



Melorra launches its 2nd new-age experience centre in Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- Melorra (www.melorra.com), one of India's fastest-growing D2C brands today launched its second experience centre at Nexus Westend Mallin Pune. The store is bringing 21 st-century lightweight, fine, trendy, modular and fashionable gold jewellery to women. Melorra now has 17 such centres pan India and plans to launch 350 more in the coming years. Melorra has redefined the approach towards fashionable gold jewellery by ensuring that customers do not buy it only during festive occasions but on a more frequent basis as a fashion statement commensurate with recent trends! With Melorra, customers get a seamless choos-



ing and buying experience including the touch, feel, and trial of jewellery. The brand currently delivers across all 718 districts and pin codes. As per a recent Melorra survey, over 90% consumers today prefer buying trendier, fashionable, and uniquely designed gold jewellery. They claim to miss wearing gold jewellery when it is kept inside lockers and taken out only on special days. This is where Melorra is bringing in differentiation by offering

lightweight and fashionable gold jewellery that can be worn with just about anything. Speaking about this, Saroja Yeramilli, Founder and CEO, Melorra, said, "Women today demand jewellery that goes with their daily wardrobe. Capitalizing on this demand, Melorra offers customers trend-inspired lightweight and fashionable gold jewellery with 17,000+ designs to choose from, all of which come at affordable price

points. We have managed to make our consumers pivot from the way they perceive gold jewellery. We welcome them to experience our newly launched Nexus Pune Westend centre." Melorra offers lightweight and affordable fashionable gold jewellery (the majority of the demand comes from the 20-50k price range). Melorra has so far delivered to over 3000 cities/towns/villages in the country and made its mark everywhere - from villages with a population of less than 10,000 to cities with a population above 1 million. With its recently expanded delivery capabilities to the US, UK, Singapore, and UAE, Melorra is making sure that gold is fashionable every day!

Samsung Announces Galaxy Z Flip4 and Galaxy Z Fold4 in India

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today launched the latest Galaxy Z series in India. The fourth generation foldables, Galaxy Z Fold4 and Galaxy Z Flip4 are now open for pre-book online and across retail stores in the country.

"At Samsung, we continuously push the boundaries of innovation to create new smartphone experiences for consumers. Our latest Galaxy Z series is a testimony to just that. Now, in its fourth generation, Galaxy Z series offers the ultimate tools for both productivity and self-expression. Galaxy Z Fold4 is the result of Samsung's enduring smartphone innovation. Equipped with flagship camera, the fastest processor and all new design, Galaxy Z Fold4 is the most powerful smartphone yet. Galaxy Z Flip4's compact clamshell design offers unique experiences and its FlexCam enables shooting hands-free videos. With such unparalleled mobile experiences, our latest behavior-shifting Galaxy Z series will revolutionize the way users interact with their smartphones," said Akshay Gupta, General Manager, Mobile Business, Samsung India.

Galaxy Z Flip4: Galaxy Z Flip4 sports compact clamshell design and offers unique smartphone experiences. The innovative form factor allows you to go truly hands-free and do more without even unfolding the phone, including answering calls and replying to texts. With our FlexCam innovation, you can shoot hands-free video or capture group selfies at various angles by voice commands or just displaying the palm of your hand. You can take high-quality selfies right from the Cover Screen by leveraging the main camera with the upgraded Quick Shot mode. Start



high-quality video recording in Quick Shot mode and then seamlessly switch to Flex mode to continue recording hands-free without stopping the video. With Quick Shot, users can click selfies in portrait mode and see the preview in actual photo ratio. Additionally, with upgraded camera equipped with 65 percent brighter sensor, Galaxy Z Flip4 comes with Samsung's flagship Nightography feature ensuring your photos and videos are crisper and more stable through the day or night. Galaxy Z Flip4 comes with the latest Snapdragon 8+ Gen1 processor and 10% higher battery capacity at 3700mAh, allowing you to capture, watch and connect longer between charges, and with Super Fast Charging, you can charge up to 50 percent in around 30 minutes. With slimmer hinge, straightened edges, contrasting hazed back glass and glossy metal frames, the design is sleeker and the most refined one yet. Additionally, you can customize the cover screen clock with your AR emoji character. With Galaxy Themes on both Cover and Main Screen, users can tailor-make their Galaxy Z Flip4 inside out to complement their style with custom fonts, icons and designs.

Galaxy Z Fold4: The most powerful and productive smartphone in your pocket, Galaxy Z Fold4 combines balanced and premium design, enhanced durability and powerful performance. Galaxy

Z Fold4 offers increased functionality whether opened, closed or in Flex mode. With slimmer hinge, lighter-than-ever body and even narrower bezels, the wider screen enables easier one-handed interactions while using the Cover Screen. Content is even more immersive and distinctive on the 7.6-inch main screen with improved 1Hz-120Hz adaptive refresh rate and less visible Under Display Camera (UDC).

Take stunning photos and videos with its flagship camera hosting 50MP wide lens, 30X Space Zoom lens and 3x optical zoom - all significant improvements as compared to its predecessor. Galaxy Z Fold4 also gets Samsung's flagship Nightography feature owing to 23 percent brighter sensor, enhanced Optical Image Stabilization and Video Digital Stabilization (OIS+VDIS) and all new AI Image Signal Processor (AI ISP). Galaxy Z Fold4 comes with the latest Snapdragon 8+ Gen1 processor that among other things improves the output of the flagship camera producing stunning images during the day or at night. Variety of camera modes, including Capture View Mode, Dual Preview and Rear Cam Selfie are also custom-built to take advantage of the unique form factor for increased capturing flexibility.

The new taskbar provides PC-like multitasking enabling smooth switching between apps, easy access to favourite and recently used apps and launch of multiple windows instantly from the task bar. You can also easily switch full-screen apps to pop-up windows or split your screen in half for more ways to multitask.

Galaxy Z Fold4 is the first device to ship with Android 12L, a special version of Android created by Google for large-screen experiences, including foldables.

U.S. CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES PATRICIA LACINA, U.S. CONSUL GENERAL MIKE HANKEY, AND HHS HEALTH ATTACHÉ VISIT SII IN PUNE



Pune (Voice news service):- Highlighting 75 years of the U.S.-India bilateral relationship and their cooperation on health issues, a U.S. delegation including U.S. Mission Chargé d'Affaires Patricia Lacina; U.S. Consul General in Mumbai Mike Hankey; Dr. Preetha Rajaraman, HHS Health Attaché, and FDA Country Director Dr. Sarah McMullen visited the world's largest vaccine manufacturer (by volume) Serum Institute of India in Pune. The delegation met Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla, Chairman & MD, SII; Mr. Adar Poonawalla, CEO, SII; and Mr. Stanley C. Erck, CEO, Novavax Inc. Recognizing India's partnership and commitment to the world during the pandemic, the event was a celebration of the long-standing relationship in health between the two countries. With the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S. FDA)'s recent authorization of Novavax's Nuvaxovid vaccine, SII has become the first Indian manufacturer to

access the U.S. vaccine market. Approximately 3.5 million SII-made doses of the Novavax vaccine have already been sent to the United States. The delegates noted the critical role played by U.S.-India cooperation in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and other global health challenges. They welcomed the partnership between U.S. company Novavax and India's Serum Institute on vaccine development and manufacturing and appreciated how this alliance increased global access to safe, effective, and affordable COVID-19 vaccines. U.S. Mission Chargé d'Affaires Patricia Lacina shared, "The long-standing relationship in health between the United States and India has had a profound impact on the lives of people across both countries and globally. The partnership is vital in addressing the challenges of our times. The public-private economic partnership between both countries

plays a key role in ensuring the health and prosperity of our people. I am delighted to be in Pune and visit the Serum Institute of India, which has helped save lives around the world during the pandemic." Mr. Adar Poonawalla, CEO, SII, shared, "The U.S. and India have been close allies for the longest time. Together, they have created several milestones that have benefitted the citizens and the world, at large. The strong cooperation between both the countries on global vaccination and pandemic relief has been inspiring. And to keep the growth curve upward and onwards, we will continue to play our role sincerely." Mr. Stanley C. Erck, CEO, Novavax Inc. USA, shared, "India has played a crucially important role during the devastating pandemic. As it emerges as one of the fastest growing large economies in the world, it will continue to have a powerful impact on all fronts. The US-India ties are even stronger than before and aligned in values and vision. Novavax and Serum Institute of India, are committed to growing these partnerships to leverage our collective dedication, ingenuity, and expertise to protect the health of people everywhere." SII and Novavax are key partners in the development and manufacturing of Novavax' vaccine, marketed by Novavax as Nuvaxovid" and by SII as Covovax", from its facility in Pune. The vaccine is already being exported to highly regulated markets such as Europe, Australia, the U.S. and many other countries around the world.

Disney+ Hotstar and Pooja entertainment come together for a spectacular psychological thriller Cutputtli starring Superstar Akshay Kumar releasing on 2nd September

Pune (Voice news service):- Adding another nail-biting thriller to its arsenal, Disney+ Hotstar brings a world class edge-of-the-seat movie Cutputtli. Starring the ever-charming and talented Akshay Kumar, this spine-chilling thriller will see the superstar donning a new role. Riddled with secrets and an incredible journey of intercepting a serial killer's psychology; the movie presents a mind-boggling whodunnit set produced by Vashu Bhagnani, Jacky Bhagnani and Deepshikha Deshmukh and Directed by Ranjit M Tewari. This Pooja Entertainment production will release on Disney+ Hotstar on 2nd September. Gaurav Banerjee, Head- Content, Disney+ Hotstar & HSM Entertainment Network, Disney Star, said, "With Cutputtli, we are bringing an exciting thriller headlined by one of India's beloved actors, Akshay Kumar. We are delighted to collaborate with Pooja Entertainment and the talented actor in a psychological thriller that hopefully keeps them hooked." Bollywood Actor Akshay Kumar said, "I have always believed in re-inventing myself and disrupting what's already



done. Khiladi was a special movie for me in more ways than one - A thriller that changed my life and established my identity in the movies. All these years I kept seeking a script in the thriller genre with an element of the unthinkable. And Cutputtli came my

way and totally 'thrilled' me! It has been a delight to work with Pooja Entertainment and Ranjit yet again. I want this film to be watched by a large audience across the globe; hence I have chosen a streaming platform like Disney + Hotstar to showcase Cutputtli." Producer Jacky Bhagnani said, "We are extremely excited to partner with Disney+ Hotstar to bring a big-ticket film like Cutputtli starring the supremely talented Akshay Kumar and Rakul Preet Singh. We look forward to bringing this wonderfully crafted thriller to a large audience through this collaboration." Producer Deepshikha Deshmukh shared "It's been an absolute pleasure working with Akshay Sir again. Cutputtli- a unique nail biting psychological thriller will bring to the audiences a whole new avatar of the actor. We are so thrilled to partner with Disney + Hotstar and bring this cinematic experience to the Disney viewers across the Globe." ~Tune into Disney+ Hotstar on 2nd September to watch Akshay Kumar starrer Cutputtli as he races against time to save innocent lives from a serial killer~

Luxury on two wheels. BMW Motorrad India launches its Touring Range

Pune (Voice news service):- BMW Motorrad's much-awaited touring range, the new BMW R 1250 RT, the new BMW K 1600 GTL, the new BMW K 1600 Bagger and the new BMW K 1600 Grand America is launched in India. Deliveries of the motorcycles starts in August 2022 for customers who had pre-booked the motorcycles across the BMW

Motorrad Dealer Network in India. Mr. Vikram Pawah, President, BMW Group India said, "Each BMW Motorrad models tells its own story, and each promises the motorcyclist an individual and unforgettable recreational experience. As a high-performance, emotional, and exclusive riding experience, the new BMW Motorrad touring

motorcycles embodies the motto of the 'Spirit of the Open Road'. It is synonymous with elegance, power, and luxury on two wheels. As an ultimate luxury touring motorcycle range, the new BMW R 1250 RT, the new BMW K 1600 GTL, the new BMW K 1600 Bagger and the new BMW K 1600 Grand America will redefine the luxury and exclusivity in the touring

segment in India. The legendary 2-cylinder boxer and the unrivalled 6-cylinder engine performance, outstanding ride comfort and exclusive features ensures relaxed cruising on long highways that stretch out to the horizon and provide intense riding pleasure." The new BMW R 1250 RT - Experience Dynamic Touring.

HCL Foundation Marks 46th HCL Day by planting 46,000 saplings across India

Pune (Voice news service):- A total of 46,000 saplings of 30 native species were planted as part of the 46th HCL Day celebrations by the HCL Foundation, the CSR arm of HCL technologies, at various project sites like Gautam Buddha Nagar, Lucknow, Hardoi, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Nagpur, Pune, Kolkata, Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Bengaluru, South 24 Parganas, and Krishna district. Beginning in April 2022, nearly 84,000 saplings were planted, further strengthening the organization's commitment to meeting the Sus-



tainable Development Goals and National Missions. At various locations, more than 500 HCLites, children, NGO partners, community volunteers, and women's self-help

groups with their families joined the plantation drive. Several members of HCL Technologies' leadership from all regions took part in the mega plantation event. Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President and Director of HCL Foundation, and her team from HCL Foundation planted over 400 saplings at Sorkha, Gautam Buddha Nagar. The organization also undertook plantation of native tree species in government schools, forested areas, HCL campuses, and land dedicated for mass afforestation. Significantly, besides terrestrial plantation, 120,000 mangrove seeds and 6,500 saplings were planted in Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, and South 24 Parganas under this initiative.

GIIS Hadapsar students celebrate Har Ghar Tiranga campaign to mark 75 years of Independence

Pune (Voice news service):- As part of the government's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative on the platinum jubilee celebrations of India's Independence, GIIS Hadapsar students came together to mark 75 years of the country's Independence. As part of the celebrations, kids made Tiranga in their Art and Craft Class and carried it home so that every GIISian home should have Tiranga. The celebration included various activities that

allowed students to celebrate and express themselves visually. Students donned costumes and spoke a few lines representing different states of the country. Students did the "Freedom Walk" where they dressed up as Freedom Fighters or The National Symbols of our Country. They narrated two famous quotes of the freedom fighter and mentioned the importance of national symbols.

Besides this; painting competition, debate on India's achievement after Independence in 1947 and poster making activity on 75 years of Independence were conducted during the day. On the occasion Rajiv Bansal, Director-Operations, GIIS India said that "the Tiranga campaign envisages making the relationship with the national flag a more personal one rather than just keeping it formal. The initiative will generate awareness among the children about the contribution and sacrifices made by freedom fighters of the state and the country and will instill patriotism amongst kids" The Modi-led government's call for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign to encourage people to bring the Indian tricolour home and hoist it to mark 75 years of the country's independence. People across the country have taken part in the campaign with full fervour.

Metaverse & Web 3.0 are going to play a vital role in this year's festive season: Agam Chaudhary

Pune (Voice news service):- The shopping season is set to kick off with the onset of the great big Indian festival season that commences with the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi festival. This puts the spotlight on the retail sector, where consumer engagement is of prime importance. Retailers can no longer afford to be quite laid-back about it as they are no longer just operating in a physical world, but also a digitalised one. However, the digitalised world, which includes websites, mobile apps, and social media, has now gone virtual with Metaverse and Web 3.0 and retailers are now exploring the technology to leverage their brand, consumer engagement, and sales, this festive season. The immersive technology of Metaverse, which is a combination of augmented, virtual and mixed reality, is largely

youth-driven. Agam Chaudhary, the founder of Two99, which delivers end-to-end marketing solutions to WEB 3.0 companies, says, "Be it digital or virtual, it's the new generation that is driving the trend, especially since they are the prime consumers in gaming on Metaverse. They are used to a certain level of 3D experience that Metaverse has to offer and would expect the same in all their other virtual engagements. In fact, it's a highly personalised experience for the retailer, too, to take the product to the consumer wherever he/she is virtually." Interestingly, the retail sector is no longer the only real-world metaverse use case. The immersive technology has already made inroads in other eight sectors, including healthcare, travels & tours, financial services, media & telecommunications, public sector, con-

struction and real-estate, energy and industrial goods and transportation. "This is a far cry from the general belief that the metaverse will be a reality in another five years. It is already here," says Mr. Chaudhary, adding, "The operational problem of creating the metaverse still exists even though India appears to have the technical, demographic, and policy basis for it. The deal flow in the private sector must quicken if India is to assume a leading position." With its thriving tech sector and culture of entrepreneurship, India is primed to help build the metaverse, which has been pegged to be an \$800-billion market by 2024 and \$5-trillion by 2030. Two99, with the help of rich experience in Web3 and proprietary marketing and sales tools for Web3, has been helping brands across the globe.

Singer Padma Shri Kailash Kher along with Repos launches "I Pledge" campaign to encourage youth to support India's march to becoming a superpower



Pune (Voice news service)- Repos energy is changing the energy distribution of the country by delivering energy on an app through Mobile Petrol Pumps. A glorious virtual ceremony was organised to launch the "I Pledge" campaign in the inspiring presence of Kailash Kher (renowned Indian playback singer and music composer), Mrs Aditi Bhosale Walunj (Repos Founder) and Mr Chetan Walunj (Repos Founder). Repos launched the "I Pledge Anthem" - Hai Hausla Hai Junoon as a tribute to every Indian committed to India's cause.

To honour 75 years of Indian independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) "I Pledge" is a campaign to make India a superpower. This campaign aspires to encourage the youth to do anything it takes to create the India of our dreams. Repos is committed to playing its part in India's journey to a super power by becoming global energy distribution leader. Repos, for its innovativeness, has received the National Start-up Award 2021 for the industry 4.0 vertical from the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi Ji. Repos has also recently raised a pre-series round of funding of Rs 560 million from Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, Ratan Tata, and other investors. This is the first time ever that a start-up has received funding from Ratan Tata twice. "I Pledge Anthem" - Hai Hausla Hai Junoon is sung by Kailash Kher. He has committed to the "I Pledge" campaign and is passionate about inspiring the youth toward India's path to becoming a superpower over the next coming years. Mr Kailash Kher, Padmashri Kailash Kher, Spiritual & Sufi Singer, Lyricist & Music Composer on this association with Repos, said, "I am really happy that today we are launching a



special anthem on the occasion of Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. We have launched this anthem called 'I Pledge Anthem' to encourage, excite and inspire our youth and every citizen of this country. I am sure that the whole of India will instantly connect to this amazing song. Every citizen of this country is deeply patriotic and the onus to take forward our country in the golden era lies on the shoulders of every citizen of this country. I fully support the 'I Pledge' Campaign.

"I Pledge" campaign is Repos's initiative to make India a Vishva Guru. India, one of the world's youngest nations, has about 65% of its population under the age of 35yrs. The youth can drive the nation to greater heights. The young minds will be more fresh and innovative, which will help the country's progress. We believe that I Pledge Anthem, "Hai Hausla Hai Junoon", represents every Indian committed

to India's cause. We will request every Indian to be part of the "I Pledge" campaign and steer India to greater heights," said Mr Chetan Walunj, Founder and CEO of Repos. Mrs Aditi Bhosale Walunj, Founder and Chief Visionary Officer of Repos, said, "The role of the youth in nation-building is crucial. They are problem solvers, can positively influence other young people and the nation, and are extremely ambitious. They can develop a uniqueness about themselves and move the nation forward. "I Pledge" campaign is Repos's commitment to work towards making India a world leader. We hope our Pledge Anthem, "Hai Hausla Hai Junoon" will be the revolution that inspires inclusive growth. Repos would encourage the youth to be part of our "I Pledge" campaign and create the India of our dreams."

Kolhapur boy Jamadar is the top attacker in Ultimate Kho Kho

Pune (Voice news service)- Rajasthan Warriors haven't had an expected start to the inaugural edition of Ultimate Kho Kho, losing all three of their games so far but Majahar Jamadar has been a bright spot for them. Jamadar was born in Ichalkaranji, a city based in Maharashtra's Kolhapur district. He has caught many eyeballs with his sensational performances in India's first-ever franchise-based league so far. The Kolhapur-boy is not only top attacker in the league with 52 total points but also leads the chart of total sky dives (9) and total high dives (4). The 31-year-old attacker has scored an impressive 48 points by dismissing opposition defenders with dives.



He has won Attacker of the Match twice and Ultimate Kho of the Match award once during the three matches. The captain of Rajasthan Warriors, Jamadar has been giving his all for the team. However, they are yet to secure the first win of the season. On Sunday, Jamadar will once again lead Rajasthan Warriors from the front and hope to clinch a maiden win for his side in the league when they take on Telugu Yoddhas. Ultimate Kho Kho has been featuring six

teams—Chennai Quick Guns, Gujarat Giants, Mumbai Khiladis, Odisha Juggernauts, Rajasthan Warriors and Telugu Yoddhas, in the Season 1, which has been taking place at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Mahalunge, Pune, Maharashtra. In another match on Sunday, table-toppers Gujarat Giants will look to extend their unbeaten run when they face Odisha Juggernauts. Ultimate Kho Kho is promoted by Amit Burman in collaboration with the Kho Kho Federation of India, Ultimate Kho Kho. Exciting action of the on-going season has been telecasted live in five languages on Sony Sports Network—SONY TEN 1 (English), SONY TEN 3 (Hindi & Marathi) SONY TEN 4 (Telugu & Tamil) as well as streamed live on SonyLIV.

Mumbai Khiladis clinch thriller to secure their first win in Ultimate Kho Kho, beat Rajasthan Warriors by 8 points



Pune (Voice news service)- Mumbai Khiladis opened its account by securing a nail-biting eight-point victory against Rajasthan Warriors in their second match at the inaugural edition of Ultimate Kho Kho at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Mahalunge, Pune, Maharashtra on Monday. Mumbai Khiladis clinched the match with 51-43 score.

In a special opening ceremony of the Ultimate Kho Kho Day 2, the national anthem was played by the brass band of the Bombay Engineering Group of the Indian Army as two glorious Indian traditions came together to celebrate the 75th Independence Day in style. Just like this homegrown sport, the Bombay Engineering Group, too, has a long and distinguished history, from its inception over 300 years ago. It has served the nation in times of war and peace, earning awards and a nation's gratitude and recognition for its selfless sacrifices. Mumbai's Gajanan Shengal impressed in the attack, scoring 16 points with two pole dives and one sky dive. Mumbai Khiladis won the toss and chose to defend as captain Vijay Ha-

jare alongside Rohan Kore and Avik Singha started the proceedings. Nikhil struck for Rajasthan as he captured Hajare in the first match of the game before the batch was out in the next half minute. Faizankha Pathan, from the third batch of Mumbai, showcased skilful defence to remain unbeaten but Rajasthan Warriors ended the first turn with 18-4 lead. Mumbai Khiladis continued their aggression when they turned to attack, capturing three opposition batches to end the first innings at 29-20 in their favour. Rajasthan earned 21 points in the attack to take eight points lead in the first turn with scores at 41-33. However, Mumbai fought-back well to bag 18 points in the final turn and secured the match by 51-43 score. Chennai Quick Guns and Odisha Juggernauts will play the second game of the day later tonight. Mumbai Khiladis' Shreejesh S bagged Defender of the Match award while skipper Hajare adjudged Ultimate Kho of the Match. Rajasthan's Ma-

jahar Jamadar was given the Attacker of the Match award. On Tuesday, Telugu Yoddhas will take on Rajasthan Warriors while Gujarat Giants lock horns with Odisha Juggernauts. The season 1 of the league will witness six franchises, Chennai Quick Guns, Gujarat Giants, Mumbai Khiladis, Odisha Juggernauts, Rajasthan Warriors and Telugu Yoddhas, battling it out for the title over a period of 22 days. The exciting action of Season 1 will be telecasted in five different languages on Sony Sports Network—SONY TEN 1 (English), SONY TEN 3 (Hindi & Marathi) SONY TEN 4 (Telugu & Tamil) as well as streamed live on SonyLIV. There will be two matches played each day with live coverage starting at 7:00 PM IST. In the Season 1, all the teams will play twice against each other twice during the league stage with Top-4 teams progressing into knockout stage, which will be played in playoffs format.

Barkha Singh speaks about the love her character Sanya has received from the audience

Pune (Voice news service)- Barkha Singh initially came into the limelight with her show Please Find Attached, which got her wide recognition amongst the audience. Since then, Barkha has done some noteworthy work in shows like Engineering Girls, Masaba Masaba 2, The Great Wedding of Munnes and more. Barkha's fans are now even more excited as they just witnessed a heart-touching trailer of Please Find Attached season 3. Talking about her character,

Barkha Singh shared, "Sanya is such a Girl-Next-Door, so whenever I have portrayed Sanya it's always been straight from the heart and that is why so many people can connect and relate to Sanya. From season 1 to season 3, you can also see a growth in Sanya mentally, and emotionally career-wise and not just Sanya even our audiences have grown with Sanya in terms of age, and their thought process." She further added, "Sanya has

been on her journey with all of us over the years and we resonate with her. I get all sorts of DM's and the fans that I meet when I am travelling and dining at a place is insane. I love how people love Sanya so much." It will be a sight to witness how Sanya (Barkha Singh) will tackle her personal and professional life while keeping her honeymoon phase intact. Apart from Please Find Attached Barkha has some really interesting projects yet to be announced in the coming



Bollywood's Shershaah Sidharth Malhotra talks about how the film was a game changer for him

Pune (Voice news service)- Sidharth Malhotra's passion project Shershaah recently completed a year of release and the film to date ignites pride in audiences. The film has been a beautiful journey for Sidharth Malhotra which he holds very close to his heart. He was the first person who came on board for the film and the film has made many milestones since. Shershaah received massive acclaim from audiences and critics alike and has been a game changer for the lead actor Sidharth Malhotra. His performance was highly praised by everyone so much so that he has been a favourite at every award ceremony this year. The actor will soon complete a decade in the industry and has an interesting trajectory. When Karan Johar asked him

about the ups and downs he went through as an actor and his journey in the industry so far, Sidharth Malhotra shared, "As you said Karan there have been so many ups and downs. I think a lot of learning coming from the outside. It took a while to also gauge the industry, what it takes to be an actor, on-screen and off screen both. And yes, there was that craving to prove that it is not difficult to mould oneself beyond just their looks or physicality. And to really bite into a character. I feel everyone connects everything to business. You know I feel success also solves everything. If you are giving hit films no one really cares, as to what and how you are doing things. So that's a big learning but Shershaah comes in as a blessing where people see a character, people see someone beyond their looks

or get more involved or feel certain things because of an actor portraying certain emotions." When Karan Johar (on Koffee with Karan) asked if Shershaah has changed the game for Sidharth Malhotra, the actor shared, "100 per cent. In Shershaah from the beginning of the moment it was narrated to me it had a very from point zero to wherever it reached today. I was involved in the journey, I was emotionally involved, technically, story, direction, we had a great director, we had a great cast, great producer, you know it felt that if... I mean Shershaah had to work, it came to a stage where you know I have put so much time and effort. You know when you prep for a film, you manifest so much. You want it to be the best version, so it has happened. It gives me a sense of validation.

It gives me a sense that I have a sense of what this business is all about some small creative calls, I am capable of taking today, some instinctive calls and that's what we all need. Because no one can tell you how to be successful in this business, no one can guarantee you that all your calls will be you know a 100 percent. Even the biggies of the business, I have met them all, we have seen them all. You being a director, have seen it as well." The actor further added, "It's a massive rollercoaster and I am enjoying the ride. From one high to the other."



Tata Starbucks Celebrates Their 10th Anniversary in India by Allowing Customers To #BrewYourOwnStarbucks

Pune (Voice news service)- Celebrations galore for Tata Starbucks as the brand marks its 10th anniversary in India and continues to lead by example with its eminent position in the coffee industry. Announcing the novel #BrewYourOwnStarbucks campaign, the brand celebrates its glorious presence in India and strengthens the warm connections it has built with their customers over the years, by offering its customers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get featured on the Starbucks menu! Talking about the campaign,

Deepa Krishnan, Chief Marketing Officer, Tata Starbucks Pvt Ltd said, "At Starbucks, customers are at the centre of everything we do, and it all starts with their names. As we mark our 10th anniversary in India, we want to celebrate all our customers and the hidden barista in them. Our customers are as passionate about coffee as we are and are full of new ideas and creativity. In this unique campaign, customers are invited to share their own bespoke recipes for a Starbucks beverage and stand a chance to get their names and special beverages featured on

the Starbucks menu. This unique first of its kind initiative is our way of thanking our customers and giving them an opportunity to be Starbucks Baristas." To further amplify this campaign, this unique campaign has been brought to life with a film, conceptualized and produced by Edelman India in collaboration with The Yellow Umbrella Films. The film highlights TATA Starbucks' 10-year milestone in India, while giving consumers the unique opportunity to engage with the brand and be a part of its iconic legacy. The film starts off with a girl walking into

a Starbucks store and requesting that the Barista make a beverage for her which is her unique recipe. As she goes on to explain her recipe, the store surprises her by putting it up on the menu board as - Naina's Decadent Frappuccino! The barista shares that Starbucks is celebrating their 10th anniversary by applauding the barista in your leaving her pleasantly surprised and overjoyed by this gesture. The film calls out customers to join this one-of-a-kind campaign by sending beverage ideas that are uniquely theirs and standing a chance to be featured on Starbucks menus.

Little Italy Group Goes Vegan Pan India



Pune (Voice news service)- Little Italy Group, a pioneer in serving Italian cuisine in India, has launched a comprehensive vegan menu with some of the best Italian dishes for their consumers. They have been known for serving the real goodness and freshness of vegetarian Italian food for over 3 decades, dishing out some of the best pizzas and pasta. Little Italy is now serving the vegan menu in locations like Pune, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Jaipur. Veganism as a trend picked up in India a lot more during the pandemic when people switched to living a healthier and balanced lifestyle. While Little Italy was initially serving limited options in their vegan cuisine, with the ris-

ing demand for vegan dishes they launched an entire vegan menu. In 2021, Little Italy launched a comprehensive vegan menu with over 50 dishes and a variety of options across all courses and the menu was a big hit amongst both vegans and non-vegans. Currently, vegan items amount to about 8-10% of the sales, and revenue from vegan dishes has grown over 5 times over the last year. Out of the 50,000 pizzas the company sells every month at least 5,000 are vegan, similarly 10-15% of their pasta sales are from vegan dishes. Currently, the revenue from vegan dishes amounts to INR 50-70 Lakhs monthly and it's growing at a rapid pace. On expanding the vegan menu options, Mr. Amrut Mehta, Director, Little Italy Group, said "India is finally ready for veganism and

we are seeing many advancements in technology which makes it easier for new products to enter the market. This further fosters the vegan ecosystem by enabling more consumers to switch to vegan products and supplying great products to restaurants and hotels to incorporate vegan dishes into their menus at affordable prices. Our ideology with the vegan menu was to make dishes that aren't conventionally vegan or vegan dishes that are hard to make, so we wanted to recreate them using plant-based products. Naturally vegan products do not have the same characteristics as dairy products so making the pizza feel cheesier with vegan cheese or making a pasta creamier using soy milk and not full fat cream was a challenge. However, our dedicated team of chefs have been able to come up with very innovative and delicious vegan dishes which can be enjoyed by everyone! And yes, non-vegans too love our vegan menu." He further adds, "The main objective for us is the taste and to be as close as possible to the original product that is traditionally non-vegan dishes. To do that we use only select plant-based products that meet all our criteria in terms of taste and texture. For example, we only choose vegan cheeses which have the highest fat content for a cheesy/creamy taste, the high melting point for our pizzas, a good taste on the palate and most importantly consistent in quality." In the vegan menu their Verde Pizza, Pizza Rustic, 4 Cheese Pasta and Parma Rosa Pasta are some of the best seller dishes in Little Italy. They also have vegan options in desserts, their vegan cheesecake and chocolate mousse are the highlight, which is so good that customers are surprised to know that it is vegan.

FC Road SOCIAL to host the 11th episode of CULTURE CHUTNEY in collaboration with THE ART & FLEA PROJECT

Eco Flea Festival at FC Road SOCIAL, Pune - featuring sustainable brands and artists' market, handpoko tattoo artists, thrift finds, clean beauty, activities & more!



Pune (Voice news service)- A path-breaking urban hangout, the iconic all-day cafe & bar chain SOCIAL is designed to take you offline while still keeping you connected. Nurturing hyperlocal communities is the beating heart of every neighbourhood SOCIAL. The brand has always believed in paving new paths with the spaces it creates. Creating a similar space to support and spotlight the hyperlocal sustainable community, FC Road SOCIAL is hosting this initiative under #GreenerSocial vertical

called #SOS a.k.a #SOCIALOnSustainability. SOCIAL's vision for #SOS is to lead sustainability conversations and solutions in the industry as well as the hyperlocal communities of India. This month, FC Road SOCIAL will be celebrating and hosting the 11th episode of Culture Chutney in collaboration with The Art & Flea Project, a women-led creative incubator deeply engaged in working with artists and the creative community to build capacity in the areas of Arts and Environment.

The idea behind this is eco festival property is to mobilise the idea of sustainability and build a pan-India community of home-grown talent who want to play a role in making conscious lifestyle choices and driving others to do the same. Be a part of the immersive Eco Flea Market with an array of exciting displays to opt for ranging from Vintage & Y2K, a unique Thrift Shop,

handpoko tattoo artists, rich ceramics, insightful tarot readings and skin-friendly clean beauty options. Event details: When: Sunday 21st August, 2022, Time: 12PM -7PM, Where: FC Road Social, Pune. Unit No. 101, Mezz & 1st Floor, Cello Platina, C.TS No. 1183, F.C. R, Maharashtra 411015. Entry: Free

BLOWOUT AT THE CULT (HOUSE & TERRA)



Pune (Voice news service)- Are you looking for a plan to sort out your weekend fun? Come along with your gang and join us for the extravagant weekend at the Cult (House & Terra) and leave a tiring week be-

hind you! Sunday: one day to rule them all. Stop by at the Cult Terra and prep yourself for the week coming ahead with soulful live music featuring The Bus Stop. The

event begins at 7 pm onwards on the 21st of August. Date: 21st August 2022, Time: 7 pm onwards, Address: The Cult (Terra & House), KadWasti, Magarpatta, Hadapsar, Pune, Maharashtra 411028

Impact Of Poor Muscle Health On Your Body's Immunity

Pune (Voice news service):- To lead healthy, wholesome lives, building and maintaining a strong immune system is a priority, more so in recent times. A strong immune system is even more critical for people battling chronic diseases to ensure that mild infections do not escalate into further severe complications. While good, balanced nutrition is a well-known contributor to building a strong immune system, what most people are unaware of is the fact that poor muscle health can also adversely impact immunity. Dr. Irfan Shaikh, Head, Medical & Scientific Affairs at Abbott's Nutrition business tells us how: The Connection Between Muscles, the Immune System and Disease Management Muscles matter as they are well-known for their role in movement, and muscle preservation is vital for maintaining strength and function as we age. There is evidence suggesting muscles play a role in immune function, as well. Muscles produce and release compounds which play an important role in the creation, activation, and distribution of some immune cells.

They are also key sources of amino acids used by the body during stress or infection. After the age of 40, the physiology of both men and women undergoes changes. More importantly, the body starts to lose muscle mass faster, and that can be as much as 33% of muscle mass loss between 40-80 years old. Low muscle mass and inadequate protein intake may weaken the body's response to an injury or infection, and emerging research suggests loss of muscle mass can contribute to compromised immunity and infections. While it is important for everyone to prioritize their muscle health and prevent muscle loss as they age, those living with chronic conditions need to be even more vigilant. For example, conditions like chronic lung diseases, diabetes, heart diseases etc. can accelerate muscle loss and diminish strength. Can a healthy lifestyle help address muscle health concerns? The answer is yes. Exercising regularly – aiming for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise a week – and eating a well-rounded diet are essential to staying healthy, supporting muscles, and also helping to manage blood sugar. The benefits of physical exercise are plenty! Research studies have shown that when we include physical activity it helps reduce abdominal obesity, improves our lipid profile; insulin sensitivity, and reduces blood pressure. A chair challenge test is an easy way to test your muscle strength, understand your muscle age and adopt any timely corrective measures. The time you take to do 5 sit-ups on a chair of approx. height 43 cms (1.4 feet) can tell you your muscle age. For example, for males between 40 and 50 years of muscle age it should take about 6.8 to 7.5 seconds and for females the time taken should be 6.9 to 7.4 seconds to perform the test. To know more about how the chair challenge test works, one can visit www.muscleage.test.in. In addition to exercising and adopting healthy lifestyle habits, incorporating good nutrition practices into daily lives is also essential.

-Maintain a balanced diet full of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, proteins, and healthy fats. Eat enough protein-rich foods like chicken, seafood, eggs, nuts, beans or dairy. Adults should aim to eat about 15 to 20 grams of protein per major meal. However, adults over the age of 65 may need more protein than younger adults – particularly those with a health setback. -Prioritize quality foods that contain micronutrients to support a healthy immune system, such as vitamin C, zinc, vitamin E, vitamin A and vitamin D. It's not always easy to get enough of all the nutrients needed to adequately support muscle and immune health. This is even more challenging for people with chronic diseases who also need to stay on top of their medications and routines and feel they don't have enough time to plan ahead when it comes to meals and snacks. This is where individuals can opt for disease-specific nutritional supplements – as part of a healthy lifestyle program – to help close that gap and ensure proper nutrient intake.

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Meta and National Commission for Women partner with Farhan Akhtar's MARD to launch a reporting campaign for women safety Campaign "Don't Hesitate, Do Report, Stay Safe" will be launched in 5 Indian languages

Pune (Voice news service):- Meta and the National Commission for Women, in partnership with Farhan Akhtar's MARD, today announced the launch of a reporting campaign "Don't Hesitate, Do Report, Stay Safe" to improve the online safety of women. The campaign will focus on increasing awareness and knowledge around tools and resources available to users to report online abuse, inappropriate content or behaviour. Launched in English and five Indian languages - Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Kannada and Tamil - 'Don't Hesitate, Do Report, Stay Safe' will raise awareness amongst users on reporting the content that they find objectionable rather than sharing it further. Highlighting the efforts and initiatives to create a safer internet for users, Madhu Singh Sirohi, Head of Policy Programs and Outreach, Facebook India (Meta) said, "As per research, women contribute more to economic development when they are digitally empowered and that requires building an internet

that is safe and spurs growth and impact. At Meta, we have always strived to build tools and resources that enable a safer and inclusive internet for women. With 'Don't Hesitate, Do Report, Stay Safe' we are confident we will be able to encourage more people to report online harms they see against women and partner with us in creating an empowering experience for women across Facebook and Instagram." Built in consultation with various leading CSOs in India, the 'Don't Hesitate, Do Report, Stay Safe' campaign also aims to bust existing myths such as "If I report nothing will happen" or "If I report, it will not stay anonymous". Further, the campaign will help users understand that when they report content they are in control of their experience on our apps - Facebook and Instagram. Sharing her views on the partnership with Meta and the launch of the campaign, National Commission for Women (NCW) Chairperson, Rekha Sharma, said, "Meta has been a long-standing

partner for the National Commission for Women (NCW) on driving digital literacy initiatives that have encouraged more women to be part of the online journey while staying safe on the internet. These include an online resource center to deal with topics like cyberbullying, cyberstalking and financial frauds and training to effectively use online resources and grievance redressal mechanisms available to women. To ensure greater safety of women on online platforms, users need to be sensitized on how to safely report problematic content. We are furthering our efforts today with the launch of this campaign to encourage more and more users to come forward and help stop online abuse faced by women each day." Speaking on the collaboration with the campaign, Farhan Akhtar, Actor, Director, UN Women Goodwill Ambassador South Asia, & Founder MARD Initiative (Men against Rape & Discrimination) said, "At MARD we believe in ensuring gender

parity and democratization of the internet, whereby dignity of all users is maintained. It is important to raise your voice against online abuse and reporting such content, which will help combat different forms of harassment. We are proud to join hands with Meta and NCW to build a safer online experience for more people." Meta has always made efforts in creating an internet which is safer and inclusive for women. Last year, Meta launched StopNCII.org that empowers women across the world to combat and prevent the spread of non-consensual intimate images (NCII). Meta also launched a Safety Hub for Women in English and 12 Indian languages that hosts all the safety resources women need when navigating the platform. It includes specific resources for women leaders, journalists and survivors of abuse. Additionally, it also contains video-on-demand safety trainings and allows visitors to register for live safety training hosted in multiple languages.

Amway India Turns 100% Plastic Waste Neutral

Pune (Voice news service):- Amway India, one of the largest FMCG direct selling companies in the country, has become 'Pre- and Post-Consumer Plastic Waste Neutral' after having managed 100% post-consumer plastic waste based on its Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) collection and recycled 100% pre-consumer plastic waste generated at the Amway manufacturing facility. The company has collected and recycled 800 metric tons of post-consumer plastic waste [4], which is equivalent to managing over 50 million units of plastic product waste comprising bottles, tubes, caps, jars, and sachets of different sizes. Additionally, it has recycled and reused 100% hazardous products and plastic waste at its manufacturing plant to achieve pre-plastic waste neutrality. Driving its business through the lens of overall environmental and societal impact, the company has embedded some discernible steps to meet its sustainability ambitions, thereby reinforcing its vision of helping people live better, healthier lives. Commenting on the achievement, Adip Roy, Associate Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Amway India said, "At Amway, our commitment to a healthy planet reflects in our products,



processes, and philosophies. Sustainability is not just about compliance but is an intrinsic part of Amway's culture. Achieving pre- and post-consumer plastic waste neutrality is one of our key milestones. As we move forward, we will continue to explore ways to reduce plastic waste pollution and in line with what we are envisaging by making our product bottles from recycled plastics. We are committed and determined to become a more sustainable company, bringing a positive change in the world, and enabling future generations to thrive." As a responsible corporate, Amway India was one of the

first brand owners in the country to have registered with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for Plastic Waste Management. Further, at Amway India, a cross-functional team primarily from the manufacturing and planning & procurement departments have together made remarkable efforts to further minimize the impact of the business on the planet, aiming for long-term sustainable growth of the organization. Some of the key sustainability initiatives include the usage of renewable energy at the plant, soil and water conservation, and sustainable farming practices. Further, through consis-

tent sustainability efforts, the company - by way of paper reduction, supply chain optimization, and usage of solar power - was able to reduce carbon emissions by close to 10.50 lakh KGCO_{2e}, equivalent to saving 47000 trees year-on-year. Building its sustainability story in the sourcing of ingredients for Nutrilite With a rich legacy of over 80 years, the brand Nutrilite from Amway has championed the seed-to-supplement approach to supplementation. The company has been sourcing its ingredients from plants grown on its own certified farms and partner farms, thereby offering quality nutrition products worldwide. In line with its commitment to sustainability, Amway has been practicing ecological sustainability standards in farming, such as Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), landscape conserved with diversity, and choosing the right geographical location for cultivation and collection of herbs. Furthermore, traceability is another integral part that helps in creating a transparent supply chain, advancing sustainability purposes, aiding documentation, and tracking the product path right from raw material to finished goods, ensuring the safety and quality of the product.

Maharashtra Natural Gas Limited (MNGL) Reduces Domestic Piped Natural Gas Prices in Pune City, Pimpri-Chinchwad & Adjoining Areas of Talegaon, Chakan, Hinjewadi from 18th August

Pune (Voice news service):- Pune - based City Gas Distribution (CGD) Company, Maharashtra Natural Gas Limited (MNGL), has reduced the selling price of domestic Piped Natural Gas (PNG) by Rs 2 per SCM in Pune city including Pimpri-Chinchwad and adjoining areas of Chakan, Talegaon and Hinjewadi with effect from the midnight of 17th / 18th August, 2022.

Accordingly, MNGL has reduced retail price of PNG to Rs. 49.50/- per SCM from an earlier price of Rs 51.50/- per SCM. After this price reduction, MNGL's Piped Natural Gas will be cheaper by around 16%, as compared to LPG cylinders at current price levels in Pune city, Pimpri - Chinchwad, Hinjewadi, Talegaon and Chakan areas. MNGL has effected this PNG

price reduction on account of a downward revision in purchase cost of domestic natural gas. MNGL has decided to pass on the benefit of reduced gas costs to the customers. Maharashtra Natural Gas Limited (MNGL) is a joint venture of two Maharashtra PSUs; GAIL (India) Limited and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) with equity participation from Government of Maha-

rashtra through MIDC and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL). It is a premier City Gas Distribution Company authorized in the Geographical Areas of Pune Pimpri-Chinchwad city including adjoining areas of Hinjewadi, Chakan & Talegaon, Valsad (except area already authorized), Dhule, Nashik District and Sindhudurg District in Maharashtra and Ramanagara District in Karnataka.

Priority Pass Partners with WithU to Offer Members Audio Fitness and Wellbeing Experiences while Travelling or at Home

Pune (Voice news service):- Collinson's Priority Pass – the original and market-leading airport lounge and travel experiences programme – has announced a partnership with audio fitness app, WithU. The partnership, a first-of-its-kind for a travel experiences programme, will allow Priority Pass Members easy access to a range of hyper-personalised fitness and wellbeing programmes, enabling them to train wherever and whenever they like, without having to break their routine. The partnership means that anyone who purchases a Priority Pass membership through prioritypass.com will automatically be able to redeem complimentary access to WithU. Studies have shown that, since the pandemic, while people are more health conscious than ever before, the majority either do nothing about it or struggle to find the time to exercise amid their busy lives. Through WithU, Priority

Pass members can now unlock a unique fitness experience that enables them to maintain their training while they travel. WithU members can access workouts whenever they like, wherever they like, and with whichever coach they like, with far more freedom than a gym membership allows. Insights by Priority Pass' parent company, Collinson, revealed travellers find virtual experience benefits catering to wellness and education to be the most appealing to enrich their travel journeys. By giving members access to a virtual lifestyle companion that can accompany them wherever they go and that caters to all fitness levels, Priority Pass is delivering in its mission to provide premium travel experiences that help to make every journey as seamless as possible. The premium fitness app includes more than 1,000 audio-guided workouts across more than 20 different modalities.

Each workout is delivered by one of their world-class coaches and incorporates the use of a 3D Avatar to help guide members on their form. It's designed for all fitness levels and helps members through every step of their fitness journey: from the initial onboarding process through to the continued, reward-based incentivisation and gamification. WithU makes the whole fitness experience engaging and entertaining for its members. "Since the pandemic, health and fitness has been a bigger priority for everyone across the world. Of course, for frequent travellers, it can be frustrating to break wellness routines", said David Evans, Joint CEO, Collinson. "Not only do we want everyone to start their journey with Priority Pass, but we're also looking at how we can provide value through travel-related benefits beyond this. Giving members access to WithU's extensive range of

convenient health and fitness workouts means they can keep up their healthy lifestyles, even when on their travels." "Travelling is such an integral part of our lives and without the right tools to hand, it can be hugely disruptive to people's health and wellbeing. WithU exists to remove this disruption entirely", said Steve Clarke, Founder and CEO. "Our partnership with Priority Pass provides their members access to WithU at any time, from anywhere in the world, giving them the opportunity to stay fit and feel their best no matter where they are. No longer does travelling mean a break from a fitness regime. Instead, you can continue to build healthy habits, and complete your favourite workouts somewhere new. Priority Pass members can now tap into thousands of workouts or personalised goal-specific programmes, to help keep their mind and body in check while they're on the move."

India's 75th Independence day was celebrated by Lila Poonawalla Foundation by awarding scholarships to school girls and recognizing 10th & 12th grade achievers



Pune (Voice news service):- After awarding over 230 school girls from 7th grade last month, over 215 meritorious, but less privileged school girls of 8th grade from Pune city and villages like Gawdevadi, Chandoli, Khidkee and Pimpalgaon schools were awarded Lila Poonawalla foundation's (LPF's) scholarships on the occasion of India's 75th Independence Day. This is the 12th successful

year of LPF's '2morrow2together' School Scholarship project. Since inception of this project around 2,700 school girls from 15 schools in Pune city and rural parts of Pune are supported with a scholarship grant from 7th grade right up to their graduation with 10 years of commitment, which is a uniqueness of this project. On this occasion, LILA Juniors and LILA Seniors who have secured more than 90%

marks in 10th & 12th were felicitated with a trophy and smart watch with a gesture of recognizing their achievements. Additionally, 9th issue of School Newsletter '2morrow2together' was launched at the hands of all the dignitaries. Amongst the guests who attended the recently held Scholarship Award function and felicitated the girls were Mr. Abhinav Kumbhar, Income Tax Commissioner - Exemptions and Mr. Amit Talreja, AVP-Finance, Brose India Automotive Systems Pvt. Ltd. Other participants from LPF were Mrs. Lila Poonawalla, Chairperson & Founder Trustee, Mr. Firoz Poonawalla, Founder Trustee, Ms. Vinita Deshmukh - Board of Trustees and Ms. Priti Khare, Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Guest Mr. Kumbhar appreciated the com-

mitment and relentless efforts of the LPF Founders, Mrs. Lila Poonawalla & Mr. Firoz Poonawalla towards upliftment of girls and society. He said that both of them are like Gods' hands. He also interacted with the scholarship awardee girls and their parents through an inspiring speech, motivating them to pursue their dreams of education and empowerment. The Guest of Honor, Mr. Talreja expressed their pride and happiness in partnering with LPF under their CSR initiatives over 3 years and committed to their continued support in the coming times. On this occasion, Mrs. Lila Poonawalla and Mr. Firoz Poonawalla said, "We invite parents to change their outlook towards girls education and support their daughters in fulfilling their dreams of education and career."

Torrent Gas cuts PNG and CNG prices by Rs. 5

Pune (Voice news service):- Torrent Gas today announced that it has reduced the price of CNG and domestic PNG by Rs. 5 per kg and Rs 5 per scm respectively with effect from 17th August 2022 across all geographical areas where it is present. Reduction in prices has

been made possible due to increased allocation of domestic natural gas by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Under the revised guidelines of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas for allocation of gas to domestic PNG and CNG segments of CGD sector, the share of domestic gas in the

CGD sector requirement has been increased to 94% of the average consumption of April to June 22 quarter instead of the earlier allocation of 85% of the average consumption of Jan to March 22 quarter. The reduction in prices, will bring significant relief to customers and will give further impetus to the adoption of

Domestic PNG by households and CNG by vehicle owners. With this decrease, the revised price of Domestic PNG in Pune will be Rs. 46 per SCM; (inclusive of taxes) representing a 26% discount to LPG and the revised price of CNG will be Rs.87 per Kg; (inclusive of taxes) representing a 45% discount to petrol.

ADP India's 170+ associates gather to commemorate India's 75th Independence Day in a grand fashion

Pune (Voice news service):- ADP India a leading provider of Human Resources Management Software & Services, has celebrated the country's 75th year of independence at its 'The Square' Office, in the Wadgaonsheri area of the city, in a sublime setting. The revival of the annual celebration united over 170 associates from ADP India and their families. The day of revelry was characterized by cheery music, cultural festivities, the presence of those beloved and was followed by delectable cuisine.

As patriotic fervor pervaded the day, ADP India orchestrated the event as a fun, extended weekend activity where ADPeers and their families get together and spend quality bonding time together to vitalize the high spirits that the day rightly demands. Recognizing the need for reimagining employee engagement, ADP India's united and celebrated India's Independence Day. The day marks efforts towards individual and consequently, united empowerment – an ideology that perfectly encapsulates ADP's

CSR vision. To encourage the youth of the NGOs that ADP supports, talented students were invited to partake in the day's cultural activities. Overjoyed with the gathering, Dr. Vipul Singh, Divisional Vice President and Head of HR said, "ADP India's vision for empowerment through solidarity fuses together with that of India's Independence Day. So, the day holds great significance for all of us. It has been a pleasure and a blessing to celebrate our Independence Day with our ADP Family.

Even during the pandemic, we celebrated this historic day in very limited number and that shows the belief of ADPeers that harmony is all it takes to build a strong community and country."



