

## Monte Carlo Launches Spring Summer 2019 Collection with Global Styles

**Ahmedabad:** Summers are all about fun vacays, crazy times with friends and more! Now, Monte Carlo, India's leading fashion and premium apparel brand, gives you more reasons to celebrate with its latest offerings. As an attempt to take a fresh leap forward in the world of fashion, Monte Carlo comes up with their latest Spring Summer 2019 collection, to titillate the fashion forward crowd.



matching the mood of the spring-summer season".

According to MS. Monica Oswal, "We, at Monte Carlo, believe in offering the best to our customers while keeping their vivid lifestyle in mind. With premium raw material and supreme styles available internationally, our Spring Summer collection 2019 fits perfectly into the 'latest trending' criteria of our fashion conscious patrons,

The collection, which is in line with the latest international fashion trends, puts emphasis on ultra chic, suave and trendy pieces that are primed to dominate the fashion industry. The range is brimming with fresh and bold colors & unconventional silhouettes, best suited for the playful mood of the new season. (13-9)

## YES BANK Partners U.T. Administration of Diu to Launch Bharat QR

**Ahmedabad:** YES BANK, India's 4th largest private sector bank announced the launch of its Bharat QR digital payment service, in partnership with U.T. Administration of Diu for 200+ retail shops. The digitization project aims to benefit over 30,000 residents of Diu to buy daily essentials while also giving tourists convenience of cashless experience during their travel in the Union Territory (U.T.). The joint project with the U.T.'s Administration is among many such initiatives planned by YES BANK towards Diu's transformation into a Smart City.

From simply scanning a code. For customers who visit retail shops to buy daily essentials, Bharat QR eliminates the need to carry cash or use other payment methods when transacting with any merchant. Similarly, merchants need only display one single QR code supported by YES BANK at the storefront or through their mobile application provided by the Bank.

Developed by NPCI, BharatQR, world's first interoperable payment acceptance solution primarily works by scanning QR codes. With the roll-out of Bharat QR by YES BANK, for the first time in Diu, merchants and consumers will have a seamless, safe and secure payment method to transact

Commenting on the launch, Mr. Ritesh Pai, Chief Digital Officer at YES BANK said, "YES BANK is pleased to partner the Administration of Diu to make Bharat QR live for all retail transactions in the UT, giving one-code convenience to citizens, tourists and merchants. YES BANK continues to be ahead of the curve in introducing progressive digital payment solutions and remains committed to the twin national agenda of Digital India and financial inclusion." (1-7)

## CHEMTECH WORLD EXPO TO BE HELD IN MUMBAI

**Ahmedabad:** 2019 Finland based Outokumpu, leading stainless steel manufacturer will be showcasing its enhanced range of products and technical services in emerging high-end applications in the sectors of energy, oil and gas, chemical processing, water treatment and desalination plants during the Four day CHEMTECH World Expo to be held at Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai from February 20-23, 2019.

technologies for applications across Refining & Petrochemicals, Chemical & Fertilizers, water treatment, Nuclear energy and various other manufacturing industries

The Four day Chemtech World Expo 2019 is being organised with support of Union Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers and Union Ministry for Water Resources, Government of India. Exhibitors from across the world will showcase

"Stainless steel is becoming a metal of choice worldwide as it symbolises sustainability in the corrosion prone critical key industries. As a leading and oldest global stainless steel player, Outokumpu will present its products, services and capabilities at the event. The company will highlight how speciality stainless steels provide sustainable solutions for safer and more reliable processes," said Mr Yatinder Pal Singh Suri, Managing Director and country Head, Outokumpu India. (1-7)



The Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh chairing a meeting of floor leaders of political parties in both houses of parliament, to hold consultations in the wake of the Pulwama attack, in New Delhi on February 16, 2019.

## Shri Pranab Mukherjee releases "Selected Speeches" of Vice President

A day after the ghastly terror attack on a CRPF convoy in Jammu & Kashmir, the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has asserted that the efforts of the neighbouring country to destabilise India can no longer be tolerated. He said "It is unfortunate that our neighbour has been aiding, abetting, funding and training terrorist groups. This attempt to destabilise and impede our progress can no longer be tolerated. We must stand united in our resolve to make every inch of our motherland a safer place."

At the release of the book "Selected Speeches" of Vice President, Shri Naidu by the former President, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, hundreds of participants mourned the loss of lives of CRPF soldiers in the Pulwama terror attack by observing silence.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Venkaiah Naidu spoke at length on the issues confronting the country and various institutions and the need for a united effort to build a good future for the people based on the past and

effectively handling the complexities of the present.

Shri Naidu stressed that "Nationalism is all about asserting that 'I am Indian first'. It is an overarching umbrella under which all our immediate identities are subsumed to form a larger collective. Unfortunately, certain misinformed individuals and organisations are fomenting trouble, and creating divisions where none existed before." Nationalism implies sharing a common past, a common present and a common future and in our country that has shown the power of peaceful coexistence and non-violence to the world, the acts of bigotry and narrow sectarianism should be strongly condemned.

Referring to the Polls soon to be held for Lok Sabha and some State Assemblies, Shri Naidu said "I would like to see more men and women being elected as legislators and parliamentarians with national outlook and having in them the four virtues of Character, Calibre, Capacity and Conduct" and not to

allow the political system to be vitiated by Cash, Caste, Community and Criminality. He urged the people to demand a report card from the public representatives and make a critical assessment of their effectiveness at the time of voting in the elections.

Conveying anguish over chronic disruptions in legislatures, Shri Naidu stated "Dysfunctional legislatures strengthen the demand for 'recall of legislators'. I am afraid we are close to this stage if things do not change". Stating that our legislatures instead of becoming effective forums of debate, are being reduced to 'disruptive platforms', Shri Naidu said "Against the backdrop of worrisome functioning of our Parliament and State Legislatures, this disruptive, dysfunctional tendency needs to be made an election issue".

The Vice President noted that disrupting the functioning of legislatures is a clear negation of the vision of the makers of the Constitution, an affront to the

spirit of the Constitution, apathy towards the hopes and aspirations of the people and utter disregard for people's mandate. "It is a matter of concern that political discourse is reaching a new low in recent years. We should reverse this trend at the earliest" Shri Naidu said.

Referring to the just concluded Budget Session, the Chairman of Rajya Sabha Shri Naidu said that it was a matter of concern that despite the political slugfest over farm sector distress, the Members of Rajya Sabha and the parties did not find it necessary to discuss the direct income assistance to farmers announced in the interim Budget. He also noted that the Motion of Thanks to the President should have been adopted after detailed discussion. He particularly expressed concern over some leaders in Rajya Sabha telling him in the daily morning meetings that normal functioning of the House for the day cannot be allowed under instructions further to cropping up of some issue or the other instead of raising the same in the House.

## E-Cigarettes Are Effective at Helping Smokers Quit, a Study Says

**Ahmedabad:** E-Cigarettes Are Effective at Helping Smokers Quit, a Study Says. A yearlong, randomized trial in England showed that e-cigarettes were almost twice as successful as products like patches or gum for smoking cessation.

It has been one of the most pressing unanswered questions in public health: Do e-cigarettes actually help smokers quit? Now, the first, large rigorous assessment offers an unequivocal answer: yes.

The study, published Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that e-cigarettes were nearly twice as effective as conventional nicotine replacement products, like patches and gum, for quitting

smoking. The success rate was still low - 18 percent among the e-cigarette group, compared to 9.9 percent among those using traditional nicotine replacement therapy - but many researchers who study tobacco and nicotine said it gave them the clear evidence they had been looking for.

The study was conducted in Britain and funded by the National Institute for Health Research and Cancer Research UK. For a year, it followed 886 smokers assigned randomly to use either e-cigarettes or traditional nicotine replacement therapies. Both groups also participated in at least four weekly counseling sessions, an element regarded as critical for success. -

## Senior Citizens celebrate the week of love with Big Bazaar's Young Elder's Walkathon



**Ahmedabad:** While everyone shares gifts to make their loved ones feel special, what's better than gifting yourself with a healthier life? Big Bazaar, one of India's leading hypermarket by Future Group organized Young Elder's Walkathon on 16th February to celebrate love for fitness and good health. Big Bazaar's Young Elder's Walkathon was held in 40 plus cities with over one lakh participants who joined the walkathon in their respective cities.

Mr. Sadashiv Nayak - CEO at Big Bazaar, commented on the initiative saying, "Age is truly just a number and the walkathon held across the country was a testimony of this phrase. Young Elders as we address them at Big

Bazaar form an integral part of all our stores; which is why year-on-year and week-on-week we dedicate a day to glorify their presence. We are happy to see many young elders participate in the walkathon every year."

As part of Big Bazaar's Young Elder's Walkathon, a path was identified 1km away from the respective store in each city. Young elders participating in the Walkathon demonstrated what true love stands for by happily joining the 1km walk to the stores where they were provided with refreshments. The young elders who participated were overwhelmed with happiness at the finish line for completing the Walkathon. (19-10)

## Jalgaon-Udhana Doubling and electrification Rail Project to be inaugurated

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, will visit Yavatmal and Dhule, in Maharashtra, on 16 February 2019. He will unveil multiple projects in the state.

PM will inaugurate Eklavya Model Residential School, at Nanded through the press of button. The school has a total capacity of 420 students with the state of the art facilities. It will help in improving quality of education amongst tribal students and also provide an avenue for their overall growth and personal development.

PM will hand over the keys to selected beneficiaries for the e-Gruh Pravesh of houses constructed under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY).

PM will flag-off Ajni

(Nagpur)-Pune Train through video link. The train comprises of three tier air conditioned coaches and will provide overnight service between Nagpur and Pune. The foundation stone of roads under central road fund (CRF) will be laid through the press of button.

PM will also distribute certificates/ cheques under Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission (MSRLM) to women SHGs. MSRLM aims at social mobilization towards financial inclusion which help in ensuring farm and non-farm livelihoods opportunity through facilitation of door-step delivery of financial services.

PM will later visit Dhule in Maharashtra. There he will inaugurate Lower Panazara

medium Project under PMKSY. The Project was included in Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchan Yojana (PMKSY) in 2016-17. It has a total water storage capacity of 109.31 MCum with Irrigation Potential of 7585 hectares benefitting about 21 villages of Dhule district.

PM will lay foundation stone of Sulwade Jamphal Kanoli Lift Irrigation Scheme. This scheme envisages lifting 9.24 TMC of flood water from river Tapi in 124 days of monsoon season. It is proposed to irrigate 33367 hectares area of about 100 villages of Dhule district.

Foundation stone of Dhule City Water Supply Scheme under AMRUT will be laid by PM. It will ensure water availability to boost industrial

and commercial growth.

He will lay foundation stone of Dhule-Nardana railway Line and Jalgaon - Manmad 3rd Railway Line. PM will Flag-off Bhusaval-Bandra Khandesh Express Train through video link. It is an overnight train and will provide direct connectivity between Mumbai and Bhusawal. The train will run three days a week.

He will inaugurate Jalgaon-Udhana Doubling and electrification Rail Project. The project will increase the capacity of ferrying passengers as well as goods. It will act as a catalyst for development of Nandurbar, Vyara, Dharangaon and other places on the section.

## PM praises the valour and pride of Indian soldiers

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that perpetrators of Pulwama terror attack act will be punished. He has warned the perpetrators and those aiding and abetting terrorists that they have made a big mistake and will have to pay a heavy price. Stating that free hand has been given to the security forces to act, PM dared Pakistan not to live in illusion that it can destabilize India.

He was addressing a public gathering today before flagging off Vande Bharat Express between New Delhi and Varansi from New Delhi Railway Station.

Following is the preliminary draft of English rendering of PM's statement on terror attack in Pulwama based on the extracts from his speech on this occasion.

"At the outset, my tributes to the soldiers martyred in the terror attack in Pulwama. They have laid down their lives for the country. My heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their near and dear ones in this hour of grief.

I know there is deep anger, your blood boils looking at what has happened. At this moment, there are expectations and the feelings of a strong response which is quite natural.

We have given full freedom to the security forces. We have full faith in the bravery and valour of our security forces. I am hopeful that the patriotic fervour will ensure that people will provide correct information to our agencies so that we can intensify our efforts to crush terror.

I want to tell the terror outfits and those aiding and abetting them that they have

made a big mistake. They will have to pay a very heavy price for their actions.

Let me assure the nation that those behind this attack, the perpetrators of this attack will be punished.

I also understand the sentiments of those who are criticising us. They have full rights. However, it is my request to all my friends that it is a very sensitive and emotional moment and the nation stands united in its fight against terror. We should speak in one voice and rise above politics. The message which should go across the world is that we are one nation, one voice in our fight against terror, the fight which we have to win.

Our neighbour which is already isolated by the global community is in a state of illusion, if it thinks that it can demoralize India with its dastardly acts and nefarious designs. Let me state categorically that it should stop day dreaming to destabilize India. This neighbour of ours which is in a state of economic despair

Must know that nay such attempt is destined to fail and will be foiled.

Times and again it has been proved that those which follow such routes are destroyed themselves. The course which we have adopted is one of progress and development. 130 crore Indian will give a befitting reply to any such act or attack. Many big countries have strongly condemned this terror attack, have stood behind India and expressed support for India. I am thankful to all these nations and appeal to them to join hands in the global fight against terrorism.

## Pahari Dam Modernization Project Dedicated to the Nation

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, visited Jhansi today. He laid the foundation stone of Defence Corridor in Jhansi and unveiled various development projects.

Addressing a public gathering on this occasion, he said, "Our neighbours' intentions will be given a befitting reply by the people of India. All major world powers are standing with us & supporting us. The messages I have received show that they are not only sad, they are angry too. Everyone is in favour of ending terrorism."

PM said, our brave soldiers have sacrificed their

lives and these sacrifices will not go in vain as he promised that the perpetrators of Pulwama attack will be punished. He said, "Our neighbouring country has forgotten that this is a new India. Pakistan is roaming around with its begging bowl but it's not getting help from the world."

Laying the foundation stone of Defence Corridor, PM told that the Defence corridor in Jhansi Agra stretch would create a lot of direct and indirect employment to the youths of this region. Many Foreign and Domestic defence related companies will invest in this region. They

would impart skill development to the workforce in this region, he added. PM underlined the importance of the project saying that the youth can earn from near their hometown and need not migrate. The defence corridor will also help in making India self-reliant in defence production, he added.

PM laid Foundation Stone of Piped Water Scheme for the rural areas of Bundelkhand Region. He said that this is not only a pipeline project but a lifeline to this drought prone region. It will save the efforts of our mothers and sisters to fetch water from far off places and drinking water would be provided through piped connection to every house.

Under AMRUT scheme, PM laid the foundation Stone

of Jhansi City Drinking Water Scheme Phase-II. He told that a Rs 600 crore project is coming up to use Betwa river water for drinking purpose for Jhansi and adjoining villages..

Foundation stone of doubling of 425 km long Jhansi-Manikpur and Bhimsen-Khairair railway lines and Coach Refurbishing Workshop in Jhansi was also laid by the PM on this occasion.

PM inaugurated the electrification of 297 km long section of Jhansi- Khairair section. The projects would create lot of employment opportunities and would lead to the overall development of Bundelkhand region. Speaking on this occasion PM wished that Bundelkhand region will develop like Kutch in Gujarat which is similar to this region.

West- North Inter-Region Power Transmission

Strengthening Project to ensure uninterrupted power supply to Western Uttar Pradesh was dedicated to the nation. today, would go a long way in meeting the power demand in this region.

Another highlight was the inauguration of the Pahari Dam Modernization Project. The project will benefit farmers by reducing the water leakage from the dam and make more water available for the farmers.

PM also said that under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana about Rs. 7.5 Lakh crore will be deposited in the bank accounts of the farmers directly. Similarly transferring the subsidy, scholarship, etc directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries have saved Rs.1 lakh crore in leakages, he added. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, visited Jhansi today. He laid the foundation