**GOVERNMENT OF UTTAR PRADESH (UP) AND GARENA SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) TO PROMOTE ESPORTS IN UP USING YOTTA'S LOCAL DATA CENTRE INFRASTRUCTURE**

**LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH, 28 July 2023 —** The Government of Uttar Pradesh and Garena, founded and headquartered in Singapore and a leading global games company, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today as part of a strategic partnership to position Uttar Pradesh on the frontlines of esports, by using Yotta's local data center infrastructure.

This partnership comes on the back of Uttar Pradesh being the first state in India to incorporate esports in its sports policy in March 2023, in order to engage youth and develop the esports and games industry in the state as well as in India, as a complement to overall sports development and promotion.

As a leading global esports and game developer as well as publisher, Garena will organize international esports events and tournaments in Uttar Pradesh with the aim of developing and showcasing Indian esports talent across the globe.

In order to support this vision, Yotta will be Garena's provider of choice in India (including at its state of the art data center park at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh), for data center hosting services including colocation, cloud, bare metal, cybersecurity, and network connectivity to support Garena's product offerings in India, including in esports.

As a MeitY-empanelled, highly secure, hyperscale data center and cloud service provider, Yotta is well-positioned to deliver a state-of-the-art technology backbone for Garena's services, including the protection of sensitive data and personal information of Indian service users.

The MOU was signed at the KD Singh Babu Stadium, Lucknow in the presence of State Minister for Sports Shri. Girish Chandra Yadav, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Additional Chief Secretary for Sports Shri. Navneet Sehgal and Mr. Gang Ye, Garena co-founder. Mr. Sunil Gupta, Yotta co-founder and CEO, also signed an MOU with Mr. Gang Ye to provide comprehensive data center and cloud hosting for Garena's services in India.

His Excellency Mr. Simon Wong, the High Commissioner of Singapore to India, added, "This collaboration is testimony to the thriving technological synergy between our countries, and with Uttar Pradesh especially. As a marquee Singapore company, Garena's partnerships in Uttar Pradesh are positive examples of the broadening economic ties between both nations."

Agreeing, Mr. Gang Ye, Garena co-founder, said, "Uttar Pradesh's progressive esports policy was a key reason behind our partnership with the state government. We look forward to contributing to the development of the esports community as well as the data center industry in India, in partnership with Yotta."

State Minister for Sports Shri. Girish Chandra Yadav said, "Signing of the MOU with Singapore-based Garena will help develop esports skills and games competition for the youth. The state-of-the-art data center infrastructure in Uttar Pradesh will also boost esports here."

Mr. Navneet Sehgal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Sports, Uttar Pradesh Government said, "UP is steadily becoming the sports capital of India. Esports is the future and we are excited that this is the first time ever a global brand like Garena has chosen Uttar Pradesh to host tournaments. Esports is the future and Uttar Pradesh is proud to be at the forefront. We look forward to a successful collaboration. We recently organised the most successful Khelo India University Games, Asian Youth Handball Championship, Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships, ITF Men's $25k and are now getting ready to host the Davis Cup and MotoGP in September. Sports has truly become the soft power of the state."

Mr. Darshan Hiranandani, Yotta chairman and co-founder, said, "Yotta is committed to being the data center, cloud and managed services provider of choice not only to enterprises, startups and governments, but also to top hyperscalers and leading global technology firms like Garena. We are also proud to be able to support the development of a vibrant esports ecosystem through this partnership."

**About Garena**

Garena, a wholly-owned business unit of Sea Limited (NYSE: SE), is a leading global online games developer and publisher.

Founded and headquartered in Singapore, Garena is run by passionate gamers and has a unique understanding of what gamers want. It exclusively licenses and publishes titles from key partners in selected markets globally. Free Fire, its self-developed mobile battle royale title, was the most downloaded mobile game in the world in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Garena champions social and entertainment experiences through games, enabling its communities to engage and interact. Garena is also a leading esports organiser and hosts some of the world's biggest esports events.

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**About Yotta**

Yotta Data Services, a part of the Hiranandani Group of India, is a new-age Digital Transformation service provider offering data center, cloud and a wide range of managed IT, application modernisation, connectivity, and cybersecurity services. Yotta has two hyperscale data center parks in Panvel (Navi Mumbai) and Greater Noida. Yotta's first data center - Yotta NM1 in Panvel – has been acknowledged as APAC's best Data Center by Datacloud Global Awards in 2021 and 2023. It is the world's 2nd largest Uptime Institute Certified Tier IV facility and the largest in Asia. Yotta Greater Noida DC park launched in Oct 2022, is a mammoth 180 MW campus, the largest one in the whole of North India. Yotta's numerous certifications include  RBI's cyber security framework and localisation framework, ISO27017 for protection of personal information in public cloud, ISO 27701 for Privacy Information management (PIMS), PCI-DSS, and SOC2-Type 2, among others.

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