to the shareholder for sale or transfer or dealt with in any manner except as per the process and provisions as prescribed in the aforementioned rules of section 124(6) of the Companies Act, 2013.
The shareholders may further note that both the unclaimed dividend and corresponding shares including all benefits accruing on such shares, if any, once transferred to demat account of IEPF Authority can be claimed back from IEPF Authority after following the procedure in the aforesaid rules.
For any clarification in this regard, the shareholders may write to the Company and its Registrar & Share Transfer Agent viz, Link Intime India Private Limited C-101, 247 Park, L.B.S. Marg, Vikhroli (West), Mumbai - 400 083, Tel.: +91 22 49186270; Fax: +91 22 49186060, E-mail: rtm.helpdesk@linktime.co.in

For Hemang Resources Limited
Sd/-
Dharmendra Soyay
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer
Place: Chennai
Date: 25.07.2020

SREE MARUTHI MARINE INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Registered Office: 1/220, Kamaraj Street, Kelambakkam, Kanchipuram (Dist), Tamil Naud 603 103
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EXTRACT OF AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

Sl.No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 31st March 2020	Quarter Ended 31st December 2019	Quarter Ended 31st March 2019	Year Ended 31st March 2020	Year Ended 31st March 2019
1	Total Income from Operations	61.22	207.84	150.31	278.14	284.24
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax & Exceptional)	1.79	44.24	84.89	(31.17)	13.10
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items)	1.79	44.24	84.89	(31.17)	13.10
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional Items)	8.92	44.24	52.47	69.19	125.78
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive income (after tax)]	7.93	44.24	52.60	68.20	125.91
6	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs.10 each)	78.03	78.03	78.03	78.03	78.03
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year.	-	-	-	-	-
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -					
1. Basic:		1.02	5.67	6.74	8.74	16.14
2. Diluted:		1.02	5.67	6.74	8.74	16.14

Notes:
1. The above is an extract of the detailed form of Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Annual Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges (s) and the listed entity, <https://www.mse.in/Corporate/Corporate-Securities-Information/CorporateUpdate/default.aspx?type=2>
2. The Company has only one primary business segment viz., Industrial Salt
3. The figure for the quarter ended 31st March 2020 and March 31, 2019 are the balancing figures between the audited figures in respect of full financial year and published year to date figures upto third quarter of the respective financial year
4. These results are reviewed by the audited Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 23rd July 2020.
5. The above financial results are prepared in accordance with IND AS notified under the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015.
6. Previous quarters / years figures have been regrouped / reclassified or rearranged wherever necessary to correspond with the current quarters / years classification / disclosure.
For and on behalf of the Board
K. Gurumoorthy
Whole-Time Director
Date: 23.07.2020
Place: Chennai

NAME CHANGE	NAME CHANGE	NAME CHANGE
I, Prithviraj Ramesh Thambi Mathiyalagan, S/o. Thambi Mathiyalagan Ramesh, Date of Birth: 25.10.1996, residing at B-10, No. 54, East Side Enclave, Anna Colony, 1st Street, Besant Nagar, Chennai - 600 090, shall henceforth be known as PRITHVIRAJ RAMESH THAMBI MATHIYALAGAN.	I, Abubakar Sithik, S/o.M.Umar Kathap, Date of Birth: 23.06.1972, residing at Venus Enclave, Old No.43, (1, 2, 3) New No.46, 48, 50, Flat No.F1, First Floor, Nerukundam Pathai, Vadapalani, Chennai - 600026, shall henceforth be known as ABOBAKAR SIDDIQUE.	I, K.PADMANABAN, S/o. Kuppam, Date of Birth: 07.03.1972, residing at No.69/41, Raghavan Colony 1st Cross Street, Vadapalani, Chennai - 600 026, shall henceforth be known as PADMANABHAN.GKP.

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NOTICE OF 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND E-VOTING INFORMATION
NOTICE is hereby given that:
1. The 41st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited (the Company) is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. through Video Conferencing (VC)/ Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) without physical presence of the Members at a common venue, in compliance with General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") and the rules made thereunder and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), to transact the Ordinary and Special businesses as set out in the Notice dated June 15, 2020 of the AGM. Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM will be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act.
2. In compliance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular dated May 12, 2020, electronic copies of the Annual Report for F.Y.2019-20 also containing Notice of the AGM has been dispatched by e-mail on July 24, 2020 to all the Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depository Participant(s).
3. Members who have not registered their email addresses may temporarily get themselves registered with Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited ("Integrated") by clicking the link: <https://www.integratedindia.in/emailupdate.aspx> for receiving the Annual Report for F.Y.2019-20 also containing Notice of the AGM.
4. A person, whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. Wednesday, August 12, 2020 only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or for participation at the AGM and voting through Insta Poll. A person who is not a Member as on the Cut-off Date should treat this Notice for information purpose only.
5. In terms of the provisions of Section 108 of the Act, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 as amended and the Regulation 44 of the SEBI Listing Regulations, Members holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e. Wednesday, August 12, 2020, may cast their vote electronically on the Resolutions as set out in the said Notice of the AGM with facility of remote e-voting through electronic services provided by KFin Technologies Private Limited ("KFin"). All the members are informed that:
i. All the Ordinary Business and Special Business as set out in the Notice dated June 15, 2020 may be transacted through electronic means by remote e-voting.
ii. The date of completion of dispatch of Annual Report for F.Y.2019-20 also containing Notice of the AGM by electronic mode: Friday, July 24, 2020.
iii. The date and time of commencement of remote e-voting: Sunday, August 16, 2020 (9.00 a.m. IST)
iv. The date and time of end of remote e-voting: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 (5:00 p.m. IST)
v. The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by remote e-voting or at the AGM: Wednesday, August 12, 2020.
vi. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member after dispatch of the Notice, but holds shares as on the Cut-off Date for remote e-voting i.e. August 12, 2020, may obtain the login id and password by sending a request at nagaraja.ds@kfin.tech or evoting@kfin.tech or csdstd@integratedindia.in or secretarial@stfc.in.
vii. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by KFin for remote e-voting after Tuesday, August 18, 2020 (5:00 p.m. IST). Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.
viii. The facility for voting through electronic voting system will also be made available at the AGM ("Insta Poll") and Members attending the AGM, who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, will be able to vote at the AGM through Insta Poll.
ix. The manner of remote e-voting and Insta Poll at the AGM by Members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for Members who have not registered their email addresses is provided in the Notice of the AGM.
x. Information and instructions including details of user id and password relating to e-voting have been sent to the Members through e-mail. The same login credentials should be used for attending the AGM through VC / OAVM.
xi. Members may note that the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report for F.Y.2019-20 are available on the Company's website at www.stfc.in, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and on the website of KFin at <https://evoting.karvy.com>.
xii. In case of any queries/grievances, related to e-voting, the Member may contact the following person or may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Members and e-voting User Manual available at the "download" section of <https://evoting.karvy.com>:
Name : Mr. D S Nagaraja Designation : Deputy Manager, KFin Technologies Private Limited, Unit: Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500 032. Email ID: evoting@kfin.tech Tel: 040 6716 1582/ Toll free No. 1-800-3454-001
Alternatively, Members may also write to Company Secretary at secretarial@stfc.in.
In case of any other queries/grievances, the Member may send an email at csdstd@integratedindia.in to Integrated Registry Management Services Private Limited, Registrar and Share Transfer Agents of the Company.
6. The voting rights of Members shall be in proportion to their shares of the paid up equity share capital of the Company as on August 12, 2020 being cut-off date.
7. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Act, the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Thursday, August 13, 2020 to Wednesday, August 19, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of the AGM of the Company.
By the Order of the Board of Directors of
SHRIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Sd/-
Vivek Achwal
Company Secretary
Place : Mumbai
Date : July 24, 2020

Corona exposes failures of government worldwide



V.V.S.Manian

'I don't need to be looking at every failure of government; I need to be looking where failure of government needs reform.' Darrell Issa

The sting of the corona virus painfully pictures where politicians world over failed miserably. It exposed the deplorable state the world has been pushed into due to corruption. Some make money even in the midst of crisis thinking that they are going to live eternally to enjoy the fruits of their ill-gotten money. It also exposed how media hasn't done its duty for society by exposing the real picture of the downtrodden masses. Everywhere in cities of the world, slums crop up on the banks of nullahs and riverbeds, after doling out money to a local politician. These congested tenements cause health problems and spread diseases.

In India, the worst form of all nefarious activities and corruption flourished under Sonia Gandhi's family regime. They enjoyed the taxpayer's money and assets which is now getting exposed and their reputation for betraying the nation is now under serious scan. 'Garibi Hatao' was wishful thinking of Indiraji which the congress family buried along with her. The poor became poorer and the rich became richer. Now, it

has come to a state where the young aspirant youth will certainly rebel against corruption and dishonest politicians.

More or less this scenario was highlighted in a recent annual lecture for the Nelson Mandela Foundation by the Secretary General of the UN Antonio Guterres. In his lecture, he said that the corona virus pandemic had in fact exposed the inequality in the globe and the divide between societies. He added that there could be no equality in society until the entire system based on lies and foul play was altered. He highlighted the following points:

- COVID -19 is shining a spot on this injustice
- The world is in turmoil. Economics are in freefall
- We have been brought to our knees - by microscopic virus
- The pandemic has demonstrated the fragility of our world
- It has laid bare risks we have ignored for decades: inadequate health systems, gaps in social protection, structural inequalities, environmental degradation, and the climate crisis.

Every word has a serious meaning and should provoke a great deal of thought. He said that the entire system of inequality has to be reviewed and rectified. He cautioned that the 'notion that institutions such as IMF or World Bank could aid poorer nations has turned out to be a fallacy. Models of governance which do a better job of protecting the poor and offering them basic amenities need to be better studied and better understood so that we can possibly move toward a world that is fairer and less biased towards the wealthy.'



Antonio Guterres

The pandemic also exposed the greed of businessmen and the profit-making pharmaceutical industry. Obviously the pandemic has ignited social changes. We are traumatized by the most vicious and merciless politicians who have failed to dedicate themselves to the upliftment of the poor and the weak. We saw the eruption of movements of black people in the US, UK and across the world. The future should not be weak vs. strong or poor vs. rich or racial conflicts. The world has to change and now. Politicians have to focus more on reforms of the health sector and feeding the poor with nutritious food.

Pandemic economic disruptions Today the world economy is interdependent. The German economy is dependent on exports to China and North America. The UK is one of the major trading partners with China. China export is heavily dependent on the US and the European markets. In this scenario, countries need to work together to tackle the innumerable problems that are caused by the contagion. In this chaotic yet mutually dependent state, China showing military and muscle power and threatening India by aggression and show of military exercise is a brainless puppet show. It will be suicidal for its survival as 100 nations are ready to fight with the dragon. It is time for a united effort to remove the deadly virus and revive the global economy and focus on humanitarian welfare.

History has shown us how Roman and Greek politicians wasted all their time fighting with each other instead of serving the citizens. The answer is in the concluding remarks of Antonio Guterres:

- Are we going to make progress on eradicating poverty and narrowing inequality which has existed for years in a matter of months?
- We will succumb to chaos, division and inequality? Or will we right the wrongs of the past and move forward for the good of all? Time to think globally.

Clinical protocol kept death rate low in India



Dr. Ravi Chaturvedi

"Every problem has two solutions; run away or plunge head on till you reach the goal," said Nelson Mandela, the revolutionary South African leader and the first Black President of the Rainbow country. The Government of India, under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and professional-cum-proficient Health and Family Planning Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, are leaving no stone unturned to overcome the devastation unleashed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The World Health Organization (WHO) in its latest world-wide COVID-19 figures has come out with 13,378,853 confirmed cases and 580,045 deaths in 26 countries. The situation is still very alarming. According to the Johns Hop-



PM Narendra Modi appeals for social distancing Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Health & Family Planning Minister, at a press conference

kins University's (leading USA medical university) tracker, the global tally has crossed 13.3 million, as cases continue to rise by around 200,000 every 24 hours. There have been 578,628 deaths so far.

However, the picture in India, if not rosy is not gloomy either. India has recorded 10,05,637 cases and 25, 609 deaths, which translated to 19 deaths per one million population. Kudos to Dr. Harsh Vardhan and his team of dedicated doctors, officials and health-workers, whose efforts round-the clock work has ultimately paid off. The campaign against the COVID-19 continues unabated at top gear. However, there is a ray of hope



and light at the end of dark tunnel as the death rate in India is very low compared to the global scenario.

Dr. Vardhan, while analyzing the situation, said, "India's clinical protocol has focused on early detection through widespread testing, surveillance, prompt triaging and clinical management of cases. This has resulted in one of the lowest case fatality rate of 2.66%. Our success can be seen in the recovery rate which is almost 63% with more than 5.3 lakh patients recovered."

It is indeed heartening that that WHO has appreciated the Indian government's strong political leadership for focusing on crucial issues such as

developing diagnostics and being able to scale that up in quick time. The measures like systematic lockdown and unlocking in an organized manner have helped to combat the spread of the pandemic. WHO, in fact, made an apt comment, "It is time for India and other countries to think about a long-term strategy."

The Government of India deep down knows that battle ahead against COVID-19 is long drawn out. However, it draws inspiration from another saying of Nelson Mandela, "It is always impossible until it's done."

Ampersand trains TN anganwadi workers in special needs

Chennai, July 25: Ampersand Group owned Eduspark International Private Limited, a global leader in providing end-to-end school management services conducted an online pilot project in association with Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Government of Tamil Nadu, on 'Spectrum of Children with Special Needs For Anganwadi Workers' of Kancheepuram district on July 22 & 23, 2020, respectively.

The Department of Integrated Child Development Services, Government of Tamil Nadu and Ampersand Group involved 253 Anganwadi sevikas (workers) from Kancheepuram and St. Thomas Mount, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The training programme was conducted in Tamil language and aimed at

enhancing the skill-set of the anganwadi sevikas and other officials from the Integrated Child Development Services.

The objective was to provide the anganwadi sevikas with skill and knowledge to enhance their learning abilities while catering to the early education needs of children. The programme included Identifying Signs & Symptoms, Introduction to Special Education Needs, Classroom Management, and Parental Guidance and Counselling. The ICDS, Government of Tamil Nadu, is a pioneer with many innovative initiatives from 'noon meal schemes' to 'cradle scheme' and this initiative aims to impart skills to anganwadi sevikas with objective to improve the learning environment of children.

Speaking on the pilot project, Rustom Kerawalla, Chairman, Ampersand Group said, "We are thankful to the Government of Tamil Nadu for considering our services to translate the English language content of National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) into Tamil and conduct the training for the anganwadi workers. This will help them in engaging with children and create a strong structural foundation for their holistic development. We are looking forward to a long term association with the Government of Tamil Nadu and look to scale up projects in online and offline education, teacher training and skill development across the state."

Roshni Nadar becomes HCL Tech Chairperson, Shiv Nadar continue to be MD

Chennai, July:

The country's richest woman Roshni Nadar Malhotra became the first woman to head a listed Indian IT company as she took over as the Chairperson of USD 8.9 billion HCL Technologies from her father and billionaire Shiv Nadar.

Roshni, also a trained classical musician, came on the board of HCL Technologies in 2013 and was Vice Chairperson. She will continue as CEO of HCL Corporation, the holding company for all the group entities.

HCL Technologies announced that its founder and chairman Shiv Nadar stepped down from the role and the company's Board of Directors has appointed his daughter, Roshni, as the new chairperson with immediate effect.

Shiv Nadar, however, would continue to be the Managing Director of the company with designation as Chief Strategy Officer, the



company said in a statement.

HCL Technologies CEO C Vijayakumar said this was part of the company's succession planning exercise.

Roshni studied at Vasant Valley School, Delhi and graduated in communication with a focus in radio/TV/film from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. She also pursued MBA from Kellogg School of

Management.

She worked with Sky News UK and CNN America as a news producer before joining HCL Corp in 2009, and within a year was made executive director and then CEO at the age of 27.

According to the company website, Shiv Nadar is the chairman of the USD 9.9 billion HCL Corp. HCL Group includes HCL Technolo-

gies, HCL Infosystem, and HCL Healthcare.

Shiv Nadar is an institution in himself who has built many other great institutions which is so fascinating to watch and applaud. This took guts, intellect, passion and perseverance. There is only one of his kind that is why I call him the Shahenshah of the tech world. I wish him the best as he begins a new innings.

Profile

Roshni Nadar Malhotra is the CEO and Executive Director of the \$9.9 billion HCL Corporation, responsible for providing strategic guidance to the organization. She is also the Chairperson on the Board of HCL Technologies, a leading global technology organization with a market capitalization of \$20.5 billion, and the Chairperson of its CSR Committee.

Roshni is a Trustee of the Shiv Nadar Foundation, which is committed to the process of nation building by driving transformational leadership through education.

As the Chairperson and driving force behind VidyaGyan, a leadership academy for the economically underprivileged, meritorious rural students of Uttar Pradesh, Roshni has been working toward nurturing future leaders from rural India who can act as catalysts of

change for their communities, villages, and the nation at large

Roshni married Shikhar Malhotra, Vice Chairman of HCL Healthcare, in 2010 and the couple has two sons -- Armaan and Jahaan.

A passionate environmentalist, Roshni established The Habitats Trust in 2018 that works towards protecting India's natural habitats and its indigenous species. She has driven transformational efforts in the area of education as a trustee of the Shiv Nadar Foundation.

Roshni has received several honours and accolades in recognition of her work both in business and in philanthropy.

She featured in "The World's 100 Most Powerful Women" list compiled and released by Forbes in 2017, 2018, and 2019, consecutively. She was also conferred with the Lewis Institute Community Change-

maker Award by Babson College in 2017 and was recognized by Horasis, an internationally renowned think tank, as the Indian Business Leader of the Year 2019.

Roshni is also an alumnus of the Forum of Young Global Leaders (YGL, 2014-19), a unique and diverse community of the world's most outstanding, next-generation leaders, an initiative of the World Economic Forum. She established The Habitats Trust in 2018 that works towards protecting India's natural habitats and its indigenous species, and has driven transformational efforts in the area of education as a trustee of the Shiv Nadar Foundation.

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According to the latest Hurun Rich List, Roshni is India's richest woman with a net worth of Rs 36,800 crore. In 2019, she ranked 54th on the Forbes World's 100 Most Powerful Women list.

Industry body Nasscom tweeted a congratulatory message to Roshni.

"Congratulations #RoshniNadarMalhotra on your new role as Chief of @hcltech. Excited to see another #WomanInTech take charge at the workplace! We are sure HCL will achieve even greater heights in the future under your leadership," it said.

Varalaxmi plays cop role in Danny, a suspense thriller

The makers of Varalaxmi-starrer Danny had announced a while ago that the movie will release on an OTT platform on August 1. It was also said that director Lokesh Kanagaraj of Kaithi fame will release the film's trailer and he did it on Sunday evening.

Amidst lockdown, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar movie Danny is releasing in OTT platform Zee5 on 1 August. It is an action film written and directed by Santhanamoorthy. The film has Varalaxmi Sarathkumar in the main role as a cop.

An actress with immense interest to serve society, Varalaxmi says that her NGO Save Shakti has been championing the cause.

'We do a lot to empower and educate women'. And she also hints at entering politics but not very soon. 'Our country needs people who boldly voice out their opinion', she added.

People want to see good content. I want to be part of good films and even if it's a negative role I am ready to do it, says Varalaxmi Sarathkumar.

The actress plays Kunthavai, an intelligent cop who takes up the case of a brutally murdered girl with the



help of Danny, a brilliant dog. Yogi Babu, Vela Ramamoorthy and Vinoh Kishan among others essay crucial roles in the film. Cinematographer-filmmaker PR Muthiah will be presenting the movie, the trailer of which is close to two minutes. Santhosh Dhayanidhi has composed music for the project which has cinematography by B Anandkumar. SN Fazil has edited the movie which has action choreography by Billa Jegan.

The first look of the film, directed by Santhanamoorthy, was released a few months ago by Jayam Ravi.

OnePlus unveils 'OnePlus Nord'

Premium technology brand OnePlus recently launched the OnePlus Nord, the first product under its new, more affordable smartphone line. Unveiled in the world's first AR smartphone launch, OnePlus Nord features all the essential elements of the ultimate everyday smartphone: a diverse camera system, a smooth user experience, and the trusted OnePlus quality. Powered by the Qualcomm Snapdragon 765G 5G mobile platform, OnePlus Nord also continues to help usher in the 5G era by allowing more users to enjoy the unprecedented speeds of 5G technology.

Canon announces new campaign "India Ka Printer"

Committed to strive for excellence in the consumer printing space, Canon India, a leading digital imaging organization, rolled out its new campaign "India Ka Printer" to promote its multifunction inkjet printers across India. Strengthening Canon's leadership in the printing technology, the campaign aims to make Canon PIXMA G series Printer the ideal choice for every printing need from business proposals, projects, homework, Photographs or recipes. Packed with a wide range of advanced features & functions the printers aim to boost productivity and help users work more efficiently.

Bharathiar University, Uрath to bring RPA Skills to students

Chennai - Jul 25: UiPath, the leading enterprise Robotic Process Automation (RPA) software company, today announced that it has partnered with Bharathiar University, a State University based out of Coimbatore, as part of their Academic Alliance program. Through this partnership, UiPath will collaborate with Bharathiar University along with 130 affiliated colleges of the university and provide the necessary knowledge and tools to enable the mission of a robot for every student.

The Robot for Every Student initiative affords the ability to introduce RPA to the entire university, college or campus, whether the student is majoring in technology, business or any other field. The students can create their own software robot "assistants" to help them prepare for classes, do faster and better research, search for financial aid or jobs or even innovate a new process or solution to support non-profit work for the betterment of society. The company shall also

make available its educator readiness workshop to the faculty of these colleges in order for them to develop and adopt RPA skills which can be further integrated into the curriculum for the students.

The onset of COVID-19 has acted as a catalyst for organizations to adopt automation technologies. According to a recent report by NASSCOM titled COVID-19: Tipping Point for Automation, the global industry, including India, will require unprecedented and concerted attempts to recover and revive from the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis, and in this process, it will find itself at a crucial tipping point of mass-transition towards wide-scale automation adoption. Companies have already started looking at automation beyond cost efficiency for supply chain security, employee health and safety, etc. With this, the report suggests there will be an increase in the job opportunities in the RPA sector. In line with this, UiPath aims to upskill students at the collegiate

level to fully harness these future growth opportunities in India.

Speaking about the partnership, Prof. P. Kaliraj, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Bharathiar University said, "Our partnership with UiPath is in line with our vision to make our students future ready with an acumen for automation. We would like to thank UiPath for partnering with us in our efforts to make this a reality."

"Today, RPA cuts across sectors, enabling not just players in BFSI and healthcare, but also traditional MSMEs and SMBs in industries such as jewellery making, agarbatti production, social sector, etc. This accelerating adoption of automation will lead to an unprecedented demand in RPA skills," said Manish Bharti, President, UiPath India and South Asia. "Through our partnership with entities such as Bharathiar University, we want to democratize RPA and build the much-needed pool of future-ready RPA talent," he added.

On successful comple-

Chennai, Jul 25: BSE listed Best Agrolife Ltd., a leading global player in agrochemicals sector and one of India's largest manufacturers of agro-inputs is first in India to have granted license/registration for manufacturing DIRON, a super systematic insecticide with quick uptake and

Best Agrolife Ltd to launch insecticide DIRON

Chennai, Jul 25: Brand Factory, India's one of the leading Fashion lifestyle company, is introducing two new strategies to attract its customers. They introduce "Assisted Shopping" and "Virtual Shopping" in their stores, to help the customer safely purchases their products. All you have to do is

Vivo X50 Series to go on sale

Vivo India is all set with the first sale of the much-awaited camera centric premium smartphones- X50Pro and X50 from today onwards. The smartphone that promises to redefine the photography experience, will be available at offline retail partners including Reliance, Croma, Vijay Sales and other offline partner retail stores across

India. For online buyers, the X50 Series is available on vivo India E-store, Amazon.in, Flipkart, Paytm Mall, Tata Cliq and other major e-commerce websites. vivo will also be launching the all-new vivo truly wireless earphones, TWS Neo that assure a music listening experience like no other.

Dell introduces the 2020 PC gaming portfolio

Dell Technologies and Alienware in India recently launched the latest in PC gaming with the Alienware m15 R3, Dell G5 15 SE, Dell G5 15, and Dell G3 15. Addressing a nascent and developing market for gaming PCs in India, Dell had introduced Dell G Series gaming laptops back in 2017. With Dell G Series gaining growing popularity among casual to intermediary gamers, Dell has strengthened its focus with the G Series portfolio with design, game functionality and performance packed in together, to get users game ready.

tion of courses under the UiPath Academic Alliance program, students will receive a course completion certificate jointly issued by UiPath and the partner institution. These students will also be better prepared to clear the UiPath Certified Professional examination, an industry recognized RPA credential.

The UiPath Academic Alliance program aims at building skills needed for the new automation era and helps build careers in one of the fastest growing sectors in the IT industry. The program provides a broad and deep curriculum for students of all backgrounds with hands-on technical and business skills they need to succeed. Till date, UiPath has partnered with more than 200 leading academic and skill development institutions across the country, thereby benefiting 100,000 students.

Consulate of Korea conducts competition for review of films

Chennai, July 25: The Consulate of Korea in Chennai who is our Cultural Partner desires to conduct a competition for review of Korean films.

E Thangaraj, General Secretary - Indo Cine Appreciation Foundation said, "As you are aware that Korea has produced a lot of Korean films which have won many awards globally. They require a review of any Korean film which you might have witnessed and enjoyed as a film buff in our screening programmes and in your opinion as the best among the lot.

We therefore request you to kindly arrange to give a review of any feature film which you consider as the best among the lot explaining the best aspects of the film which have impressed upon you to rate as the best Korean film. We request you to give a brief about the film including the name of the film, the Director.

The reviews will be made available to a panel of Jury Members and the Winner will be given an award by the Consulate later. We are confident of your kind active participation and response.

Your review may be in writing or through a video and kindly ensure that it reaches us on or before 15th August 2020. Please make sure the review is within 100 words.

Kindly send your review and your details (name, email id and phone number) by email on iindocine.ciff@gmail.com

Vetrimaaran, Suriya Kalaipuli S Thanu join hands for 'Vaadivasal'!

Vetrimaaran, Suriya and Kalaipuli S Thanu join hands for the highly anticipated 'Vaadivasal'!

Following the huge success 'Asuran', Director Vetrimaaran and Producer Kalaipuli S Thanu unite again for 'Vaadivasal' with Suriya playing the lead role.

On the occasion of Suriya's birthday, Producer Kalaipuli S Thanu released the first look of 'Vaadivasal' and wished him a happy birthday. Actor Suriya is likely to join hands with award-winning filmmaker Vetrimaaran.

Reports in media houses also suggest that Kalaipuli S Thanu who bankrolled Vetri's blockbuster film

'Asuran' will be producing the new film. Thanu and Suriya had previously worked together in 'Kaakha Kaakha' and 'Maayavi'.

But we hear that Suriya's immediate next film will be with director Hari and the shoot will commence very soon. Meanwhile, Vetrimaaran has a film with comedy actor Soori and the director



has also narrated a script to Thalapathy Vijay.

Considering the prior commitments of both Suriya and Vetrimaaran, it's unclear whether they will be joining hands immediately in 2020.

Emirates offers travellers added peace of mind

Chennai, July 25: With international flights slowly resuming operations and destinations across the world reopen to tourism and business, Emirates has implemented comprehensive measures to ensure the health and well-being of passengers on every step of their journey, both on the ground and onboard - including high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters.

HEPA filters force air through a fine mesh that traps particles and filters 99.99 percent of particles and airborne contaminants

such as viruses and bacteria. The cleaned and filtered cabin air is then mixed with fresh air drawn in from outside. The mixed air is circulated back into the cabin at the right pressure and temperature for passengers' comfort.

Depending on the configuration of the aircraft, Emirates has installed 8 such filters on the B777, and 18 or 19 filters on the A380. All the filters will be working throughout the flight, giving passengers peace of mind that they are breathing fresh, clean, and filtered air on the flight.

Living with the Floods

China is facing the worst floods in the last one hundred years despite having made the largest numbers of dams in the world. We too are facing floods in Bihar despite having arrested flood waters in the Tehri Dam. The reason is that we consider the rivers only as carriers of water and ignore their role as the carrier of sediments. We forget that the land mass from Haridwar to Kolkata has been made by the sediments brought by the Ganga. The water of the Ganga has been spreading all around for thousands of years and depositing the sediments. These sediments which have now become the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal. Yet, floods also cause human suffering. Question is how should we deal with this?

Ganga has the highest load of sediment among the major rivers of the world. She deposits some sediments in her channel every year. Then, these sediments are pushed to the sea during a major flood that comes in five or ten years and the channel is restored to its earlier depth and high capacity to carry water. However, we have stopped such major floods by making the Tehri Dam and removing much water from the Haridwar and Narora Barrages for irrigation. As a result the sediments being deposited in her channel every year are no longer being pushed to the sea; the level of the channel is gradually rising; the Ganga's capacity to carry the flood waters is getting reduced; and even a "small" flood now inundates the banks and cause huge damage as being seen in Bihar today. We have actually increased the flood fury by making the Tehri Dam.

The Farakka Barrage has made the problem worse. Hydrologists tell us that even making the pillars of

a bridge cause serious obstruction to the flow of the river and reduce its velocity and ability to carry the flood waters. It follows that the velocity of the Ganga is reduced even if all the gates of the Farakka Barrage are opened. The reduced velocity leads to the river depositing more sediments upstream of Farakka. This leads to double reduction of the capacity of the Ganga to carry the flood waters. The reduction in velocity directly reduces the amount of water that she can carry to the sea; and reduction the depth of the channel further reduces the amount of water that she can carry. As a result, the floods in Bihar are increasing. Some scientists believe that the flow of the Ganga has been reduced from Barh to Farakka while others believe that the flow has been reduced from Buxar onwards. The capacity of the tributaries like Kosi and Gandak has been reduced in tandem because the Ganga cannot accept the water brought by them just as it is difficult to enter a Second Class railway coach that is already full. No wonder Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has been asking for a reassessment of the Farakka Barrage.

Two studies got done by the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation have found that the reservoir of the Dam will get completely filled up in 140 to 170 years. Thereafter, we will not be able to hold any water and the major floods will be restored. However, by that time the sediments deposited in the riverbed would have got stabilized and hardened and the major floods may no longer be able to push the sediments to the sea as they can do today. In this way, we are putting our future generations in peril in our quest of controlling the floods today.

Another fateful conse-

quence of arresting the sediments in the Tehri Dam is that the sediments that would have reached the Sunderbans are no longer reaching there. This is leading to huge erosion. The sea has a natural hunger for sediments and it begins to eat the land if its hunger is not met. The erosion of Sunderbans is partly due to the rise in sea level due to global warming but also partly due to the deprivation of the inflow of sediments from the Ganga. It can be said that the Tehri Dam and Haridwar and Narora Barrages are "eating" away the sacred land of the country by opening the path for the sea to eat our land. Indeed, the Tehri Dam is providing drinking water to Delhi and these barrages are providing irrigation and enhancing our food security—but at the cost of the sacred land of our country.

The engineers of Bihar are not behind. They have made number of embankments on the sides of the rivers. They wanted to restrict the flow of the river to her channel so that the flood waters did not spread and create havoc. The people were surely helped. But for how long? The sediments brought by the rivers got deposited between the embankments and that is leading to the rise in the level of the river beds. The engineers raised the height of the embankment in parallel. Soon the level of the riverbed became higher than the surrounding land. The river now flows above the ground like the Metro Rail. And, when the embankments break, as they necessarily have to sooner or later, then the water gushes out and inundates much larger area because the land between two rivers becomes like a bowl and the flood waters cannot now flow to the sea since their pathways are obstructed by the raised river courses.

We will have to learn to live with the floods. I had an occasion to study the floods in Gorakhpur in the nineties. Local people told me that previously the floods were welcome. Villages were made on raised lands and people lived safely in their houses during the floods. The flood waters used to flow like a sheet of water. They brought sediments that fertilized the soil. They used to grow certain varieties of paddy that increased in height as the flood waters rose. The floods would soon recede and they got not only paddy crops but fertilized soil for their rabi crop.

We will have to revert to this approach of "living with the floods." We will have to remove the dams, barrages and embankments. We can still obtain drinking water for Delhi and irrigation for our fields by undertaking groundwater recharge in the plains of Uttar Pradesh. We can store about 76 billion cubic meters (cumecs) water in the ground water aquifers of UP. The 2.6 billion cumecs stored in the Tehri Dam is a pittance in comparison. However, the engineers love large toys like dams, barrages and embankments because of obvious reasons but these will only push us into deeper floods and human suffering. India and China have to choose between toys for our engineers and safety of our people and protection of the sacred land of our country.

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Palaniswami accords top priority for growth of MSMEs

Chennai, July 25:

The MSME sector has witnessed Rs.2.24 lakh crore investments and generated 98.7 lakh employment opportunities during the last nine years and the Government of Tamil Nadu is committed to the development of Industries said P Benjamin, Minister for Rural Industries including Cottage Industries, Small Industries, at the three day Tamil Nadu MSME Summit organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) starting from 23rd to 25th July 2020 with the theme 'Prospering in the Challenging Times'.

During this COVID situation, Government headed by Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami through Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation sanctioned Rs.200 crores for MSME sectors. In that already



130.81 crores have been disbursed to 1140 MSME industries in our state, Minister added.

Further, the Minister said that, a special package for pharma industries who are involved in the production of COVID-19 related medicines are offered by the State Government like, SIDCO land allocation on fast track basis, six months exemption for the installment payment of SIDCO land, Rs.56 crores capital subsidy for MSMEs among others.

Dr K Gopal, Principal Secretary, MSME department, in his keynote address said that the MSME department is addressing all the issues of MSMEs in a day to day basis. The link between large industries and MSME is inevitable and Government is bringing more investments to our state and also initiating more skilling programs to develop the skills of local youth. He mentioned that the Chief Minister and MSME Minister are giving top priority for the development of MSME sector.

J Natarajan, President & COO of Karur Vysya Bank while giving his address said that the pandemic situation brought together, the government, bank, Industry in a single forum to address the issues of industries. KVB has 56% of its branches in semi urban and rural

areas, further he said that MSME sector is the top priority for their bank.

Hari Thiagarajan, Chairman, CII Tamil Nadu welcomed the gathering and mentioned that Indian MSME sector is the backbone of Indian Economy which contributes 34 % of Manufacturing output and generates 120 million job opportunity and 45% overall export comes from MSME sector which grows 10% year on year. While thanking the local bodies during the COVID-19 situation, he also mentioned that after the successful completion of Luminous Tamil Nadu conference many investors started coming to Tamil Nadu. He urged the MSME units to revisit skilling and upskilling of their employees and also relook the value addition of their products which will give more income for the sector.

Chennai, July 25: 100% lockdown condition without any relaxations will prevail throughout the State of Tamil Nadu tomorrow (Sunday, 26th July). All shops will remain closed. 100% lockdown is imposed on all Sundays in the state of Tamil Nadu,

MGR's statue found draped with saffron in Puducherry: CM demands action

Puducherry, July 25:

A statue of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M G Ramachandran was found draped with a saffron shawl at Puducherry leading to protest by AIADMK and Chief Minister V Narayanasamy on Friday assured members of the territorial assembly that quick action would be taken against the culprits.

The AIADMK founder leader MGR's statue, in standing posture at the Puducherry-Villanoor junction in the union ter-

ritory, was found draped with a saffron shawl on Thursday evening.

AIADMK co-coordinator and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami condemned it as a "barbaric" act.

Days after social reformer Periyar's statue was smeared with saffron paint at Coimbatore leading to brief tension and arrest of a fringe Hindu outfit functionary, he said vandalising and desecrating the statues of leaders "is a shameful barbaric act." It caused

grief, he said and urged Narayanasamy to take swift action and bring the miscreants to book and the anti-socials behind such elements.

When AIADMK MLA in Puducherry, Anbalagan, after staging a protest last night, raised the issue in the House on Friday, Narayanasamy assured strict action against culprits.

Against the background of popular Tamil spiritual hymn "Kanda Sashti Kavacham" getting allegedly denigrated by a group "Karuppar Koo-

tam," Palaniswami said hurting people in the guise of freedom of expression through cheap criticism went against the very human civilisation.

Tamil people would never accept such tactics to fetch votes by inflicting the unity and integrity of India, he said.

The Chief Minister, however, did not directly name any group or refer to the controversy following the alleged objectionable post by Karuppar Kootam.

Total lockdown in TN tomorrow

Chennai, July 25:

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100% lockdown is imposed on all Sundays in the state of Tamil Nadu,

especially in places where there are a large number of people who keep moving.

Accordingly, a 100% lockdown will be effective on Sunday, tomorrow (26th July). All the vegetable and grocery shops and the petrol bunkers will remain closed. Vehicle

movement on roads is also banned.

The Police department has warned that if there is any violation of the movement restrictions, immediate stringent actions will be taken on those who roam around the roads.

However, permission

for movement has been allowed for the vehicles carrying essential goods, ambulances, and vehicles carrying dead bodies. Further, the personnel employed in newspapers/television channels gathering news will be permitted to travel.

Rs. 11 cr for community wells in districts

Chennai, July 25:

The Tamil Nadu government has sanctioned Rs 10.19 crore to install community wells for the benefit of 1,233 small, marginal, SC/ST and women farmers in the state.

The scheme announced in assembly will be implemented through the agriculture engineering department. The scheme will benefit the members of the 118 farmers organisations in 47 revenue firkas, that have been

identified by the public works department as safe for groundwater extraction in 14 districts.

The districts are Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Krishnagiri, Kanyakumari, Chengalpet, Madurai, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Salem, Sivaganga, Tiruvallur, Virudhunagar, Kallakurichi and Villupuram.

The scheme is aimed at digging tube wells, borewells, open wells, and installing solar-powered pump sets, and supplying

water through pipes to the field, said an official release.

The state government will extend up to a maximum of Rs three lakh for digging 90m depth tube well, Rs 1.1 lakh for 100m depth borewell, Rs 6.5 lakh for 20m depth open wells. Installation of 5HP solar water pumps will get a maximum of Rs 3.25 lakh, 5HP electric water pumps Rs 75,000 and laying of water pipes Rs 20,000. The members shall bear the additional

expenses if they want to increase the depth or additional HP pump sets.

The farmers organisations should register with the cooperative societies to avail the benefits of the scheme. They should judiciously use the water among themselves and bear the expenditure arising out of maintenance of the facilities and the electricity charges. The government would take efforts to expand the scheme to other districts, the release added.

IIT Madras startup gets fund for developing wearable COVID detector

Chennai, July 25:

A wearable wrist tracker to detect COVID-19 symptoms at an early stage will be available in the market next month with its developer, a IIT Madras incubated start up, raising a funding of Rs 22 crore for the purpose.

"Muse wearables", the start up incubated at IIT Madras by an alumni group along with an NIT Warangal alumnus, is planning to launch the trackers in 70 countries.

The wrist-based tracker has sensors for skin temperature, heart

rate and SpO2 (blood oxygen saturation) which can continuously track these body vitals remotely to help in early diagnosis of COVID-19 symptoms.

The tracker will be Bluetooth-enabled and can be connected to the mobile phone via an app called the Muse Health App. The user vitals and activity data are stored in the phone as well as a remote server. Administrative access can also be provided for centralized monitoring of people in containment areas for COVID-19 symptoms.

The tracker can get notifications from the Arogya Setu app and alert the user when she enters a COVID containment zone.

Users can raise an Emergency Alert (SOS) in case of any difficulty and the alert is raised when body temperature is higher than the threshold. The app also alerts people when SpO2 levels are too low or when the user is entering into a COVID containment area.

"We are targeting two lakh product sales this year with plans to

achieve 10 lakh product sales by 2022 across the world. The investors believe in our innovations and believe that we can create a huge difference in the consumer tech space and we have been able to generate a funding of Rs 22 crore," KLN Sai Prasanth, an IIT Madras alumni.

Priced at around Rs 3500, the new wearable product will be available in the market for consumers across 70 countries by August.

TN reports 6,785 new cases

Chennai, July 25:

Tamil Nadu continued to witness a surge in Coronavirus cases with the biggest daily spike of 6,785 fresh infections reported on Friday, pushing the tally towards the two lakh mark.

The count rose to 1,99,749 with

the addition of the fresh cases, a health department bulletin said.

The death toll climbed to 3,320 with 88 fatalities.

On Thursday, the state reported 6,472 new cases and 88 fatalities.

According to the bulletin, 6,504 people were discharged today after

recovery, taking the recoveries to 1,43,297.

Continuing with the aggressive testing, health workers tested 65,150 samples on Friday, pushing the aggregate to 22,23,019. Chennai reported 1,299 fresh cases today.

Ban online gambling, Madras HC suggests

Madurai, July 25

The Madras High Court on Friday voiced concern that unemployed youth were being lured and made to become addicts by portals offering online gambling games such as Rummy and suggested that the Tamil Nadu government take measures to pass suitable legislation for regulating them through license.

A comprehensive regulatory framework by a regulatory body was necessary for online sports and to curb illegal activities as well, Justice B Pugalendi observed while cautioning that if a youngster losing money in the gamet turned out to be a criminal it would wreak havoc on the society.

The court was discussing the issue as a senior state police official had earlier submitted, in response to a court query, that

there was no rule to regulate and license the online skill games, he said.

Such a regulation would encourage investment in the sector, which could lead to technological advancements as well as generation of revenue and employment, he said while quashing a criminal case filed against a teacher for taking part in a card-based gambling.

Noting that the social media was attracting the youngsters to play online games by offering prize money, the Judge said those getting addicted to games such as Rummy, a card game, were losing money and getting frustrated. "Keeping all these aspects in mind the government should regulate and monitor such virtual-games, like some states which had amended their prevailing gaming

acts, the Judge said.

Pointing to the state governments ban on lottery tickets and usury which ruined many families, he said similarly the online games also should be regulated to prevent alarming situations while keeping in mind the law of the land as well as judicial procedures.

The government, if it intends to enact a law in this regard, should put on notice all the stakeholders and get their views before bringing the legislation.

In the instant case, the Judge said the teacher, who was booked under the Tamil Nadu Gambling Act, even according to the police had played cards near a thorny bush and the place cannot be termed as a common gaming house.

TN releases additional funds of Rs 76.50 crore to set up oxygen tanks

Chennai, July 25:

The Tamil Nadu government on Friday announced release of Rs 76.50 crore additional funds towards strengthening infrastructure in supply of oxygen to treat COVID-19 infected patients at government run health care facilities.

Health and family welfare minister C Vijaya Baskar in a statement here said Chief Minister

K Palaniswami has issued orders towards release of the funds in addition to the Rs 75.28 crore which was already released to set up oxygen pipelines to serve the patients.

The additional funds would be utilised to strengthen the oxygen supply in hospitals located at Taluk levels (in the state), setting up of "high vacuum exhaust system" and for establishing oxy-

gen tanks at the hospitals, the release said.

With the "high vacuum exhaust system" the atmosphere in the hospitals can be cleaned benefiting the patients in the hospitals, the release said, adding oxygen was normally stored in gas form in cylinders and served to patients.

"But with the establishment of the oxygen tanks, oxygen in liquid form

stored for a distance of one kilometre gets converted into gas for upto 835 cubic metre thereby avoiding any disruption in supply of oxygen to the patients..." the release said.

The initiative would further strengthen the government's efforts in checking spread of COVID-19 virus and also in enhancing its services to patients.

Workshop on 'Integrated Disease Surveillance at Panchayat level'

Chennai, July 25:

A Workshop involving webinar participants on Integrated Disease Surveillance at Panchayat level was held under the chairmanship of C. Ponnaiyan, Vice Chairman, State Development Policy Council (SDPC) Tamil Nadu on 22.07.2020 at 11.00 am with stakeholder departments and domain experts at the HDV Conference Hall, Ezhilagam.

The objective of the workshop was to discuss the interventions required from the stakeholders in Integrated Disease Surveillance (IDSP) is a programme for the prevention and control of epidemic prone diseases through which the occurrence of communicable

diseases is monitored on 24 x 7 basis. Occurrence of infectious diseases is notified to the local bodies concerned, PHCs for organising control measures. Cases from neighbouring States are also notified through IDSP. State level, District level and block level Rapid Response teams are formed to organise control measures on war footing.

Anil Meshram Member-Secretary, Dr.K.S.Palanisamy, Director of Rural Development, Dr. P.Sampath, State Surveillance Officer/Joint Director(Epidemics), Directortae of Public Health & Preventive Medicine (DPH&PM), Dr.ArulAnand, Medical Officer, Universal Health

Care & Urban Health, DPH&PM, Dr.Lakshmi Devi, Nodal Officer, IDSP, Greater Chennai Corporation, Tmt.Uma Maheswari, Joint Director, Town Panchayats and officials from concerned Departments participated in the meeting.

Dr.P.Sampath, State Surveillance Officer/Joint Director(Epidemics), Director of Public Health & Preventive Medicine (DPH&PM) presented the existing structure of IDSP, Classification of Surveillance in IDSP, Reporting Units for disease surveillance and role of Panchayat Raj in IDSP. The Vice-Chairman, SDPC suggested to propagate the significance of reporting by the pub-

lic to higher levels and about the prevalence of epidemic diseases in their area through Print media, Electronic Media and also Social Media and to extend the IEC activities at micro level by covering all the streets and lanes in rural and urban areas.

The Member Secretary, SDPC suggested Rural Development Department to work on joint training programme / Sensitisation Programme on Disease Surveillance with Health and Family Welfare Department and Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women for all Self Help Groups in Tamil Nadu.



A memorial meeting and unveiling of statue near Chennai Port Trust for veteran trade unionist and leader of Tamil Nadu unit of Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) G Kalan. 82 year old G Kalan passed away last month. INTUC office bearers Executive president M. Panneerselvam, General Secretary B. Srinivasan paid floral tributes and recalled the yeomen services rendered by him. Secretary A. Natarajan, Vice-Chairmen Gopalsami, Pugalalagi, Thirumal, G. Prakash, M. Elumalai were also present at the event..