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New styles and outstanding art talent marks 5th National Women Artists Painting Exhibition



Pondicherry Art Akademy is actively encouraging and promoting art and creative talents for the past 8 years in which they have organised and curated 26 art events and exhibitions successfully. On the occasion of International Women's day with an aim to encourage the women artists, Pondicherry Art Akademy organises National Women Artists' Group show every year. This year is their 5th edition. In this show, 70 women artists from all over India are participating and displayed wonderful works of art which is a

visual treat. The Exhibition was inaugurated on 8th March 2019, International Women's Day at Dakshina Chitra, East Coast Road, Muttukadu, Chennai in a grand manner. Pondicherry Art Akademy Founder and Secretary Artist G. Sridalaadevi welcomed the guests and the gathering. The President of Akademy Kalaimamani artist K.K.Segar, honoured the chief guests and shared the achievements of the Akademy and told the importance of creating a platform for the women artists. Artist M.Senathipathy, President, Cholamandal Artists' Village inaugurated the show and encouraged then participants. He also wished the academy a great success. At the inaugural ceremony, artist M.G. Raffic Ahamed, the guest of honour appreciated the new style and outstanding display of art works done by the participants. Artist Lakshmi Krishnamurthy, Head-Dept of Visual Arts, Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts released the catalogue of the show and gave tips for the artists. Artist Gita Hudson, Painter, Filmmaker & Curator of Dakshin Chitra received the 1st copy of the catalogue and shared few of her experience to all the women artists and also invited all of them to exhibit in Dakshina Chitra in future. To encourage the participants, 3 paintings were selected for award. The award winners are namely, Artist. Chiquita Ravi – Chennai, Artist Dr. Kanchan Murhekar – Nagpur and Artist Vaishnavi Shankhwalkar – Goa. The show will continue on till 30th March 2019 at Dakshina Chitra, East Coast Road, Muttukadu, Chennai

- By Elwyn

Stories launch its First Chennai Store in Palladium Mall, Velacherry

March 8, 2019: Stories, a Global Home Concepts Store, has formally launched its First in Chennai at the marquee address, the Palladium Mall, Phoenix Market City, Velacherry. The Chairman of the Bronet Group, Mr. Haris K P inaugurated the Store in a glittering function attended by select elite of the City. Stories has 5 stores in Bangalore, Pune, Cochin & Calicut and are branching out in to Chennai, taking in to account the fact that they have been servicing the requirements of Tamil Nadu customers from both the Bangalore and Kochi Stores. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Haris said that this store set in 3000 sft area, would certainly be fulfilling the aesthetic and space needs of Indian conditions and the globe-trotting multi-cultural multi-ethnic new generation. In fact, tracing the origin of the very concept of Stories, he mentioned that what gave birth to this concept store was the absence of one single store entity which could meet the one of Founder's requirements when he was looking for furnishing his home with something not only ergonomically functional but modern and aesthetic as well. The launch was followed by two sessions for architects and builders, where display of furniture, furnishing and other accessories in the mock up living room, bed room, etc., was arranged elegantly for a real touch and feel of the same. This was much appreciated by the architect and builder community, who came in good numbers to witness the same. After putting in years of research and explorations and understanding the customer needs, Stories' first foray was in Kozhikode of Kerala in 2010, bringing from 19 countries (including Italy, Germany, Turkey, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, China and Vietnam), world-class furniture, furnishings and home accessories to every class of people. Stories also help the discerning customer who wants the complete designing for his home on an end to end basis by helping with the furniture design



and sourcing the furniture and other items from select vendors. The success of this outlet has prompted the management to open new stores in Bangalore, Cochin and Pune as well. Mr K P Saheer, Founder and Group MD, indicated that Stories plans to expand its footprint significantly and is targeting to have 20 Stores across India by 2020.

Valedictory Ceremony Held At Velammal



Velammal Main School, Mogappair campus organized Valedictory Ceremony on 9th March, 2019 in the school campus. The guests of honour Dr. C.V. Chitti Babu, Associate Professor and Dept. Head of Bio Technology and

Mrs. K.R. Bindu, Professor Dept. of English, Guru Nanak College, Velachery presided over the function. Prizes were distributed to 100 percent attendance holders, General proficiency students and Uniformed Services students for

their undaunted service. Classical and Western dance by the students of ECAYLP were a feast to the eyes. The guests appreciated the resolution, determination and hard-work of the achievers.

“Nothing is impossible for 130crore Indians” declares Hon’ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 5th Global Business Summit

The final day of the 5th Global Business Summit was kicked off with the Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s address where he made a resounding declaration of the positive changes that the government has brought about in the last five years and the significant improvements the country has made on almost all global rankings since 2014. PM Modi said, “Since we have formed the Government, hesitations have changed to hopes, obstacle to optimism and issues to initiatives. Since 2014, India has made significant improvement in almost all international rankings. World’s perception about India is changing.” His power packed speech further outlined a \$10 trillion vision for the country and making it third largest economy in the world. “With the support and partnership of the people, India has made rapid strides since 2014. This was not possible without Jan-bhagidari. It is this experience that gives us confidence that our country can provide opportunities to all its citizens, to grow, prosper and excel,” PM Modi said, “During 2014-19, the country would register average growth of 7.4 per cent and the average inflation would be less than 4.5 per cent. Post liberalisation of Indian economy, this will be the highest rate of average growth and lowest rate of average inflation witnessed

during the period of any government,” PM Modi said. He expressed his confidence in the way Indians are changing and making the impossible possible, PM Modi said, “It was said that a corruption free government is impossible, but people of India have made possible. Namumkin ab mumkinhai.” “Before 2014, we heard about a competition of a different kind -- competition on corruption and delays. But, now we have a competition at whether India will get 100% sanitation first or 100% electrification first,” he further said. “We have moved away from the A,B,C mentality A for avoiding, B for burying and C for confusing. Instead of avoiding, we dealt with the issue; Instead of burying it, we dug it out and communicated to the people; Instead of confusing the system, we showed a solution is possible,” the PM added. He said India will take the lead in Industrial revolution now, “India may have missed the bus in the first three industrial revolutions. But this time it’s a bus that India has not only boarded, but will also drive,” eliciting hearty applause from the audience comprising policy makers, and corporate honchos from India and across the world. He further said, “It is technology that is bridging the gap between the 'haves' and 'have nots' in India.” “When we made the fastest

train, we also eliminated all unmanned crossings. When we are aiming to land in Mars, we are also ensuring a roof for every Indian,” the PM added. “We are not just making in India. But, also now innovating in India,” the PM said “Today change is clearly visible. After 2014 hesitation has been replaced by hope. Obstacles by optimism. And issues are replaced by initiatives,” he added.

Complimenting the relevance of this year’s theme said, “Let me first compliment you on choosing the word 'social' as the first word of your theme for a business summit. I am also happy to note that the people present here are discussing the challenge of how to make development sustainable, which happens to be the second word of your summit. When you talk about scalability, it gives me hope and confidence that you are discussing the solutions we need today.” He ended his speech on a high note, saying, “Making India a 10 trillion dollar economy, 3rd largest economy, give countless people energy security, reduce import dependence and become leaders in electric vehicles and energy sources.” The Global Business Summit 2019 is presented by The Economic Times and YES BANK and powered by Facebook. This year’s theme is sustainability, scalability and social change.

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Zee Tamil set to strengthen its viewership with launch of 5 novel shows



Reiterating its commitment to presenting fresh and novel content to its viewers, leading Tamil General Entertainment Channel Zee Tamil has announced the launch of 5 shows, 2 non-fiction shows and 3 fiction shows that is set to transform the channels proposition to strengthen its programming with original content. Over the channels' 10-year journey in the General Entertainment Industry, the channel has set a benchmark with its distinct non-fiction shows such as Mr. & Mrs. Khiladies, Junior Superstars, Sa Re Ga Ma Pa & Dance Jodi Dance and novel fiction shows such as Sembaruthi, Yaarade Nee Mohini, Oru Oorla Oru Rajakumari and Poove Poochudava among others. The new show launches are namely, Sathya (Fiction). The storyline of the show revolves around Sathya – a brave, honest and free-spirited tomboy who gets married to Prabhu under

unforeseen circumstances. The journey of acceptance and love that blossoms between the couple and Prabhu's actions towards supporting her dreams and ambitions forms the crux of the story. Junior Super Stars (Non-Fiction) is all set to celebrate Zee Tamil's commitment to providing the best platform for those who aspire to make their dreams come true. Kandukondein Kandukondein (Fiction) series is weaved along the complexities of tradition and astrology, the story encompasses the journey of love of a young couple who are brought together by the forces of fate and destiny. The story will showcase a unique bond between the grandmother & her grandson who lives abroad but decides to move to India to care for her. PiriyaadhaVaramVendum (Fiction) captures a unique love story between a couple that overcomes all odds to come together in the present generation despite the factors

that separated them centuries ago. Petta Rap (Non-fiction) fun-filled musical game show will be the perfect blend of fun and joy for fans of entertainment that is sure to leave audiences at the edge of their seats and wanting more. Speaking on the launch of the new shows, Mr. Siju Prabhakaran, South Cluster Head – Zee Entertainment Enterprises Pvt. Ltd said, "Over the last 10 years, the strength of Zee Tamil has been in its unique storytelling which encapsulates the ethos, culture and tradition of Tamil Nadu that Tamil audience cherish and hold close to their hearts. The testimonial to our success lies in our strong story-telling that has made our stars members of Tamil households around the world. With the launch of the new shows, we aim to present our viewers with new frontiers of entertainment that will present the channel as the entertainment destination across all age groups."

Appreciated for doing good for students



As per instruction from Samagra Siksha Abhiyan (Integrated Education for All), Chennai Middle School Balaji Nagar Royapettah had conducted a Kalvi Seer Thiruvizha by involving all the 165 Parents and the well wishers of the school. A rally with all the donated items was conducted with the flagging off by Block Resource Educators Mr.Nagarajan and Mr.Gopinathan to convey this message to the public to make use of the Govt / Corporation School's

initiatives. Donations included stationery items Furniture's, Toilet items and the stationeries for the kids. Mr.Panneer Selvam Retd Asst Director(Fisheries) appreciated the schools' events in the presence of G.Thangaraj Dist Coordinator, NGC which comprises Herbal Garden, Hand Wash Unit, Wall Paintings, Spoken English Classes and Self Defense. Mrs.Thenmozhi HM of the School Proposed the vote of thanks after receiving Thins worth Rs 1.75 Lakhs.

Honoured for the coordination of 167 hand wash events at 100 venues



Students of Microbiology, Kumararani Meena Muthaiah College of Arts and Science Adyar Chennai conducts Hand wash programmes to School / college students periodically with the techniques and methods as prescribed by the Govt with the coordination and involvement of National Green corps(NGC) movement for the past 8 months under the supervision of Professors Mrs.Bobini, Mrs.Leena, Mrs.Asha and Mrs. Anandhi. In commemoration of the 100

events in Schools and Colleges, District Coordinator, NGC G.Thangaraj was honoured by Principal Dr.Vijayashree in the presence of Health Education Officer Dr.Srinivasan for the coordination of 167 hand wash events in 100 venues of Chennai, Thiruvallur and Kanchipuram Districts. 52 Trainers visited 102 schools by travelling 725 Kilometers and 450 Health Kits were given to the 12778 beneficiaries. G.Thangaraj, District coordinator can be contacted on 98840 23824.

BetterU announces new partnership with Pearson

BetterU Education Corp. is pleased to announce its partnership with Pearson, a digital learning company. To help working professionals update their skills and progress in their careers, Pearson India offers Pearson Professional Programs (PPP) in partnership with leading higher education institutions, faculty and content providers from around the world. This partnership will allow betterU to offer the courses by Pearson Professional Programs, on the education-to-employment platform. Pearson Professional Programs has partnered with leading educational institutions, faculty and content providers like Columbia University, London School of Business and others from around the world to help working professionals update their skills and progress in their careers. The blended executive education programs offered by

PPP span a variety of functions and industries, for participants of varying seniority levels (top, senior and middle management). It offers courses that are relevant to the current needs of evolving workplaces like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning etc. "Pearson shares betterU's vision of helping learners' upskill for the needs of tomorrow," said, Sameer Vatsa, Country Head of India, betterU. Commenting on the partnership Varun Dhamija, Vice-President, Pearson Professional Programs, Pearson India said, "In today's fast-paced business climate, it is important to develop the right skills among professionals to become tomorrow's business leaders. We are delighted to partner with betterU to offer our cutting-edge programs that will help professionals sharpen skills to meet business and industry-specific needs."

Celebrate Everyday Is Womens Day with Gits Food

Gits Food Products Pvt. Ltd, the pioneer in convenience food in India, ahead of the International Women's Day has launched a video highlighting women empowerment. Conceptualized by Lowe Lintas, the uplifting video is live across social media platforms – YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and OTT. The digital film highlights the journey of a woman and the challenges faced by her in the society. It illustrates how repeatedly women are told 'jaga raso me hain' (their place is in the kitchen) irrespective of her relationship. The film shows how she successfully balances her way through home and finds happiness, pride and self-worth at work at the

Gits Food factory. The factory's current workforce consists of 98% women and has successfully enabled real change in their lives. Commenting on the video, Mr. Sahil Gilani, Director – Sales and Marketing, Gits Food said, "Gits has always promoted women empowerment by employing nearly an all women factory workforce, 98% to be precise. This practice has been around for over 6 decades and has women whose 3 generations have worked at Gits. It gives us immense pride to showcase a story unique to the hundreds of women who are part of the Gits family workforce." YouTube link of the video: #EveryDayIsWomensDay

Velammal Student Wins In Basketball Skill Challenge



Master S. Monish, Std III of Velammal Main School, Mogappair Campus won the 1st place in the U 10 category among 200 participants across Tamil Nadu in the Basketball Junior NBA skill challenge organized by Reliance Junior NBA held at Santhome School. He was awarded with a certificate a prize for his winning spirit.

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