



Dr Agarwals Eye Hospitals acquires 5 Eye Hospitals in Pune

Pune (Voice news service):-

Chennai-based Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals, the country's leading eye care chain, has established its presence in Pune with 100% acquisition of five eye hospitals. These include Prabhudesai Eye Clinic at Kothrud; Global Eye Care Clinic at Pimpri Chinchwad and Sangvi; and Om Eye Care at Viman Nagar and Vishrantwadi, which have all been eyecare centers of repute in Pune for many years. The Pune acquisitions have strengthened the presence of Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals in Maharashtra, adding to its existing tally of 2 hospitals in Pune. The iconic eyecare chain now runs 118 eye hospitals across the country and abroad.

Commenting on the acquisition, Dr. Amar Agarwal, Chairman, Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals, said, "We are delighted that these five eye hospitals, counted among Pune's finest eyecare facilities, are now part of Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals. We carefully choose our partner hospitals based on qualitative factors such as legacy, surgical skills, business skills, brand name, and goodwill among the patient community. We look for businesses with strong fundamentals where there is a healthy headroom for growth through economies of scale and operational efficiencies.



"We strongly feel that Pune has a huge pent-up demand for quality eye care. The city can accommodate more than a dozen more eyecare centers to fully cater to the needs of patients." Added Dr. Vandana Jain, Regional Clinical Head, Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals, Maharashtra: "Expanding our presence to Pune by acquiring the best eye hospitals in the city is a significant milestone for us in our national expansion plan. Our ideology is to provide quality eye care to the people and introduce advanced technology to far-reaching corners of the country. We have charted robust expansion plans for Maharashtra, by strengthening our presence in existing markets such as Mumbai and Pune, as well as through both greenfield and brownfield expansion into emerging markets such as Nagpur, Aurangabad, Kolhapur, Satara, Akola and Ahmednagar." Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals has been on a growth spree

across the country through acquisitions and establishing new facilities. To fuel its expansion and deploy the latest technologies, the company raised over Rs 1,000 crore recently from TPG Growth and Temasek, which is considered the country's largest fundraising in the eyecare space. Said Dr. Nitin Prabhudesai, Head Clinical Services, Prabhudesai Eye Clinic, Pune: "We are proud to officially become a part of the renowned Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals chain. We specialize in the diagnosis and management of complex eye diseases by offering high-quality infrastructure and surgical expertise. Our team of specialists ensures that patients get access to advanced treatment for all eye-related problems. Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals is known for several ground-breaking surgical innovations and a legacy of more than 65 years. I am sure its presence in the city will help elevate eye care in the

Pune region to global standards." Said Dr. Baban C Dolas Head Clinical services, Global Eye Care Clinic, Pune: "The entry of Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals in Pune is a very important milestone and it would substantially add to the city's eyecare infrastructure. Our offerings are based on strong pillars of dedication, state-of-the-art technology, and passion to serve the needs of patients by providing the best and most affordable treatment under one roof. We consider ourselves privileged to become a part of such a prestigious national chain of eye hospitals. This merger would bring enormous benefits to the patients of Pune in terms of quality eyecare." Said Dr. Anand Palimkar, Head Clinical Services, Om Eye Care, Pune: "At Om Eye Care, we have earned a reputation as leaders in top-quality eye care in Pune, performing more than 30,000 eye surgeries so far in the city. We are now glad to become a part of such an iconic eyecare chain as Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospitals. We look forward to benefitting from its global expertise and providing super-specialty eye care for patients in Pune with the best outcomes. We will channel our combined expertise to touch further heights of medical excellence and patient satisfaction."

Ojamin Welcomes Dr. Girish Oak As Their Brand Ambassador



Pune (Voice news service):-

Ojamin, India's answer to treat type 2 diabetes which prides its solution on ancient Ayurveda has announced its association with Dr. Girish Oak, who is known for his contribution to the Marathi Film Industry. Ojamin — a 100% herbal tonic for Type 2 diabetes was founded in 1974 by Mr. L. K. Tate, B.A. LLB, I.R.S. Asst. Collector of Customs. In the early forties, Mr. Tate was diagnosed with diabetes. He resorted to numerous 'Western medicines' which had very little effect on him. That is when Mr. Tate referred to Ayurvedic texts for remedies. His learnings ultimately lead to the development of a herbal concoction named 'Ojamin' in 1960. From its onset, Ojamin's journey has been a pathbreaking one, where it has touched the lives of a number of people in India, providing them with an ayurve-

dic tonic that controls Type 2 diabetes. Today, when India has become the diabetes capital of the world, Ojamin has gained more prominence in the market as a tonic that promotes healthy living and as an Ayurvedic supplement that contributes to the overall well-being of individuals. Commenting on the brand association, Mr. Prasad Tate, Managing Director, Tates Remedies says, "We as a brand are delighted to have Dr. Girish Oak on board. He shares the same enthusiasm and love for Ayurveda as we at Tates Remedies do! We strongly believe that this association will be an important milestone in our journey, and we are super elated to have him on board." Through this unique association with Dr. Girish Oak, who epitomizes reinvention and healthy living, we aim to educate our audiences about Ojamin, and how the regular consumption of

Further strengthens the brand's mission of assisting people fight Diabetes with the ancient study of Ayurveda

this simple Ayurvedic tonic can lead to multiple health benefits. Commenting on this association, Dr. Girish Oak says, "Ojamin is a brand I have been consuming for a while now and have been witnessing excellent results. I am very excited to come on board as the brand ambassador or the 'good health' ambassador. Mr. Prasad's passion for Ayurveda and his mission to help diabetics and their families to achieve good health is a cause that needs urgent attention. I am really hoping that together we are able to create more and more awareness about Ayurvedic healing and educate individuals about their benefits." Ojamin has been in the market for some time now, but its chapter began back in the Sixties when Mr. L. K. Tate came up with a unique herbal tonic for his own fight against diabetes. At every stage of its life cycle, Ojamin is committed to exceptional quality. It acts as a bridge, bringing together nature's best secrets, the beauty of Ayurveda, and the modern-day remedies — all in one bottle!

InsuranceDekho Launches 'Pet Insurance' On its Platform

Pune (Voice news service):- India's leading Insurtech startup, InsuranceDekho, has recently introduced pet insurance to its product portfolio. InsuranceDekho has partnered with Future Generali India Insurance Company to

offer this unique Dog Health Cover and is also in the process of tying up with other insurers. Commenting on the launch Mr. Ankit Agrawal, Co-Founder and CEO of InsuranceDekho, said: "We are aware that pets and their human

partners share a close bond, and that even dogs occasionally find themselves in unexpected predicaments. We have launched Pet Insurance to help pet parents protect their furry babies in these trying times.

LANDED 21:12 book launched in Pune Must read for Young Adults and Parents



Pune (Voice news service):-

LANDED 21:12 is Karishma Krishna Kumar's maiden novel. This book is about five youngsters who come from across the world to a college in Pune to pursue their college education. It describes the trials and tribulations they face and how they and their parents deal with the same. The story is based in Pune and articulates in detail the mental health challenges that young adults face during their most formative years, and how circumstances and choices made lead to tragic situations and outcomes. LANDED 21:12 is a must read for not only young adults and teenagers, but also for parents, teachers, and the educational ecosystem. The book has already received appreciation from mainstream press abroad

and celebrities. Suicide, addiction, mental breakdown, betrayal, alongside friendship, honour, trust, and the forming of unbreakable bonds form the core of the book. It describes the emotions, journeys and experiences of these youngsters through college as they grow, mature, and develop in ways they didn't expect, and discover that life was not always what they had hoped for, or planned. The story revolves around 5 lead characters and their parents; and is about their relationships; their desire to grow fast into adulthood; the peer pressure to keep up with the rest. Their parents too, go through unimaginable stress, and it appears that both the students and their parents are running a race in different tracks. It highlights the fact that mental illness goes unnoticed by most people, who have no educated ways of dealing with the youngsters. The book doesn't propose solutions but opens the reader's mind to the severe stress and trauma that creeps into the lives of youngsters, and how everyone has a role to play in mitigating this.

Darkness Falls on Elephants in India as Parliament Passes Problematic

Pune (Voice news service):- In response to Lok Sabha clearing the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill 2022 with certain problematic clauses, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals stated that darkness has fallen on elephants of the nation

as this representative of Lord Ganesha is no longer sufficiently protected from wild capture and enslavement. The group points out that the very intent of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, as highlighted in the title is to "protect" wildlife flora and fauna.

Civildaily unveils a new offline centre in Pune, gears up to mentor UPSC and MPSC aspirants

The new Civildaily centre would provide convenience to UPSC and MPSC aspirants in Maharashtra in terms of proximity, financial savings, and avoiding tiresome hustle

Pune (Voice news service):-

Civildaily, one of India's leading student-centric platforms for UPSC preparation announces its first offline centre in the city of Pune. The centre is designed to provide affordable coaching to aspirants of UPSC/MPSC examinations to Pune and Maharashtra candidates. It has already started accepting applications. Four rank holders from Pune have encouraged Civildaily to provide a conducive ecosystem and distinguished content leveraging on bleeding-edge technologies for the Maharashtra candidates. Even before the official opening, the Pune center has



got over 100 student admissions. With an impeccable reputation, Civildaily has emerged as the best online platform for IAS 2021-22 exam preparations. More such offline centers will be established in the immediate future across India. Mr. Sajal Singh, Co-Founder,

Civildaily said "Our teaching methodology has been perfected over years. We pioneered mentorship, tikdam technique, listicles, stories, mains high scoring tips and various other innovations that are now offered across the industry. Youth of Maharashtra is ambitious and aspirational. With the opening

of our brand-new facility in Pune, we want to help them achieve their goals." The new centre would accommodate 1,000 plus aspirants and provide them with guidance needed for their preparations and continue to create the most student-centric platform for UPSC / MPSC preparation.

Air pollution ranks the 2nd most serious health risk in India



Pune (Voice news service):-

Medica Group of Hospitals, the largest private hospital chain in Eastern India, organized an awareness program on 'Air Pollution and Health Effects' at its flagship facility Medica Superspecialty Hospital in Kolkata in collaboration with Centre for Chronic Disease and Control (CCDC), Health and Environment Leadership Platform (HELP). The event was inaugurated by Dr. Alok Roy, Chairman, Medica Group of Hospitals in the presence of Dr. R.K. Das, Consultant - Pulmonary Medicine, Medica Superspecialty Hospital, Dr. Poornima Prabhakaran, Deputy Director, Centre for Environmental Health Public Health Foundation of India, Senior

Research Scientist, Centre for Chronic Disease Control and Mr. Masroor Azam, Research Associate, Centre for Chronic Disease Control. The hour-long program took the attendees through the role doctors and healthcare professionals may play in communicating effectively and efficiently with their patients and communities. It also focused on the many ways that healthcare professionals may step up as educators and communicators for the health implications of air pollution and become advocates for clean and renewable energy—a crucial aspect in combating air pollution in India. In the presence of other eminent speakers and attendees, Dr Alok Roy, who inau-

gurated the event, averred, "Air pollution is responsible for both direct and indirect health effects on individuals and society as a whole; we owe it to ourselves and future generations to work on its improvement; unfortunately, there isn't enough awareness about the same among all of us. This conference will bring awareness about the environment, particularly air pollution, to the forefront, and together we will be able to improve it." CCDC conducted and published research on "Understanding Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice of Health Practitioners Towards Health Effects of Air Pollution in India" in the year 2020. The study showed how despite air pollution becoming a major concern across the world, particularly in India, many clinicians are not fully prepared to assess and convey the health effects of air pollution to their patients. Besides the research, Dr Poornima Prabhakaran, Deputy Director at the Centre for Environmental Health, Public Health Foundation of

India, Senior Scientist at the Centre for Chronic Disease Control, stated, "Globally, air pollution is an overlooked cause of death. It is the fourth largest cause of death worldwide and the second most serious health problem in India. In polluted places, the air we breathe contains contaminated particle matter that enters the airways and predominantly affects respiratory health. However, tiny particles have an influence on other organ systems, including cardiovascular health and infant and child health when pregnant women are exposed to poor air quality. Furthermore, when healthcare practitioners get a better understanding of air pollution and its health repercussions, they will be able to develop preventative and promotional initiatives to safeguard the health of the people and communities they serve." Medica Superspecialty Hospital, in collaboration with the CCDC and HELP, organized an awareness session on Air Pollution and its Health Effects

Two99 marketing is redefining the strategies for upcoming web 3.0 projects and companies

Pune (Voice news service):-

Web 3.0 is the next generation of the internet, an environment that will change the landscape of how individuals use and consume content. The first wave of the internet was dominated by search engines and social media. Web 2.0, which emerged in the early 2000s, enabled users to create and add value to content. Web 3.0 will create an environment where user-generated content becomes a commodity, and smart devices will become the primary interfaces between consumers and content generators. In Web 3 marketing, trends and new technologies are incorporated to investigate the web. Technology is not only evolving but it is also revolutionising the way we think about the internet. The dawn of Web 3.0 has already begun encapsulating these core concepts with the rise of NFTs, crypto currencies, the metaverse and other decentralised technologies, and communicating these topics effectively from a marketing point of view is essential. Virtual selling, NFTs as VIP access tokens, involving communities in metaverse events, and promoting your brand on social media are some of the crucial marketing strategies that should be implemented by brands. Talking about the effective marketing techniques, Two99 marketing team stated, "We define successful marketing techniques for your business using our patented scientific formula, which is a community experience. Whereas experience and communities are affected by different values and are directly proportional to one another. Communities include values such as purpose, contribution (both brand and community), the ability to share content, collaborations, and investments, whereas experience includes values such as search (broadly divided into brand level, category level, and query level), UI/UX (including technology, ease of use, and content), and Hooks (both options and commerce)." Two99's products, services, and solutions are all up to date. It has a team of highly skilled individuals who have been in the business for more than a decade and are constantly striving for excellence in their work. The company was founded by two Indian entrepreneurs who wanted to reduce the level of friction in web3.0 companies. They have created numerous success stories all over the world.

CarTrade Tech's Mobility Outlook unveils 'Indian Automotive Consumer Canvas'

Pune (Voice news service):-

CarTrade Tech's Mobility Outlook — the country's first multi-dimensional, multi-modal platform dedicated to the mobility industry released the Indian Automotive Consumer Canvas (IACC) study today assessing customers' awareness and perception towards electric mobility in India. The report was released during the second edition of Mobility Outlook's Electric Two-Wheeler (e2W) Sum-

mit. The survey targeted age groups between 18 – 56 years and is based on a sample size of 68,029 respondents entailing 2W, 4W owners or intending, across Tiers 1, 2 & 3 cities. Favourable government policies and increasing consumer consciousness about the environment, coupled with spiralling fuel prices, have resulted in a steady growth of interest in electric vehicles in India.

"Takatak 2" will feature a brand-new version of the legendary chart-topper "Hridayi Vasant Phultana"...

Pune (Voice news service):- Marathi movies have made history and ruled the hearts of all the fans. Some of these blockbuster musical Marathi films are forever etched in the fans' minds. One of them is 'Ashi Hi Banwa Banwi'. The songs from this movie are popular even today. 'Hridayi Vasant Phultana...' is the spring of love that blooms in the hearts of lovers of any age! The chartbuster song from 'Ashi Hi Banwa Banwi' is now coming to fans in a new avatar. The song 'Hridayi Vasant Phultana...' will be seen in a new form in the movie 'Takatak 2', releasing on August 18. The makers of 'Takatak 2' have recently made an announcement in this regard. The sequel of the film that achieved spectacular success at the Marathi box office as 'Takatak' is coming to the audience in the form of 'Takatak 2'. This movie is conceptualized, written and directed by Milind Kavde. One can also enjoy the new form of 'Hridayi Vasant Phultana...' in this movie which conveys an important message as well.



In this song, which artist will perform, who will sing the song, who will give the music, everything is in the bouquet. The song, which will be composed with a new arrangement, will be a promotional song in 'Takatak 2'. Purple Bull Entertainment has procured adaptation & sync rights of the song 'Hridayi Vasant Phultana...' from Believe a Paris-headquartered digital music company who had acquired Venus Music, one of India's iconic music

record labels and part of Venus Worldwide. With this deal Venus Music has been rebranded as Ishtar Music in 2021. The new song will be available on the Ishtar Regional YouTube channel and all digital platforms on August 6th. Milind Kavde has also used the formula of presenting melodious music while commenting on the happenings in society with a good addition of interesting values in 'Takatak 2'.

Actors such as Prathamesh Parab, Ajinkya Raut, Akshay Kelkar, Pranali Bhalerao, Bhoomika Kadam, Komal Bodkhe, Sushant Divekar, Swapnil Rajashekhar, Kiran Mane, Pankaj Vishnu, Kiran Baird, RJ Mahesh Kale, Smita Dongre will be featured in this. Director Milind Kavde himself has written the story-screenplay of 'Takatak 2'. Writers Kiran Berad and Sanjay Navgire have done the work of dialogue writing. The cinematography by DOP Hazrat Sheikh Wali is eye-catching and the background score by Abhinay Jagtap adds to the impact of the scenes. Nilesh Gundale has handled the responsibility as the executive producer of this film. 'Takatak 2' is produced by Reliance Entertainment Studios in association with Purple Bull Entertainment and produced by Omprakash Bhatt, Reliance Entertainment Studios, Naresh Choudhary, Aditya Joshi. Milind Kavde is the director of this movie. The film is releasing on August 18th, 2022 in cinemas across Maharashtra.

The 3rd edition of Lifelong Fight Lazy Run with Milind Soman



Pune (Voice news service):- After the grand success of Mumbai edition, Lifelong Online Retail Private Limited has announced a 5 km Lifelong Fight Lazy Run with Actor, supermodel, and fitness icon Milind Soman to be held on Saturday, 6th August 2022 at Sports United Football Club, Gangadhar Chetty Road, Near Ulsoor. The Lifelong Fight Lazy Run is a movement urging all Bangaloreans to fight their lazy selves. It is aimed at encouraging people to push themselves to be their fittest versions. The 5km run will be followed by fitness games. The winners of fitness games will get exciting prizes from Lifelong. There are prizes as per the age categories too. Registration fees for the event is INR 249. Registrations are open at <https://bit.ly/3aQh1Q>. All the registered participants will get T-shirt, Finisher medal, Post-run refreshment and Participation e-certificate. Speaking of the event, Milind

Soman, the brand ambassador of Lifelong Online (Fitness Category), said, "Last year, Lifelong Online and I launched 'Fight Lazy', a movement that's very close to my heart. It's where I wake up and fight my lazy self every day, and have fun whilst doing it. Now, we are excited about making it bigger and a whole lot more fun with the Fight Lazy 5KM run coupled with a set of fun games that will encourage people to incorporate strength training into their running lifestyle. This run is being held in multiple cities across India. I can't wait to meet everyone, run and fight lazy together." Bharat Kalia, the CEO of Lifelong Online commented, "At Lifelong Online, we believe that it's only we who stop ourselves from being fit. That's why we launched 'Fight Lazy' last year with our fitness brand ambassador, Milind Soman. We wanted to make fitness fun

for everyone. Being a marathon runner, fitness is extremely important to me. I understand the need to push yourself every day to be fitter than the day before. Now, to make it even more fun, we have organized the Fight Lazy Run in Mumbai, Delhi, and Bengaluru. After the successful completion of the Mumbai edition, we are all set to witness huge participation in the Delhi and Bangalore runs. The Fight Lazy Run is not a competition. It's not a marathon. It's not about winning prizes. Here, the biggest prize is fighting your lazy self."



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First look of Kannada star Megha shetty revealed from after operation London cafe



Pune (Voice news service):- Actress Megha Shetty, who is a well known Kannada tv and movie actress and is popular for her role in Jothe Jotheyali, is playing the female lead opposite Kaveesh Shetty in the Marathi - Kannada film. Megha's poster launched on social media on the occasion of her birthday, where she wore a typical south Indian attire. The film also has some noted faces from the Marathi Film Industry

including Virat Made and Shivani Surve in pivotal roles. Along with playing the main lead, Kaveesh has also written the story while director Sadagara Raghavendra joined him in writing the screenplay of the film. After operation London Cafe Deepak Rane films and Indian film co-produced this film. It is said to be the biggest collaboration between Kannada and Marathi Cinema. Film will release in January 2023.

Pune's Taekwondo team won 7 Gold & 1 Silver medal 15th World Taekwondo Championship in South Korea



Pune (Voice news service):- Team of RB Horangee Taekwondo Do Jang Association of Pune has won the 15th World Taekwondo Culture Expo and Championship organized recently in Muju-gun, South Korea. 5 Players from RB

Horangee Taekwondo Do Jang Association, Pune participated in the championship & bagged 7 gold medals & 1 silver medal. Almost 1500+ Competitors from various countries including South Korea, North Korea, India, Russia, USA,

Australia, Philippines, Brazil, Nepal, Pakistan, Israel, Indonesia, Bangladesh, etc. participated and demonstrated their skills. 12 years old Mast. Sarvesh Srinivas Kedgion bagged two gold medals (1 in Poomsae & 1 in Kyorugi-fight) while competing with opponents from South Korea, Russia & India. 14 years old Mast. Neil Sarang Dhoka bagged 1 gold in Poomsae & 1 silver medal in Kyorugi (fight) while competing with opponents from South Korea, Brazil & India. Master Kiran Gaikwad bagged two gold medals in the senior category, 1 in Poomsae & 1 in Kyorugi

(fight) while competing with opponents from South Korea, Russia & India. Master Kapil Anmal, contested only in Poomsae Competition and bagged 1 gold medal. Also, Mrs. Beauty Pal contested only in the Poomsae category and bagged one gold medal. Master Ravindra Bhandari, Founder of RB Horangee Taekwondo Do Jang Association, Pune, having 5th Dan Black Belt and International Referee, provided the coaching and rigorous training to all the Participants. His hard work with the students was the 100% result of the Team in South Korea.

Films have a huge impact on society: Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordia



face of the film is actresses and actors, its success depends on the society and the audience," said the Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordia, Founder President & Chairman of Suryadatta Education Foundation. This award was presented to actresses Sonali Kulkarni, Hemangi Kavi, Ayushi Bhawe, Mrinal Deshpande, Actors Pushkar Jog, Nagesh Osle, Siddharth Jadhav along with Director Sanjay Jadhav, Producer Akshay Bardapurkar, Music Director Pankaj Padghan, Lyricist Kshitij

Patwardhan, Music Director Amit Raj, Singer Adarsh Shinde. On this occasion, the artists interacted with the students. Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordia said, "Students can learn a lot through all these processes. Performing art under Suryadatta, on behalf of Suryadatta Institute of Mass Communication and Event Management (SIMCIM) honored eminent personalities from film, television, social media for the all-round development of students. They also interact with the students."

Pune (Voice news service):- "It takes time to read an effective book; but, a two-and-a-half hour film based on it makes us understand the same content faster

and more effectively. For a film, there are many contributors like producer, director, artist, technician, spotboy etc. The overall result of team work is a film. Although the

Devgn envisions making Bholaa one of the most adrenaline-fuelled action films ever

Pune (Voice news service):- Ajay Devgn's highly anticipated action drama Bholaa, which is currently being shot in Hyderabad is all set to disrupt the genre of action-packed Indian cinema. This is Devgn's fourth directorial. Coming as it is after the much-appreciated Runway 34, Bholaa is about to redefine action. We all know that Ajay who started out three decades ago rewrote the graph of action sequences when he came astride two motorcycles in his debut film Phool Aur Kaante. From then until today, his is the first name that jumps to mind when high-powered stunts are discussed or dissected. Labeled the mass maharaja, Devgn has become synonymous with death-defying acts & daredevilry on screen. News that comes in from the sets of Bholaa is that this time around, Ajay has pushed the bar to an altogether new high and height.



Each action sequence is being shot over 10 days. Not only have magnificent sets been created for the shoot, Ajay Devgn has once partnered with award-winning action-directors, Ramazan Bulut and RP Yadav to design some breathtaking sequences that will shock

& awe. Some of the best international technicians have also joined the Bholaa schedule. Starring Ajay Devgn and Tabu in lead roles, the film is envisioned to be one of the biggest action films in Indian cinema. And, no stone is being spared to ensure Ajay's dream of bringing

unseen stunts to the big screen is realized. As they said, he found his calling as an action hero years ago. This time around he's just making it bigger, better, deadlier and more enthralling. After all, action flows in his veins. Bholaa is Devgn's ode to his lineage. Bravo!

FOOD & RESTURANT

Courtyard by Marriott Pune Chakan invites you and your furry friends for a pawfect afternoon of 'Let Your Pets Out!'

Pune (Voice news service):- If you are a pet parent you would've gone through the dilemma of having to go on a vacation and leaving your furry baby behind or not go at all. This weekend Courtyard by Marriott Pune Chakan is organising a pet friendly event 'Let Your Pets Out' to give you a peek into all the perks they offer for you and your furry babies so that you can enjoy both, your staycation as well as the company of your furry ones. Petcation and Pawfect brunch will be hosted by Ms. Jyotiee Balani, Food Writer and Wine Enthusiast and Mr. Amit Kumar, General Manager, Courtyard by Marriott Pune Chakan as they will



guide you and your furry family for a pawfect afternoon- full of fun activities and delicious meals. There is also a specially curated menu for the pets. Right from fish treats to chunky chicken treats and more along with yummy desserts; they have got it all for your furry family. After all, they should have a

gala time too. "At Courtyard by Marriott Pune Chakan, our doors and our services are open to your furry babies as well so that when you decide to take your next staycation your pets get a pet-cation too. There is a growing need for hotels to become pet friendly and it's only fair that we cater to

the market and let you and your pets have the best time together. 'Let your Pets Out' is the perfect opportunity to take you through all that we have to offer for your staycation and pet-cation", says Mr Amit Kumar, General Manager, Courtyard By Marriott Pune Chakan. Turn this weekend into a pawfect, one full of fun activities and yummy treats for your furry family. And the next time you decide to have a little getaway with your furry babies make sure to check out Courtyard by Marriott Pune Chakan as you can indulge in rejuvenating spa massages, specially curated meals by the Chef and make it a perfect pawfect outing.

FRIENDSHIP WEEKEND BASH AT THE CULT (HOUSE & TERRA)



Pune (Voice news service):- Are you looking for a fun way to spend your weekend?

Join your loved ones at The Cult (House & Terra), as they host exciting events all weekend long! An absolute go-to destination, The Cult (House & Terra) will see the live singing band, Jaydeep Collective on 4th August, 7 pm onwards. Catch them belting out some awesome English & Hindi tunes live this Thursday night. Start off the weekend by relaxing and unwinding with DJ Brixxx at "Cult's Ladies Soiree." Party with him to his selection of unique and exclusive music like House and Techno; the event starts from 7 pm onwards on 5th August. This Friendship Day weekend, celebrate all the arguments, splits, reconciliations, happy and painful moments with your group of friends at The Cult (House & Terra). VikashKaser will perform at the XOXO Party, a pre-Friend-

ship Day celebration, on August 6 starting at 7 p.m. Join IQQANVE in celebrating Friends Fiesta 4.0. Bring your friends this Sunday, August 7, starting at 4 p.m. Who doesn't look forwards to Sunday brunches, with a spread of buffet and tasty drinks? The Cult (House & Terra) will be hosting a Sunday Brunch Party from 1 pm to 5 pm, where you can enjoy the buffet and sway to the House and Techno beats of DJ Abhishek Mantri. Ankit Live will create the ideal mood and help you end your Sunday night at The Cult (House & Terra) on a soulful note starting at 7 o'clock. Date: 4th August to 7th August 2022. Time: 7 pm onwards. Address: The Cult (Terra & House), KadWasti, Magarpatta, Hadapsar, Pune, Maharashtra 411028

RAKSHA BANDHAN SPECIAL

Celebrate Raksha Bandhan with Blue Dart's Rakhi Express Offer



Pune (Voice news service):- Blue Dart, India's leading Express Logistics Service Provider and a part of the Deutsche Post DHL Group is back with its annual 'Rakhi Express' offer, to celebrate the special bond between siblings this festive season. With this offer, customers can ship Rakhis and

gifts weighing up to 0.5 kgs to their loved ones at a discounted price of INR 250 across the country. Further, customers can avail up to 50% off on freight charges for international shipments weighing from 0.5 kgs to 2.5 kgs, 5 kgs, 10 kgs, 15 kgs, and 20 kgs. The offer is valid up to 13th August

2022. Adding to the festive cheer, customers sending Rakhi shipments domestically during the offer period stand a chance to win exciting prizes by participating in the 'Slogan Contest'. To enroll themselves in this contest, customers will have to fill a form and complete a simple slogan: "Our Family Loves Blue Dart's Rakhi Express because...". 10 customers with the best responses amongst all the entries received, will win exciting prizes from Blue Dart. Ketan Kulkarni, Chief Commercial Officer, Blue Dart says, "We understand the value and the importance of each and every shipment. A shipment may contain an item as small as a Rakhi which is of very high emotional value. On special occasions like these, customers experience the Reliability, Resilience and Responsiveness that is associated with the brand." Commenting further he

adds, "India is a land of festivals and with festive celebrations the need for gifting is extremely high. Every year on special occasions like Raksha Bandhan, we like to take part in the celebrations hence we introduce exciting offers and discounts. We hope that these offers empower our customers to enjoy gifting without worrying about the shipping cost." Blue Dart will deliver Rakhis and gifts to over 55,300 locations in India and 220 countries and territories worldwide, as part of the DPDHL Group. Customers can avail the Rakhi Express offer with a Contact Less Delivery Experience and pay through multiple payment options like 16 digital wallets, Net banking, Credit & Debit Cards, Bharat QR Code, and UPI (BHIM). To find the nearest Blue Dart counter, log on to www.blue-dart.com or use the 'My Blue Dart' Mobile application available on Apple Store and Play Store.

FIND A PERFECT WAY TO CELEBRATE THIS RAKSHABHANDAN WITH THE NEW RANGE OF PRODUCTS FROM FUNSKOOL INDIA

Pune (Voice news service):- India's leading domestic toy manufacturer, Funskool India Ltd., unveiled an exclusive array of creative products to celebrate the joyful Indian festival of siblinghood. Rakshabhandan, one of the most awaited festivals in the country, celebrates the bond of love, mischief and friendship and strengthens the brother-sister relationship. Celebrate this Rakshabhandan

with Funskool India's exclusively designed, personalized range of products under the Handycrafts, Fundough brands starting from 175/- only. Encourage the artistic talent of your sister with, 'Paper Weaving - Your very first weaving kit', 'Funimals

5-in-1 Activity Kit', 'Sun Catchers - glass painting', 'Fundough Summer gardening', 'Fundough Sparkle pack' and 'Fundough Frenzy fruits', providing the perfect opportunity to boost their creativity and show-off their talents. Kids especially look forward

to Rakshabhandan gifts with unflinching enthusiasm and these Funskool creations are a delight to both brothers and sisters. It aims to provide an outlet for artistry and experimentation while encouraging kids to interact with each other



Hera Pheri-inspired Friendship Day Take a Trip to South Africa with the Shyam and Raju to Your Baburao

Pune (Voice news service):- It is safe to state that there is hardly anyone in India who has not watched the multi-starrer blockbuster, Hera Pheri. Most Indians are ardent fans of the hilarious trinity - Baburao, Raju, and Shyam. They gave us some cool memes and some serious BFF goals with their imperfectly perfect friendship. To add a cherry to the cake, producer Firoz Nadiadwala confirmed Hera Pheri 3 with the same cast, and fans cannot keep calm! There are speculations that like last time, South Africa is being considered as one of the shooting locations for the film again. With Friendship Day around the corner and return tickets to South Africa available for just INR 38,184, South Africa is the one destination that should definitely feature in your travel plans, as you look to create some unforgettable 'Baburao style' memories. South Africa has so much to offer that your set of friends are sure to be spoilt for choice. Remember Raju, Shyam, and Baburao goofing around in the middle of a jungle in the song 'Dene wala jab bhi deta' or Tabu dancing in midst of miniature

buildings in 'Mai Ladki Po Po? Both these songs were shot in South Africa! Take a trip to South Africa and recreate some scenes from the songs with Baburao to your Shyam and Raju. To make your trip even more memorable, we have put together some other must-visit spots with your buddies in the Rainbow Nation. It's time to update your Instagram feed!

- 1) Go Big 5 Spotting at Kruger National Park with Your Pals South Africa is a paradise for nature lovers as it brims with spectacular flora and fauna. If your group is keen on spending some peaceful time away from all the hustle-bustle, then Kruger National Park is the place to be at. It is the largest National Park in the continent of Africa. The South African savannah regions are home to several mammals, including the Big 5 - Leopard, Lion, Buffalo, Rhinoceros, and Elephant. Not only this, but you can also enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding scenery along with a collection of dramatic waterfalls around Kruger National Park. Take a wildlife tour and enjoy some fun times in the wilderness.
- 2) Take a Leap Together at Big

Rush Big Swing, KwaZulu-Natal Want to feel your adrenaline rush? Take a thrilling leap from the Big Rush Big Swing which is officially named the world's tallest swing by the Guinness Book of Records in May 2011. Fight your fears together and swing out into a massive 220 meters arc where you soar into the centre of the stadium. In Baburao's words, you will feel the 'dhak dhak' for sure, but in the end, it will all be worth it!

- 3) Enjoy bustling nightlife in Cape Town - the Mother City The city of Cape Town boasts of buzzing nightlife. There are numerous places around the city to enjoy a sundowner, live music at a pub, try your luck at casinos, or dance the night away at a club. Cape Town has more than its fair share of clubs, pubs, restaurants, and jazz lounges. Put on your dancing shoes, dress up in your fanciest clothes, grab some mates and be prepared for the night of your life. Alexander Bar, Aces N Spades, and Orphanage are some of the best bars and clubs to let your hair down! The ambiance and spirit assure to turn your evening into a memorable one.
- 4) Feel the thrill of Shark Cage Diving in Kwa-Zulu Natal or

Western Cape Do you seek more underwater adventure? Take a thrilling white shark cage diving trip at Gansbaai or Mossel Bay. Spotting the Great White Shark will give you goosebumps and an experience of a lifetime. It is said that your trip to the Rainbow Nation is incomplete without attempting the shark-cage dive. Besides, there is nothing better than experiencing this breath-taking moment with your best mates by your side!

- 5) Are You a Bunch of Foodies? Enjoy Lip-Smacking Food Tour in Franschhoek Satiating your taste buds with food and wine from some of the best estates in South Africa's culinary capital. The key highlights of this tour include enjoying a morning stroll through the heavenly gardens at Babylonstoren along with tasting local charcuterie, biltong, handmade chocolate, and many other South African foodie favourites. Sip on some bubbly and devour lip-smacking food. This tour is a must-take especially if you are a bunch of gastronomes. Baburao, Shyam, and Raju had their share of fun in South Africa. When are you planning an epic trip with friends to the Rainbow Nation?

Blue Dart continues to achieve high revenue & profit growth, reports strong Q1 results

Pune (Voice news service):- Blue Dart Express Limited, South Asia's premier express air and integrated transportation & distribution company, declared its financial results for the quarter ended June 30 2022, at its Board Meeting held in Mumbai. The company posted ₹ 1,172 Mn profit after tax (previous year ₹ 294 Mn) for the quarter ended June 30, 2022. Revenue from operations for the quarter ended June 30, 2022 stood at ₹ 12,933 Mn with a growth of 49.6% over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. EBITDA for the quarter is ₹

2,010 Mn, a growth of 125% over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. EBITDA margin stood at 15.5%. Balfour Manuel, Managing Director, Blue Dart said, "Blue Dart continues its stride in delivering strong performance and the results are indicative of our efforts towards remaining a Provider of Choice, an Employer of Choice and an Investment of Choice to all our stakeholders. Our unwavering focus on customer centricity and delivering excellence reinforced by our technological expertise, accelerated pace in adopting digitisation and a task

force of a dedicated workforce continues to drive our growth and achievement at all levels. While we continue to maintain a positive outlook we are also cautiously optimistic about what the future holds. We will continue our succinct focus on keeping a People First and Safety First approach while providing a best in class service to our stakeholders." Commenting on the way forward Mr. Manuel mentioned, "Our fleet expansion will enhance our geographical reach and widen our capacity to service current and potential demand across industries. Moreover, our key

growth levers for the upcoming year will revolve around leveraging the power of technology & digitalisation to provide sustainable logistic solutions with a deep focus on carbon sequestration." Under the Mission 2050 initiative, since 2017, Blue Dart has contributed to over 10% of the Deutsche Post DHL Group's global target of planting 1 million trees every year. Blue Dart has achieved a 34% CO2 efficiency in 2021 and aims to operate all the facilities at Net Zero Carbon by 2025, drive increased efficiency and use cleaner fuels for its fleet of 6 Boeing 757-200 aircraft.

Mangalsutra and Painjan Mahotsav by PNG Jewellers!

Pune (Voice news service):- PNG Jewellers announced the launch of its most anticipated marquee annual offering, the Mangalsutra Mahotsav 2022. The mahotsav marks the beginning of the auspicious month of Shraavan and will be celebrated from the 29th of July 2022 to the 28th of August 2022. The brand will also be celebrating the Painjan - Jodvi Mahotsav during this time across all its stores in India. As part of its endeavor to 'Pass on Happiness', the brand is offering Upto 20% off on making charges on Gold Mangalsutras, a flat 50% off on making charges on Diamond Mangalsutra pendants as well as a flat 20% off on



making charges on Silver Painjans and Jodvis during this celebratory period! A vast array of designs of Mangalsutras, painjans and jodvis will be on display across all PNG stores in India. The Painjan or payal is also a

significant piece of jewellery for Indian women across traditions and even today this traditional piece of jewellery holds its charm. The Payal is an important part of an Indian bride's jewellery and it is also given as a gift for new-

born babies. Chairman and Managing Director of PNG Jewellers, Dr. Saurabh Gadgil said, "This year's theme for the Mangalsutra Mahotsav is versatility! Our latest Mangalsutra collection is an ode to the various occasions that come up in a woman's life. Keeping in mind the vast range of attire and dress codes for these occasions, our design teams have found inspiration in not only the traditional, but also international design trends. Thus creating stunning innovations, never seen before in the market. This new collection proves that the Mangalsutra can be adorned not only as a symbol of pride and joy but also as a style statement!"

Amazon Retail India expands its sourcing network across Maharashtra, launches its 5th farmer collection center in the state



Pune (Voice news service):- In its continuous endeavor to empower farmers and offer high-quality fresh fruits and vegetables to its customers, Amazon Retail India launched its 5th farmer collection center in Kunjirwadi, Maharashtra. Amazon Retail India has four other farmer collection centers in Maharashtra including Manchar, Nasik, Wai and Ratnagiri and has a network of over 4500 farmers and

Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in Maharashtra to source locally grown fruits and vegetables. These collection centers assure farmers of fast payments, fair and transparent pricing, and recommendations on improving farm yield with the help of technology. Rajesh Prasad, Category Leader, Amazon Retail India said, "Our mission is to enable local farmers across the region to leverage online

marketplaces opportunity and become a part of fast paced digital economy. With this launch, and expansion of our farmer collection center network in Maharashtra, we are positioned to procure over 120 freshest and best quality regional fruits & vegetables straight from farms and deliver it to our customers. In Maharashtra alone, we have partnered with over 4500 farmers along with various FPOs to enable ease of selling their produce at our collection center network. As we grow, we continue to learn more about farmers and various supply chain possibilities, to build ideal infrastructure and scalable technology solutions that will help simplify end-to-end agri value chain from farms to our customers. Our collection centers are also the nodal point for

extending services beyond procurement, which includes various training programs, providing agri inputs support to enhance farmers productivity, knowledge sharing and enable technology adoption." Speaking about her experience, Ms. Anjana Tukaram Kanade, one of our leading women farmers in Maharashtra from Kalam Village, Ambegaon, Pune says "I am associated with Amazon Retail's collection center since 2020 and have been regularly supplying cauliflower, cabbage, chilly and coriander. Assured payments and regular orders have helped me in improving my income with the support provided by agronomists that visit my farms regularly and guide me on different crops to grow, which have a regular customer demand on Amazon."

Volunteers who participated in cleanliness drive during Palkhi felicitated

Pune (Voice news service):- Adar Poonawala Clean City Initiative (APCCI) in association with the Pune Municipal Corporation organized a special program to felicitate volunteers who participated in the cleanliness drive 'Majhi Wari, Swachh Wari 2022' carried out on the Palkhi route. More than 650 volunteers who participated in this campaign and collected more than 50 tons of dry waste, were honored with mementos and certificates. This program was organized

at Dr. Shirname Hall at Agriculture College, Pune. This year the team decided to go one step ahead to collect the waste separately and send it for scientific recycling. APCCI provided training to all these volunteer groups, Grampanchayat staff and provided the collection bags (special plogging bags), hand gloves and garbage pickup vehicles. The drive got tremendous response from people in Pune and surrounding villages. A documentary of the work done during wari

was shown during the felicitation function. Mrs. Asha Raut, Joint Commissioner and Head of Solid Waste Management, Pune Municipal Corporation, Dr. S. D. Masalkar, Associate Dean of College of Agriculture, Dr. Rahul More, Director MIT WPU, Mr. Krishnan Komandur, Chief Executive Officer APCCI, Ketaki Ghatge, Medical Officer, Pune Municipal Corporation, Malhar Karwande, COO APCCI were present on the occasion. People representatives of

Kadamwak Vasti, Loni Kalbhor, Kunjirwadi, Sortapwadi, Uruli Kanchan, Yawat, Vadki, Saswad along with citizens were present in large numbers in this program. Students of NSS and NCC shared their experiences during the program. Mr. Nilesh Ramekar, Dr. Falke, Mr. Satya Nataraajan helped in organizing the program. Mr. Mangesh Kshirsagar compeered for the program while Mr. Malhar Karwande proposed the vote of thanks.

Sahyadri Hospitals to organise special initiatives mark breast feeding week

Pune (Voice news service):- Sahyadri Hospitals has organised special initiatives to mark Breast Feeding Week which is celebrated in the first week of August. This would include free consultation with lactation expert from 1 to 6th August at the momstory centres at Nagar Road and Hadapsar Units. An online pre mom session has been organised on 3rd August on breast feeding awareness. To register for this initiatives one can get in touch on 8888822222. Dr. Supriya Puranik, Gynaecologist and high-risk obstetrician, Sahyadri Hospitals, said that there is a need to create awareness, promote and support breastfeeding and inform about its long term benefits. Mother's milk is the greatest gift of nature and is of unique importance. Breastfeeding is beneficial for both mother and child. Mother's milk is the best nutrient for the newborn baby to acquire immunity natu-

rally. Breast milk contains proteins, carbohydrates, fats, minerals, vitamins, essential nutrients. It is a living fluid, which helps in insulating against diseases like diabetes, high blood pressure, cold, cough, diarrhea in children in long term. It also has many benefits for the mother. Hormones secreted during breastfeeding cause the uterus to contract, reducing bleeding, thus reducing the risk of anemia. The risk of breast cancer and ovarian cancer is less for breastfeeding mothers. Breastfeeding provides health, nutritional and emotional benefits to both baby and mother. She added that breastfeeding should be started as soon as possible within the first hour after birth. The sooner the mom starts breastfeeding, the better it is for the child. Breastfeeding should be done every two to three hours. During the first 3-4 weeks, it is necessary to work out feeding pattern with the baby. As the child grows, the fre-

quency of breastfeeding decreases. Dr. Gazala Khan, Lactation consultant, Sahyadri Hospitals said that while breastfeeding is a need for newborns and completes motherhood, lactating mothers, especially those with no experience, do face a challenge to feed infants. New moms need support right from before the baby is born to the breastfeeding months. Their normal queries include how to improve milk supply, best positions for breastfeeding, managing pain and also need support in case of common nursing problems along with more serious conditions such as mastitis and clogged milk ducts. Here is where lactation consultants play an important role and are always there to support new moms. Underlining the importance to golden hour feeding Dr. Pradeep Suryawanshi Neonatologist and Pediatrician, Sahyadri Hospitals said that it has fabulous outcomes in

successful breastfeeding. Colostrum the first milk from mother is first line of defence and helps in building up long life immunity for the baby. Premature babies obtaining Mother's milk have best development outcomes in terms of lung development, brain development and improved metabolism. On showing support for milk donation and milk banking, he highlighted the benefits of reduced risk of sepsis in newborns admitted in NICU who received total mother milk. Also babies who are exclusively breastfed are said to have developed higher intelligent quotient, excellent oromotor skills, and stable weight gain reduced risk of obesity and other chronic illnesses like allergy. Dr. Suryawanshi being an academic head at various hospitals suggested that these values should be inculcated at grass root level and society as an whole should the responsibility to do hand holding of new mothers in their journey.

The exclusive BMW 5 Series '50 Jahre M Edition' debuts

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the iconic BMW M GmbH, BMW India has launched an exclusive '50 Jahre M Edition' of the BMW 5 Series in India today. Locally produced at BMW Group

Plant Chennai, the exclusive edition comes in a petrol variant - the BMW 530i M Sport. Available in limited numbers only, this bespoke model can be booked exclusively online from today

onwards. BMW India had recently announced that it will launch 10 exclusive '50 Jahre M Editions' to celebrate the M sub-brand that stands for high-performance adrenaline gushing cars.

PIAGGIO GROUP: FIRST HALF 2022

Pune (Voice news service):- Piaggio Group Chairman and CEO Roberto Colaninno: "The Piaggio Group closed the first half of 2022 with very positive results at global level. Consolidated net sales, EBITDA and net profit were among our best-ever results for the first half. Through careful cost management, we continue to monitor the effects of the Covid pandemic, the serious crisis between Russia and Ukraine (which has no impact on our financial statements) and the current difficulties in procuring electronic components. Thanks to its unique brand portfolio, Piaggio will nonetheless continue along its growth path in the second half of 2022, confirming the investments planned in new products and new facilities, and also strengthening its commitment to ESG issues."

- Consolidated net sales 1,053.1 million euro, an increase of 16.8% (+12.9% at constant exchange rates) (901.7 €/mln at 30.06.2021), the best-ever first-half result
- Industrial gross margin 277.1 million euro, up 5.8% (261.9 €/mln at 30.06.2021), 26.3% return on net sales
- EBITDA 152.2 million euro, the strongest result achieved in the first half, with an increase of 5.3% (144.6 €/mln at 30.06.2021). EBITDA margin 14.5%
- EBIT 85.8 million euro, up 6.7% (80.4 €/mln at 30.06.2021). EBIT margin 8.1%
- Profit before tax 72.9 million euro, up 3.9% (70.2 €/mln at 30.06.2021)
- Net profit 45.2 million euro, the best first-half result since

2008, with an improvement of 3.9% from 43.5 €/mln at 30.06.2021

- Net financial position 397.4 €/mln, an improvement of 4.5 €/mln from 401.9 €/mln at 30.06.2021.
- 320,600 vehicles shipped worldwide, up by 11.7% (287,100 at 30.06.2021)
- Capital expenditure approximately 66.6 million euro
- 2022 interim dividend of 8.5 euros per ordinary share (2021 interim dividend 8.5 euros)

Pontedera, 28 July 2022 – At a meeting chaired by Roberto Colaninno, the Board of Directors of Piaggio & C. S.p.A. (PIA.MI) examined and approved the half-year report on operations as at and for the six months to 30 June 2022.

Piaggio Group business and financial performance at 30 June 2022

Group consolidated net sales totalled 1,053.1 million euro, the best first-half result ever reported, with an increase of 16.8% (+12.9% at constant exchange rates) against 901.7 million euro in the first half of 2021.

The industrial gross margin was 277.1 million euro, an increase of 5.8% compared to 261.9 million euro at 30 June 2021. The return on net sales was 26.3% (29.1% at 30 June 2021).

Group operating expense was 191.3 million euro, an increase of 9.7 million euro. The rise in operating expense was closely linked to the growth in net sales and shipments.

The income-statement figures described above produced consolidated EBITDA of 152.2 mil-

lion euro, the best first-half result to date, with an increase of 5.3% (+6.6% at constant exchange rates) from 144.6 million euro in the first half to 30 June 2021. The EBITDA margin was 14.5% (16% at 30 June 2021).

The Piaggio Group posted a net profit of 45.2 million euro, its best first-half result since 2008, up 3.9% from 43.5 million euro in the first half of 2021.

Net financial debt at 30 June 2022 stood at 397.4 million euro, an improvement of 4.5 million euro from 401.9 million euro at 30 June 2021. The net financial position at 31 December 2021 was 380.3 million euro, giving cash absorption of 17.1 million euro in the first half of 2022.

The two-wheeler business is subject to seasonal trends, absorbing resources in the first half of the year and generating resources in the second half.

Group shareholders' equity at 30 June 2022 was 424.3 million euro (404.1 million euro at 31 December 2021).

Operations in the first half to 30 June 2022 In the first half to 30 June 2022, the Piaggio Group sold 320,600 vehicles worldwide (+11.7% from 287,100 in the year-earlier period), and reported consolidated net sales of 1,053.1 million euro. The growth in volumes arose in all geographical regions.

Two-wheelers: As of 30 June 2022, the Group had sold 271,600 two-wheelers worldwide (+11.8% from 242,800 in the first half of 2021), generating net sales of 875.8 million euro, an increase of 15.1% from 761 million euro in the year-earlier period. The figure includes spares and

accessories, on which turnover totalled 73.9 million euro (+6.3% from 69.5 million euro at 30 June 2021).

Two-wheeler sales in the first half of 2022 were particularly strong in Asia Pacific (+27%), followed by the Americas (+26.3%) and EMEA (+7%). On the Indian market, sales volumes fell by 7.4% while net sales were up 11.2%.

The scooter sector saw double-digit growth in global sales volumes, driven in particular by the Vespa brand, which reported strong performance in Asia Pacific (mainly in Indonesia, Vietnam and China), India, the Americas and Italy, and by Aprilia scooters.

Piaggio Fast Forward: Piaggio Fast Forward (PFF), the Piaggio Group robotics and future mobility company based in Boston, expanded its offer with the presentation in September of "gita-mini", a new robot that condenses the technology and functions of "gita", its revolutionary "big brother", in a lighter, more compact design.

On 7 May, the Aprilia All Stars 2022 event was held at the Misano racetrack, attended by more than 10,000 Aprilia fans and followers. On 15 June, Michele Colaninno, Chief Executive of global strategy, product, marketing and innovation of the Piaggio Group, founder and Chair of Piaggio Fast Forward, was appointed President of ACEM (Association des Constructeurs Européens de Motocycles), the European motorcycle industry association based in Brussels, to which all the world motorcycle and scooter groups belong.

Tynimo announces the launch of its new store at Lucknow Airport and e-commerce services

Pune (Voice news service):- Tynimo, Bengaluru-based lifestyle retail brand has announced the launch of its new store at Lucknow airport along with its e-commerce website to offer its services across India. Tynimo was started to bring a revolution in the retail industry and to start a lifestyle brand that sells high quality, appealing products at affordable prices. Keeping the promise, company has started providing services across the country through its recently launched website. Tynimo also aiming to expand the business in tier 1 cities by opening 400 franchise stores. Currently the company has flagship stores in Bangalore, Mumbai,



Lucknow and with a franchisee store in Thimphu, Bhutan. Tynimo has established itself amongst the people of Bhutan as the most preferred lifestyle store even with the presence of other competitive brands.

Vaibhav Jain, Founder, Tynimo said, "It's a matter of pride that Tynimo family is growing and we launched our new store at Lucknow airport. Going forward, we are planning to open more franchise store in tier 1 and tier 2 cities across India. We have also started our e-commerce services for our customers. We focus on providing high-quality daily lifestyle products at affordable prices, hence providing a better lifestyle."

Tynimo symbolises a tiny shopping plex that has a large variety to offer for an unplanned shopper. The brand is focused on providing high quality daily lifestyle products at affordable prices, hence providing a better lifestyle. Every product at tynimo is designed on the philosophy of creative design, cost efficiency and better lifestyle. The brand is focused on looking beyond price and functionality to connect with a back story and ethics that appeals to the consumer's sense of self.

Tata Motors showcases next-gen mass mobility solutions at Prawaas 3.0 for a safe, smart and sustainable tomorrow

Pune (Voice news service):- Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer and the country's leading passenger commercial mobility company, presents seven cutting-edge mass mobility solutions at Prawaas 3.0. Scheduled from 5th to 6th August 2022 in Hyderabad, Tata Motors exhibits a robust product portfolio of passenger commercial vehicles across multiple fuel options at the third edition of India's flagship bus and car travel show.

Aligning itself with the "Towards safe, smart and sustainable passenger mobility" theme at Prawaas 3.0, Tata Motors displays modern and sustainable solutions for both last-mile and long-haul mass mobility needs.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Rohit Srivastava, Vice President, Product Line – Buses, Tata Motors said, "Tata Motors is delighted to participate in the latest edition of Prawaas. This has emerged as an excellent platform for showcasing new products and technology as well as providing possibilities for deeper collaboration between operators, business visitors and other stakeholders within this segment. This year's theme vitally high-

lights the necessity of using emerging technology and innovation to make sustainable transportation a reality. As a pioneer in the industry, Tata Motors has always remained aligned to this vision, and our diverse and smart range of products come with varied clean fuel options, with their characteristic promise of safety, comfort and efficiency."

Tata Motors' vehicle range at Prawaas 3.0 features India's first front engine 13.5-metre bus – the Magna sleeper coach for intercity and luxury travel. Alternate-fuel-powered vehicles at the exhibition include the Ultra

Electric 9/9 bus specially designed for staff transportation, Starbus Long Range CNG and LPO 10.2 CNG AC school bus. The display also features a customisable Caravan with modern facilities that is ideal for luxurious leisure travel. The iconic Winger 9S and Magic Express, ideal for last-mile passenger transportation, feature unmatched comfort for both driver and passengers with ergonomic seating designs and spacious arrangements. Each of the showcased products offers the lowest total cost of operations with highest efficiency and profitability potential.

JAGUAR LAND ROVER PREPARES FOR ADVANCED ELECTRIFIED AND CONNECTED FUTURE WITH NEW TESTING FACILITY

Pune (Voice news service):- Jaguar Land Rover has taken another step towards a new era of electrification and connectivity by opening a facility to test the next generation of vehicles for electrical and radio interference. The Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) laboratory at Gaydon in the UK, will ensure future vehicles meet current and future legislation and quality standards for connectivity and electronics. New Range Rover Sport, which launched in May, was the first vehicle to undergo a bespoke testing programme at the in-house facility.

A critical aspect of vehicle performance, EMC is the ability of electrical equipment and systems to function correctly in their electromagnetic environment. It works by limiting the unintentional generation, propagation and reception of electromagnetic energy to reduce the risk of unwanted effects such as electromagnetic interference.

Jaguar Land Rover's new vehicle laboratory features two anechoic chambers: an electrically 'quiet' rolling road that enables engineers to test vehicles at



speed, as well as equipment to assess the performance of individual components, such as batteries or electric motors. Bluetooth, GPS, WiFi, 4G, 5G, adaptive cruise control, wireless charging and blind spot monitoring are all examples of vehicle services and features that the facility will test for EMC.

Peter Phillips, Senior Manager, Electromagnetics and Compliance at Jaguar Land Rover, said: "The importance of testing our vehicles for electromagnetic compatibility cannot be underestimated. Opening this new testing facility is an important step forward for the business and it will play a crucial role

in helping us deliver quality, legal, and customer satisfaction."

With industry advances set to increase the number of electric powertrains and the range of digital and cloud-based services on vehicles, from Software-Over-The-Air updates to autonomous technology, testing for EMC is crucial to delivering quality, legal, and customer satisfaction.

This new facility demonstrates Jaguar Land Rover's commitment to giving customers the most advanced in-vehicle connectivity as the business accelerates electrification through its Reimagine strategy.

Tata Motors celebrates 1st anniversary of Tiago NRG

Pune (Voice news service):- In line with its New Forever philosophy and celebrating the first anniversary of Tiago NRG, Tata Motors, India's leading automotive brand, launched the Tiago NRG XT variant today at INR 6.42 lakhs. The Tiago NRG since its launch has received a phenomenal response from its customers. Contributing to 15% of the Tiago petrol sales, it has been appreciated for its SUVish design, tough roader ability along with its best in segment safety rating (4 star by GNCAP). With the addition of this new variant, the Tiago NRG will now be available in two trims – the Tiago XT NRG and the Tiago XZ

NRG.

The new Tiago NRG XT variant comes with new 14" Hyperstyle Wheels, 3.5" Infotainment System by HarmanTM, Steering Mounted Controls, Height Adjustable Driver Seat, Front Fog Lamps and many other features along with carrying forward the NRG design elements such as High Ground Clearance of 181 mm, Rugged Claddings, Infinity Black Roof with Roof Rails& Charcoal Black Interiors.

Commenting on the occasion, Mr. Rajan Amba, Vice President, Sales, Marketing and Customer Care, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. said, "The Tiago NRG has



been captivating the imaginations of our customers since its launch and has become a preferred hatchback that offers tough terrain performance for the go-getters and those who live life on the edge. Kick starting the festive season, we are elated to introduce our customers to the Tiago

XT NRG. Priced attractively, this variant is well-packaged, and aims at enhancing the drive experience. We are confident that the addition of this feature rich XT variant will further strengthen the NRG and the overall Tiago portfolio, propelling their sales performance ahead.

Bank of Baroda Inks Pact with JNPA for Baroda DigiNext Cash Management Services

Pune (Voice news service):- Bank of Baroda (Bank), one of India's leading public sector banks, and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA), a premier container port in the country, today announced the successful roll-out of Baroda DigiNext Cash Management Services for digitisation of the port's accounts payables, receivables and liquidity management.

Shri Sanjay Sethi, IAS, Chair-

man, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority said, "The SAP system installed at JNPA is aimed to drive business innovations for faster execution of all business transactions. To further enhance it we have collaborated with Bank of Baroda to avail their 'Baroda DigiNext Cash Management Services' to take digitisation at JNPA to a broader aspect and make JNPA's business more organised, automated

and efficient. As a part of digitising activities and ease of doing business," Shri Debadatta Chand, Executive Director, Bank of Baroda said, "Businesses are becoming increasingly complex requiring customised solutions based on the size, scope and nature of their operations. In today's highly competitive world, building in efficiencies and streamlining business processes through

digitisation is a prerequisite for success. At Bank of Baroda, we are proud to deepen and expand our relationship with one of India's premier container ports through the launch of Baroda DigiNext Cash Management Services for JNPA. Baroda DigiNext will help JNPA digitise its working capital management and enhance ease of operations for the port authority's entire ecosystem."

3rd Joint Working Group Meeting between India and Japan on MoC on Specified Skilled Worker

Pune (Voice news service):- India and Japan held the third Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on Specified Skill Worker (SSW) in a hybrid format on 2 August 2022 in New Delhi. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Anurag Bhushan, Joint Secretary (OIA-I), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Dr. K.K. Dwivedi, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), and included representatives of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). The Japanese delegation was led by Mr. Nakagawa Tsutomu, Assistant Vice Minister, Im-

migration Services Agency, and comprised representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), and Japan Tourism Agency. Officials from respective Embassies also participated.

India and Japan had signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on Specified Skilled Worker (SSW) in January 2021 to promote movement of skilled workers, meeting skill and Japanese language requirement, from India to Japan for employment on a contractual basis.

During the JWG meeting, both sides took stock of the existing cooperation between India and Japan under SSW and concurred that there was considerable potential to boost the number of SSW workers from India to Japan. In this context, they held discussions on ways to further enhance the implementation of SSW programme by identifying challenges in the existing system and exchanging views on the way forward. Key issues discussed during the meeting included demand-supply matching including the use of digital technology and platforms, raising the number of test

centers in India, expanding the sectors of implementation, raising awareness about the SSW programme in India, Japanese language promotion in India, and setting up a framework for programme monitoring. Japanese side announced that in addition to the existing cooperation under nursing/caregiving, SSW will also be expanded to cover the agriculture sector in India. Indian side welcomed the announcement and called for expansion of SSW to other sectors also.

Both sides agreed to hold the next JWG meeting at a mutually convenient time in the near future.

V-Trans (India) Ltd elevates Mr. Mahendra Shah as the Chairman and Managing Director



Pune (Voice news service):- V-Trans (India) Ltd, a preferred single window logistics solution provider announces the elevation of Mr. Mahendra Shah from MD to Chairman and Managing Director of V-Trans (India) Ltd group. A logistics veteran with 47 years of experience in the business, he had been instrumental in shaping the organization to its present scale and size. He is at the helm of things for the last 25 years, however, this enhanced role

will add to his enthusiasm and zeal. Continuing the legacy, he will lead the long-term planning, business & expansion strategy, policy-making, providing direction to the board, and ensuring the longer-term objectives and priorities are taken forward. Commenting on his appointment as the Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. Mahendra Shah said, "I am glad for the enhanced role in leading the business, and I will endeavor to drive the company's vision of providing logistics edge through efficient technologies and customized solutions, with added zeal. Being a family business the support of other family members, who are also the directors and board members, is very essential. We will work

as a cohesive and collaborative team with the sole aim of delivering best-in-class integrated solutions that are customer-centric and lead to customer delight." Earlier as the Group Managing Director, Mr. Shah, while steering the business and leading the organization, played the role of a "Change Agent". Staying ahead of the game with his foresightedness and long-term thinking he ensured the growth of the organization and its evolution as per the changing business scenario. He trusts that in a manpower intense industry like logistics and transportation, human relationship, and service excellence are the key factors and Mr. Shah is a master at driving both. Be it the brand image of the

group, technology upkeep, T & D initiatives, business expansion, and all, he is the pioneering force behind all of these. Many of the initiatives are touted in the industry for being the best, and industry first. His untiring efforts on many fronts have earned the company many accolades and awards in various domains from overall logistics excellence, to training & developments to Sustainability and fair business practices etc.

Mr. Shah is a topper from the elite Rajkumar College, Rajkot, and a commerce graduate from Sydenham College, Mumbai. He is a health buff, an unvarying practitioner of Yoga & Meditation, a sports aficionado, and a leader with contagious enthusiasm.

ŠKODA AUTO INDIA MAINTAINS SALES IMPETUS THROUGH JULY 2022



Pune (Voice news service):- The Czech auto major with factories in Pune and Aurangabad continues clocking consistent sales in India with the onset of Q3

and H2 2022. After having a record-breaking Q1 and H1 in 2022, ŠKODA AUTO India continued its steady run in July 2022 with the sale of 4,447 cars.

Zac Hollis, Brand Director, ŠKODA AUTO India, said, "This is usually the period where big purchases are kept on hold as it's the monsoon and deferred till the festive season kicks off. Yet, we have clocked in solid numbers on the back of our made-for-India, INDIA 2.0 cars, the KUSHAQ and the SLAVIA. The OCTAVIA and SUPERB are doing well in their respective segments. And the KODIAQ has already sold out soon after its launch in January. We intend on keep-

ing up this energy and shall very soon record 2022 as the Biggest Year yet for us in our 2-decade legacy in India." The month also marks the first anniversary of the first product under INDIA 2.0, the KUSHAQ, going on sale. July 2021 had marked the debut of an all-new, rejuvenated ŠKODA AUTO India implementing its INDIA 2.0 strategy on the back of the made-for-India, made-in-India MQB-A0-IN platform. Registers sale of 4,447 units in July 2022