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7th International Diabetes Summit 2023 A game changer in India's fight against Diabetes

3-day International Diabetes Summit in Pune from 10th to 12th March 2023, Over 2,000 delegates to attend

Pune (Voice news service):- Chellaram Diabetes Institute has organized its 7th International Diabetes Summit - 2023 to tackle Diabetes and identify practical ways to tackle the growing menace of Diabetes and its complications. Swami Swaroopandaji (Global Head - Chinmaya Mission) and Dr. Ashish Lele (Director, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory, Pune) will grace the inaugural function as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. The summit will cover talks on managing diabetes complications, cost-effective diabetes care, new advances and role of technology in diabetes management.

Mr Lal L. Chellaram, the Patron of the 7th International Diabetes Summit 2023 and the Chairman of Chellaram Diabetes Institute, says "The Chellaram Diabetes Institute is at the fore front of tackling the diabetes epidemic, via clinical care, research, education and awareness initiatives". Dr Unnikrishnan AG, C.E.O. Chellaram Diabetes Institute, says, "The 7th International Diabetes Summit 2023 offers a necessary academic bridge where eminent Diabetes experts contribute their knowledge about diabetes care strategies thereby effectively helping save lives". Dr (Brig.) Anil P Pandit, C.M.D. Chellaram Diabetes

Institute, says "Chellaram Diabetes Institute is equipped with hi-tech and state-of-the-art facilities and services under one roof which enables us to be at the forefront in the fight to tackle Diabetes and its complications". The 7th International Diabetes Summit - 2023 aims to provide comprehensive knowledge about Diabetes and its complications to Indian health care practitioners. Eminent international speakers from Karolinska Institutet in Sweden, Mayo Clinic and Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes in USA, National University of Singapore and University of Leicester, London Medical, Manchester University, University of Edinburgh,



Imperial College London and University of Dundee in the UK and over 70 renowned Indian faculty members to speak at the summit. 80 young researchers will present free papers to win the Chellaram Foundation Diabetes Research Awards- 2023 Basic and Clinical Science Categories (Rs2,00,000 and Rs1,00,000). Children and adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes will participate in "Run for Diabetes" - 3 km marathon organised by Chellaram Diabetes Institute and the Blue Circle Foundation on Sunday 12th March.

KEM Hospital, Pune and Siddh Divyang Foundation collaborate to develop multimedia app 'Healthy Baby'



Pune (Voice news service):- Terre Des Hommes (TDH) Rehabilitation and Morris Child Development Centre at KEM Hospital, Pune has collaborated with Siddh Divyang Foundation to develop 'Healthy Baby' a multimedia application which will help track the physical and intellectual progress of babies. The application is a result of a joint effort of more than one year with multimedia content like videos under the guidance of medical team which will simplify things for common people. The app helps in monitoring the progress of babies up to one year with six different categories of milestones over different period

intervals. While the medical content was developed by TDH Centre at KEM Hospital, the technological aspect was taken care by Siddh Divyang Foundation which has been working in this domain for past few years. Dr. Anand Pandit Director & Consultant - Paediatrics & TDH Centre said that when it comes to physical and intellectual development of small children, the first few years are critical. Child development is a staged process where children learn, and grow physically, and emotionally and parents are in charge of it. There are specific skills most children develop with certain age. These in-

clude rolling over, sitting up, the first baby steps, smiling, waving etc. These are behavioral or physical checkpoints which parents must be aware of. In case there are some things of concern, parents then can approach their pediatricians which will result in early diagnosis and intervention crucial for the future of these children. There are about sixty videos on this platform which will be of immense help to parents and will make them understand the early stages of child development. Dr. Sudha Chaudhari, Consultant at TDH Centre at KEM Hospital, Pune said that the app through simplified videos demonstrates different physical and intellectual milestones in the children till they become 1 year of age. The simplified videos have been created so that people living in rural areas can benefit from it. She added that The TDH center at KEM Hospital has been at the service of patients for more than four decades with all di-

agnostic and treatment solutions under one roof. Our experience is that children from especially lower income groups having developmental difficulties, present to us at a late stage. This is result of lack of awareness and myths. Uday Mehta, founder Siddh Divyang Foundation said that currently the app is available in three languages Marathi, Hindi and English and will expand as we move ahead. We already had a pilot run and about 500 people have started using it. Our aim is to reach maximum people especially in the rural areas. The app is available for download on android platform and is free of cost. Uday Mehta, a senior IT professional and an alumni of IIT Bombay started Siddh Divyang Foundation. The foundation is named after his son Siddh who was suffering from CP with physical and mental disabilities for 34 years. He set this foundation to help parents of normal and special kids with assistive technology based platform.

Cycling from Kashmir to Kanyakumari to spread awareness on diabetes, FFD's Veeranarayan Kulkarni comes to Pune



Pune (Voice news service):- In an effort to spread message on diabetes Veeranarayan Kulkarni

from Freedom from Diabetes is cycling from Kashmir to Kanyakumari. He made a pit stop in Pune at Freedom From Diabetes (FFD) Clinic at Prabhat Road on Tuesday morning. Dr. Pramod Tripathi, founder of FFD was present on the occasion. Veeranarayan Kulkarni said that the aim behind this initiative is to spread awareness on diabetes. People should be aware of the lifestyle, exercise, eat right and do away with junk food. He will be cycling covering a distance of 4000 km in 40 days. The initiative was officially flagged off in Pune at

a special event organized to mark ten years of FFD after which Veeranarayan Kulkarni travelled to Kashmir to start cycling. Dr. Pramod Tripathi said that this is a commendable initiative to spread the message of diabetes. At a time when India is becoming the diabetes capital of the world, those diagnosed with higher blood sugar levels should not get worried. Instead they should consult doctors and health professionals and fight it with determination by making significant lifestyle changes. That's the real way out of diabetes.

Brickschain will transform the investment pattern in real estate



Pune (Voice news service):- "Brickschain's platform allows investors to invest in real estate assets in fractions of their will, thus becoming a fractional owner in our real estate portfolio. This first-ever online real estate exchange will transform the investment pattern in real estate," confirmed Alok Rai, Chief Operating Officer at Apiary Centre of Excellence at Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Govt of India. It is noteworthy that Dr. Anil Mundhe is a Ph.D. scholar

at S. P. Jain School of Global Management along with focused research on real estate tokenization using blockchain technology. The idea of Brickschain was selected in the second cohort of the Apiary - Idea Challenge Program from STPI, (Government of India) working under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology out of 482 proposals. It is the first of its kind venture in the real estate sector. He was addressing a gathering at the launch ceremony of Brickschain in Pune.

Kamlesh Nagaware - CTO at snapper future tech & Mentor from Apiary, Shamik Ukil - Founder, Advisory Monks & Mentor from the apiary, Niket Mule - Assistant General Manager, Gera Developers, Anil Mundhe - Ceo, Brickschain, Mahendra Dhomas - MD, Brickschain along with other dignitaries were present at the occasion. Inaugurating Brickschain, a fractional investment by the first customer named Mr Ulhas Tambe was initiated at the hands of Alok Rai. Rai said, "STPI helps blockchain startups develop business ideas in commercial businesses with financial support. Nowadays, almost everything in day-to-day life is online. Banking, grocery, and gold bonds are a few examples. You can buy, sell, and retain your investment in fractions in the real estate sector at any time in a secure

way using blockchain technology. This idea has been successfully implemented by Dr. Anil Mundhe." While explaining the venture, Dr. Anil Munde said, "With blockchain technology, the asset is more secure than any other technology. Brickschain's investment opportunities are all commercial grade A properties yielding a rental income of 7% to 12% per annum, with value appreciation of around 10% to 12% depending upon market factors. Initiated in tie-up with Gera Developers, Brickschain plans to expand in fractional ownership of other assets such as Gold, residential real estate, land parcels, space crafts & aircraft." Mr. Vikram Pandya - Director, S P Jain College, Mumbai. The Fintech brand ambassador of the Maharashtra Government blessed this occasion via video conferencing.

Technology to stop carbon emissions from iron production gets top honour in 'Elecrama'



Pune (Voice news service):- The technology to stop carbon emissions from iron production recently got top honour in 'Elecrama 2023' recently held in New Delhi. The technology by Vikarsh Nano Technology from Pune was honoured by education reformer, innovator and scientist Sonam Wangchuk. He presented the first prize for 'Best Overall Product

Developed by an Indian or an Overseas Exhibitor'. Vikarsh Nano Technology has developed a counter current reactor and the green steel technology produced by it. This will completely stop carbon emissions from iron production. The patented research and production of the 'CounterCurrent Reactor' was done by the head of the Research and Development

Department, College of Engineering, Pune (COEP) Dr Narendra Duke in collaboration with Sameer Shinde, Managing Director of Vikarsh Nano Technology. Mansi Matvankar, Akshay Jaiswal, Abhay Patil, and Sangram Waghchoure accepted the award. The exhibition was jointly organized by the Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA), the Union Ministry of Power and the Union Ministry of Heavy Industries. More than 1000 companies from all over the world participated in the 'Elecrama' exhibition. In this, a special platform was provided for 12 startups. Three of the best startups were award-

ed with a prize of Rs 5 lakh each. Along with this, 'Aqua Welder', a water-powered welding and brazing machine modified by Vikarsh group's Prayog Electrical Company, got the second prize. 90 percent of power is being saved due to 'Aqua Welder'. Sameer Shinde, MD, Vikarsh Nanotechnology, said, "It is a pleasure to receive this honour from Sonam Wangchuk, a scientist working in the field of environment. India has agreed to the United Nations agreement to stop carbon emissions completely by 2050. The technology to make carbon-free iron with the help of Vikarsh Nanotechnology Shirwal project has been going on for the past five years."

HCL Foundation announces 2023 HCL Grant recipients: top winners focused on tech-led teacher training, tuberculosis care and water body conservation

Pune (Voice news service):- HCL Foundation today announced the 2023 edition of its flagship program HCL Grant - which supports pioneering work in sustainable rural development in India. HCL Foundation delivers the corporate social responsibility agenda of HCLTech. Three NGOs—Planearth, Innovators in Health (IIH) India and Meghshala Trust will receive ₹5 crore (appx. \$620,000) each for their projects under the HCL Grant endowment. This year's winners were chosen from submissions from more than 15,000 entities, an increase of 80% versus last year. According to Ms. Robin Ann Abrams, Chairperson of the HCL Grant Jury and Board Member, HCLTech: "These organizations and their projects - aligned to the HCL Foundation's core areas of focus in environment, health and education - will bring a visible and inclusive change to the 'last mile.' We believe their work will provide an important lifeline to rural communities by bridging inequality in healthcare, helping in freshwater conservation and more readily bringing education to underserved populations." In addition, six NGO finalists will receive grants of ₹25 lakh (appx. \$30,000) each in the following categories: -Environment: Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune (ISER); North-East Initiative Development Agency (NEIDA) -Education: MAHAN; Sri Sri Rural Development Programme Trust (SSRDPT) -Health: Tata Institute of So-

cial Sciences (TISS); Guria Swayam Sevi Sansthan (GSSS) HCL Foundation has funded more than ₹130 crore (appx. \$16 million) to NGOs since the HCL Grant program's onset eight years ago, reaching over 1.8 million beneficiaries in more than 25,000 villages in remote districts across 19 states and two Union Territories of India. Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, Vice President, Global CSR, HCL Foundation, bestowed the recipients with their awards in a virtual ceremony attended by representatives of NGOs, HCL, HCLTech and the media fraternity. The ceremony was the culmination of a thorough, Grant Thornton-audited process, which earlier in the year involved a series of pan-India symposiums bringing together more than 2,000 representatives from NGOs, government and corporates. "We are delighted at the volume of applications received for this year's selection process. HCL Grant partners with these NGOs to strengthen their governance and help scale their innovative ideas for sustainable rural development. We look forward to working with this year's selected NGO partners to scale innovative interventions that will supercharge progress for rural communities," Dr. Pundhir said. She also announced the release of the seventh volume of the compendium 'Fifth Estate - NGOs Transforming Rural India in Environment, Health and Education,' which chronicles the work done by past HCL Grant recipients. The book will be available in all national libraries and

through international affiliates. Planearth was awarded HCL Grant in the environment category for its project on conservation of water bodies by cleaning plastics from ponds and backwaters. It is expected to directly benefit at least 170,000 fishermen across 45 villages in Kerala. The project aims to improve quality of water bodies along with positive impact on the livelihood of fisherfolk. "The oceans of the world, and the coastal waters of Kerala in particular, are polluted by plastic, which seriously affects the livelihood of marine fishermen. The HCL Grant is the only way we could realize our goals of helping the rural fishermen of Kerala and conserving the planet," said Sooraj Abraham, Founder, Planearth. Innovators in Health (IIH) India received the HCL Grant in the health category for a project on universal tuberculosis care in rural Bihar. The project aims to reduce tuberculosis burden through enabling public health system, improving diagnostics and treatment outcomes. It will reach out to more than 10,500 households in 1,260 villages in the Samastipur district of Bihar. "I am deeply humbled by HCL Foundation's trust in us. This grant will help us extend the services we are already providing to a wider audience and community and make Samastipur a unique district in tuberculosis care in India," said Dr Manish Kumar, CEO, Inno-

vators in Health (IIH) India. Meghshala was awarded the HCL Grant in the education category for a project on technology-enabled teacher capacity building, with focus on local languages. It will directly benefit 2,700 primary and secondary teachers of government schools and 63,000 students from Grades 1-8 in 460 villages of Sikkim. The project will help in promoting digital literacy and encouraging the use of local languages among younger generation. "We continue to keep languages at the center of all our development work and HCL Grant's support will help us extend our services to more classrooms across the nation, especially those that teach local languages, where our intervention is most required," said Jyoti Thyagarajan, Founder and CEO, Meghshala Trust. Recipient NGOs were selected after screening and review of applications by an eminent jury, monitored and audited by HCL Grant governance partner Grant Thornton. Jury members include: Ms. Robin Ann Abrams, Chairperson of the Jury, Board Member, HCLTech; Mr. Suresh Narayanan, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestle India Limited; Mr. B. S. Baswan, Former Director, Indian Institute of Public Administration and Former Secretary, Human Resource Development Ministry; Ms. Pallavi Shroff, Managing Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co; Dr. Richard Lariviere, Sanskrit Scholar & President Emeritus, Field Museum (Chicago); and Mr. Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL Group and Chairman Emeritus, HCLTech.

Need for awareness on Autism Dr. Girish Tathed



Pune (Voice news service):- Dr Girish Tathed, a noted homeopathy doctor in Pune, organized a press conference with the

intention of spreading awareness about autism and its homeopathic treatment. The event was aimed at understanding the brain disorder, clearing the stigma around it, and exploring suitable treatment options for the patients. Autism is a common brain disorder several children in India suffer from. However, Dr Tathed believes that the issue isn't talked about and handled the way it should be. This ends up taking a toll on the parents of children suffering from autism. Through

the press conference, the doctor explained how, if applied well, the science of homeopathy can tackle the symptoms of autism. During the conference, Dr Tathed discussed the symptoms of autism in detail, talked about how autism affects toddlers and young adults, the mental health implications of the brain disorder. Throughout his journey as a homeopathy specialist, Dr Tathed has helped several autistic children improve their cognitive and behavioral

abilities. Discussing the impact of homeopathy on treating autism, Dr Tathed said, "Homeopathy has always been holistic in nature. Along with dealing with the issue at hand, it focuses on ensuring the complete well-being of patients. Several kids suffering from autism are often discriminated against, leading to issues like chronic anxiety and depression at young ages. Homeopathy considers these issues and attempts to heal them.

Actor Titu Verma and transgender actor Ganga launched the app of IMODA- Indian Models and Organisers Development Association



Pune (Voice news service):- After Corona, there have been many changes in the whole world and these changes have been seen in all fields, whether it is technical, commercial or practical, internet and online have come after being limited, some such changes have also come in the entertainment industry. The day is not far when any artist, makeup artist, model, choreographer, hairstylist and event management can work on a single portal and it started today, 26 February 2023, with the launch of IMODA App at Jayleela Banquet Hall! Mrs. Soumya Singh and Charles Williams, founders of IMODA and AIFA, welcomed the celebrity guest Mr. Titu Verma with bouquets on the occasion, as well as first transgender actor from Marathi film industry Actor Ganga and Mr. Vishal Dolas (Corporator, ward 108 Navi Mumbai) was also welcomed!

On this occasion, when the media asked guest celebrity Titu Verma whether apps like IMODA would be useful for the entertainment sector in the future and how this app can be benefited, Titu Verma answered these questions and said, These types of online portals and websites are the demand of the coming future, till 5-7 years ago, any artist, model or people associated with film line had to go door to door to prove their talent in the office. Were Due to which an artist had to lose money as well as time, but today the situation has changed, such a change has come after Corona that the entertainment industry has also come into the hands of Lego in the form of different apps and portals through mobile. Not

only this, any talented person sitting in any corner of the country can easily get work by uploading his profile on that app, but yes, he has to be talented for this! Titu Verma ji told that IMODA is also an authentic portal where under one roof anyone can try their skills anywhere in India and can also do a great job by registering themselves on this portal! On the occasion of the program, all the other guests also expressed their views, on this occasion Capt. Preneet Singh, Poorva Barai (Franchise Owner Nagpur, Catwalkers) and Deepak Shetty (Founder & Director DS Entertainment), Nishitha Suvarna (Image Consultant and Organisers karnataka style icon) were also present.

Nagal Crashes out of at PMR Open ATP Challenger 100 Men's International Tennis Championships



Pune (Voice news service):- India's lone representative in the second round of main draw, Sumit Nagal provided a hope briefly in the third set, but was outlasted by the qualifier Dominik Palan, from Czech Republic, to end India's Challenge in the singles event at the Pune Metropolitan Region (PMR) Open ATP challenger Men's 100 tennis championships powered by Aryan Pumps and organized by the Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association (MSLTA) at the Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Tennis Stadium. In the second round singles Qualifier Dominik Palan who has won a couple of ITF events in India last year, ended the Challenge of Indian Davis Cupper Nagal 4-6,6-3,6-4 in just over two hours. Nagal who won the first set comfortably looked on cruise mode before being broken early in the second set and losing the set. In the third Palan increased the pace of the match and caught Nagal on the wrong foot many



times and also succeeded in breaking Nagal in the very first game of the third set. Nagal ranked higher than his qualifier opponent provided brief hope in the 9th game of the match going up three break-points, but Palan held his serve solidly to warp the match and end Indian Hopes, Wildcard Nagal received 9 ATP points and \$2105 (Rs1.73 Lakhs) for his effort of making the second round. In other singles matches second seeded Chun-Hsin Tseng of Taipei outwitted Serbian Hamad Medjedovic 6-4, 6-4 in 1hr and 36 mins. In an all Italian affair fourth seeded Luca Nardi came back from loss of the first set to out Lorenzo Giustino 6-7(11), 6-0, 6-4 in 2hrs and 38 mins while eighth seeded Rio Noguchi of Japan stopped qualifier Nikola Milojevic of Serbia 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.



Manish Sureshkumar, Mukund Sasikumar, Vishnu Vardhan, Anirudh Chandrasekar and N Vijay Sundar Prashanth, Arjun Kadhe progressed into the quarterfinals with their respective partners. Prajnesh Gunneswaran paired up with Boris Butulija of Serbia and defeated Indian wild card pair of Parikshit Somani and Manish Sureshkumar 6-2, 6-2. In a late evening match the number 2 ranked Indo-Austrian duo of Arjun Kadhe and Maximilian Neuchrist defeated an all-Indian wildcard pairing of Faisal Qamar and Fardeen Qamar 6-3, 6-4. Also progressing was Purav Raja of India who paired up with Petr Nouza of Czech Republic, the number 4 seeds, and beat French-Japanese pairing of Harold Mayot and Makoto Ochi 6-3, 6-2.



Following are the Results: Main Draw: Second Round: Singles: Luca Nardi (ITA, 158) [4] bt Lorenzo Giustino (ITA, 223) 6-7(11), 6-0, 6-4 (2hrs, 38 mins) [Q] Dominik Palan (CZE, 412) bt [WC] Sumit Nagal (IND, 387) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 (2hrs, 3mins) Rio Noguchi (JPN, 210) (8) bt [Q] Nikola Milojevic (SRB) 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 (2hrs, 23mins), Chun-Hsin Tseng (TPE, 131) (2) bt Hamad Medjedovic (SRB) 6-4, 6-4 (1hr, 36mins), First Round: Doubles: Boris Butulija (SRB)/Prajnesh Gunneswaran (IND) bt (WC) Parikshit Somani/Manish Sureshkumar (IND) 6-2, 6-2 (1hr), Anirudh Chandrasekar/N Vijay Sundar Prashanth (IND) bt Dayne Kelly (AUS)/Vladyslav Orlov (UKR) 6-1, 7-5 (1hr, 7mins) Mukund Sasikumar (IND)/ Vishnu Vardhan (IND) bt Francesco Maestrelli/Luca Nardi (ITA) 2-6, 6-3, 10-7 (1hr, 16mins), Toshihide Matsui/Kaito Uesugi (JPN) (5) W/O Dimitar Kuzmanov (BUL) /Miljan Zekic (SRB) Arjun Kadhe (IND)/Maximilian Neuchrist (AUT) (2) bt (WC) Faisal Qamar/Fardeen Qamar (IND) 6-3, 6-4, Petr Nouza (CZE)/Purav Raja (IND) (4) vs Harold Mayot (FRA)/Makoto Ochi (JPN) 6-3, 6-2

A first ever musical fundraiser for charity with Ayaan and Amaan Ali Bangesh accompanied by Vijay Ghate (Padma Shri) on tabla



Pune (Voice news service):- Zariya is the brainchild of 3 enterprising women. An NGO that is dedicated to assisting and facilitating aid for the underprivileged children, autistic children, HIV infected and Type 1 Diabetic patients. Started in 2019 by Kunti Pawar, Apeksha Shah and Richa Bhansali Aggarwal the NGO aptly named Zariya meaning a medium or a bridge between the unknown giver and the deserving receiver conducted a lovely charity event featuring Aman Ali Bangesh and Ayaan Ali Bangesh, in Pune. The sarod playing duo accompanied by Padmashri Vijay Ghate on the tabla and Shridhar Partharthy on Mridungam and Darshan Doshi on Drumset mesmerized the audiences. The event was well attended with prominent personalities such as Shyreena Agarwal, Rajan Navani, Christin Khalsa, Varsha Talera, Amit Chordia and Shrinivas Bansal, Manisha Goel. Ayaan Ali Bangesh expressed his pleasure for performing at the event and was especially thankful to the NGO for un-

der-taking work of this stature and scale. He said 'For any NGO to undertake feeding 300 kids on a daily basis, daily meals provided in Mumbai and Pune, giving ration kits to de-notified tribes, caring for the education of children of commercial sex workers, supporting children with type 1 diabetes, HIV and autism is indeed a humane act.' Amaan Ali Bangesh was equally thankful to Zariya for inviting them to perform for a wonderful cause and expressed his pleasure to perform for the music lovers of Pune. Zariya will continue to work diligently and hope to get greater support for their causes.

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Corner Pocket Shooters, Poona Club Stars, Pot Black Club scrape past 14th Edition of PYC-ATC SNOOKER CHALLENGE



Pune (Voice news service):- Corner Pocket Shooters and Pot Black Club scraped past their respective opponents 2-1 in the league matches on the inaugural day of the 14th Edition

of PYC-ATC Snooker Challenge 2023 which is being organized by PYC Hindu Gymkhana and played at PYC Snooker Hall. The tournament was inaugurated at the hands of Mr. Sarang Lagu,

Hon Secretary of PYC Hindu Gymkhana, Mr. Atul Deshpande and Mr. Dnyanesh Limaye of ATC Global Logistics Pvt Ltd. Mr. Salil Deshpande, Tournament Director, Mr. Ashok Shetty, Mr. Arun Barve, Mr. Rajwardhan Joshi, Mr. Manish Chaubal, Mr. Kapil Khare were present on the occasion. Following are the results: Group League Round: Group C: Corner Pocket Shooters bt PYC Stars 2-1 (Saad Sayyed lost to Salil Deshpande 27-43, 60-22, 12-37, 60-25, 37-46); Taha Khan bt Gaurav Deshmukh 29-34, 64-55, 34-23, 66-37; Sanket Mutha

bt Yogesh Lohiya 55-09, 61-48m 30-02); Group D: Pot Black Club bt Cue Masters Blasters 2-1 (Harish Gaikwad bt Ajit Shisuran 06-46, 61-10, 36-14, 80-44; Kaiwalya Jadhav bt Akshay Pereira 41-22, 75-41, 57-01; Girish Mokashi lost to Hemant Oswal 39-33, 29-48, 47-27, 33-63, 19-36); Group C: Poona Club Stars bt Cue Masters Challengers 3-0 (Madhav Kshirsagar bt Marmik Bhansali 43-42, 59-13, 05-32, 71-20; Asraf Parwani bt Vedant Korekar 01-00, 15-42, 39-35, 50-15; Kumar Shinde bt Shakti Chitale 40-42, 91-09, 41-14, 59-21).

Sanjay Jadhav directed horror comedy movie 'Kalavati'

Pune The Muhurta ceremony of the film was concluded on February 26, 2023 at Aji-vasan Studios in Mumbai. The Marathi film industry's eminent singer, composer, producer and director Avadhoot Gupte was present at this Mahurat function as the chief guest. Actress Amrita Khan-wilkar will be seen in the lead role in this movie. Marathi cinema's ace filmmaker Sanjay Jadhav who is well-known for his films like 'Duniyadari', 'Pyaar Wali Love story', 'Tu Hi Re',



'Checkmate', 'Yeh Re Yeh Re Paisa', 'Tamasha Live' and among others, is all set to team up with Amruta Khanvilkar for their upcoming horror comedy 'Kalaawati'. Along with Amrita, Sanjay Narvekar, Tejaswini Lonari, Harish Dudhane, Omkar Bho-hane, Deepti Dhotre, Sanjay Shayabhe and Neel Salekar will be in the cast. Produced by Prajay Kamat and Swati Khopkar, the film is produced by KK Film Limited, Amey Vinod Khopkar Entertainment and Black Rose Films.

KK Royals lead group A at Poona Golf League championship



Pune (Voice news service):- K K Royals secured 16 points to lead the table from group A on the first day of the Poona Golf League championship at the Poona Club golfcourse on



Saturday. Vaishali Restaurant by Late Jagannath B Shetty are the Title Sponsors. Close on the heels were Kirloskar Limitless Rangers and ManavPari Pin Seekers with 13.5 points each.

Vascom the Holey Ones with 17 points led the points table from group B. Automech Bakers followed close behind with 14 points. Twelve teams are in the fray which are divided into two groups of six each. Each team comprises of 15 members. Over 180 golfers will be in action in the five day event. The championship is played on a Foursome (alternate shot)



and Four Ball (better ball) format. Every team has a woman golfer.

Royal Challengers Bangalore believes nation can grow with woman's equity and 'Sports for All'



Pune (Voice news service):- Taking forward the visionary 'Sports for All' concept, Royal Challengers Bangalore has made inclusivity and diversity the key going into the inaugural Women Premier League (WPL). It was the natural progression for RCB and Diageo as brands that have adopted diversity and inclusivity as their core values. Diageo held back all investments in overseas teams because we believe in India story, and we want to be part of this monumental journey for equal opportunity in Sports.

The Sports For All — the Female Cricket Strategy is a revolutionary model to ensure increased participation of women at all levels of cricket and contribute to equal opportunity for women and growth in India. And the RCB women's team is very central to that mission with an investment of 901 Crores for Royal Challengers Bangalore. Beyond the field, the RCB thinks that the 'Sport for All' philosophy will also create vibrant work culture and a holistic society. "Sports for All" is a roadmap based on critical pillars to ensure cricket

becomes a household name and one of the first career choice for young woman in India. Mr Prathmesh Mishra, Chief Commercial Officer, Diageo India, and Chairman of RCB, said: "Gender inequality is not only a pressing moral and social issue but also a critical economic challenge. Nation can grow if there is gender parity and advancing woman's equity can add to economic growth. Diageo believes it is our responsibility to contribute to nation's progress. Investing in the women's team has always been on top of our agenda. We believe it is a core part of our culture of diversity and inclusivity. We have invested 901 Crores to get this team because this mission is really important for this country. We believe India will move if we convert Sports & fitness from hobby to lifestyle and we are committed to this agenda." We are confident that the WPL will go a long way not just in boosting women's cricket in India but also mark a journey in equal participation of women in society at large.

Along with superstars like Smriti Mandhana leading the team that RCB is immensely proud of putting together reflects our commitment and desire to promote women's cricket and growth of opportunities for women in this country. We are ready for this historic journey which we firmly believe will enhance the future of women's sports while encouraging equal opportunity for everyone." Smriti Mandhana, RCB women's team captain, said: "First of all, I should thank the RCB management for giving me the opportunity to be a part of and lead a legacy team like the RCB. It is an exciting opportunity and at the same time challenging. The WPL is a landmark tournament in the history of women's cricket, and I hope we all will be inspiring a lot many women to take up the sports through our performance and presence. It's extremely encouraging for us to see a franchise like RCB to commit to this larger cause of equal participation of women and invest a round sum of money to get a team and contribute to the growth of India."

"MANGALAM WEDDING DESTINATION CLUB"

Pune (Voice news service):- GADIYA GROUP has been in real estate sector since 1990. Hundreds of housing projects have been successfully completed & handed over to thousands of people in the last 31 years. Gadiya Group is now coming up with the 'Wedding Destination Club' in Aurangabad i.e. "MANGALAM WEDDING DESTINATION CLUB" "Mangalam Wedding Destination Club". Is the first Wedding Destination Club in Aurangabad (Matuje Puri, Gangapur Taluka, Marathwada) and it is a Grand Royal project spread around 22 acres. Just 3 km away from Aurangabad-Pune Highway & 28 km away from Aurangabad. Mangalam Wedding Destination Club is facilitated with luxurious 160 Cottages Rooms, 3 Big Lawns, Banquet Halls, Parikrama-Amphitheater, Carnival Photoshoot



Garden, Club House, Swimming Pool, Restaurant, and Children Play Garden Etc. Mangalam Wedding Destination Club has 3 Wedding Lawns i.e. 1 - Rajasthan Theme, 2 - Mughal Theme, 3 - Indo-Western Theme. MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS • One full-fledged Event/Wedding (1 Lawn, 1 Banquet Hall & 40 rooms for 2 days) in Membership tenure. • Every Year 2 days & 2 nights free stay for 15 years. • 15 years membership for the club house, restaurant, and children play area and other sports facilities. • Members covered under Membership - Husband, Wife & 2 Children. • Membership you can transferable, sellable & you can also gift. • Lawn & Banquet Hall would be well decorated with appropriate seating arrangement. • Members can avail special discounts on accommodation & dining. • Membership does not include the amount of catering

but quality catering will be provided if required at a reasonable price. • All other event related additional requirements would be provided under one-roof on extra cost. • Pure vegetarian only. • Terms and Conditions apply • Contact for more details : 70 91949194 • For site Visit Matuje Puri, Dhoregan, Tal. Gangapur, Dist. Aurangabad (MS) - 431133. • OUR WEBSITE - www.mangalamweddingdestination.com MEMBERSHIP COST: • GOLD membership is 6 lakhs + GST. Initial Booking amount is Rs 2 Lacs + GST. Remaining after project Completion. • SILVER membership is available at Rs 4.5 lakh + GST. Initial Booking amount is Rs 1.5 Lacs + GST. Remaining after project Completion. This offer is Valid till 30th April 2023.

Thalapathy Vijay 's Manager Jagadish's Celebrity Management Firm, The Route gets into movie production

Pune (Voice news service):- Jagadish Palanisamy runs a production house and celebrity management company called The Route, one of the leading companies in the busi-

ness managing Thalapathy Vijay, Samantha, Directors Atlee & Lokesh Kanagaraj, Keerthy Suresh, Rashmika Mandanna, Kalyani Priyadarshan, Priyanka Mohan, Samyuktha Menon, Kathir,

Arjun Das. And he is also producing movies under the same banner - The Route. In 2021, Jagadish co produced Thalapathy Vijay's film 'Master' directed by

Lokesh Kanagaraj. Jagadish signed more talents for The Route and also produced 3 music videos along with Sony Music the same year with prominent actors and music directors.



A Party So Colorful, It Will Make You Go "Holi Moli!"



Head to Pune's most fab Holi party hosted by the two best party places in town - SOCIAL and Euriska! And what a party it will be, featuring some of the biggest artists in the world. A day-long bash with lip-smacking food, vivid drinks, and a burst of colours on a wide, open lawn! It's a celebration that

will make you go, Holi Moli! Date: Tuesday, 07th March 2023, Time: 11:00 AM to 6:30 PM Venue: Secret Garden (Koregaon Park Annexe, Pune) Tickets: https://www.skillboxes.com/events/social-x-euriska-presents-holi-moli-all-day-holi-party Price: Rs 1,499 to Rs 2,000

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CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF COLOURS WITH AMAZON.IN'S HOLI SHOPPING STORE

Pune (Voice news service):- Bring in the colours of happiness with Amazon.in's specially curated Holi Shopping Store co-powered by Bevzilla. Avail up to 70% off on your essentials including colours & pichkaris, safety items, pooja essentials fashion & beauty essentials, sweets and snacks, waterproof gadgets, accessories and much more to enjoy a fun filled Holi celebration. Customers can save big on brands such as Bevzilla, Crocs, Ferrero Rocher, Fossil, and much more. Customers can also use voice navigation to access the Holi store using Alexa on the Amazon shopping app (Android only). Users can tap the mic icon on the app and say - "Alexa, go to Holi Shopping Store" and land directly on the store. Along with this, customers can also gift their loved one's Amazon Pay Gift Cards, making Holi celebrations even happier by enabling friends and family to purchase products of their choice along with availing ex-

clusive offers on movies and travel tickets. Here are some products customers can buy from Amazon.in's 'Holi Shopping Store' with offers and deals from sellers. Exclusive Holi Buys: Phool Holi Gulal Box: An ideal way of celebrating skin and eco-friendly colours that are completely certified and harmless. Buy multiple colours that are made from temple flowers with fresh drops of essential oils. The product is priced at INR 461. Brass Puja Thali Set: Kickstart the festival by worshipping with full decorated brass puja thali set that comes with agarbattis, bells, diyas, Kumkum and other essentials. This is available for INR 949. ZEXREL Stainless Steel Dumpling Maker: This stainless-steel dumpling maker is perfect for everyone even if you are a beginner as it is extremely easy to use. It will allow you to make beautiful wavy-shaped dumplings in a short period so that you won't be in a hurry.

SLICE® ONBOARDS BOLLYWOOD SUPERSTAR KIARA ADVANI AS ITS NEW BRAND AMBASSADOR; UNVEILS "AAM KA EHSAAAS. SABSE KHAAS" CAMPAIGN



Lucknow: Teaming up to make a bold statement in the summer of 2023, Slice® onboards Bollywood Diva and superstar, Kiara Advani as its brand ambassador. The brand also launched its new invigorating and fun summer campaign, 'AAM KA EHSAAAS. SABSE KHAAS.' featuring the popular star at a special brand event. With Kiara as its brand ambassador, Slice aims to further connect with its audience and reinforce its position as the go-to drink for mango lovers across the country. The bewitching new film transports audiences to a tropical paradise where the majestically beautiful Kiara Advani is dressed in a flowy yellow ensemble with her best companion, Slice as she sits next to a boy who is attempting to woo her. With a pleasing

and playful background score, the screen switches between the boy and Kiara exchanging looks while the boy imitates Kiara's actions to engage with her - only he sits with a bottle of another mango drink attempting to match Slice®. Audiences then witness Kiara indulging herself bit-by-bit in the Slice® experience. Failed at his efforts to be Kiara's one and only, the boy gives into the irresistible Slice®, as Kiara exclaims that he can try all he wants, Slice® is still her 'Sabse Khaas!' Speaking on the association and the new campaign, Anuj Goyal, Associate Director, Slice and Tropicana, PepsiCo India said, "We are thrilled to have Kiara Advani as our new brand ambassador. Known for her exceptional acting skills and her stylish

persona, she has huge fan base amongst our target audience. We believe her popularity and mass appeal will help us connect with our consumers in a meaningful way." Commenting on the summer campaign, he further added, "Our new summer campaign is a perfect reflection of the quintessential Slice way of indulging in a mango experience. From relishing the last drop of Slice to the spirited music and added hint of playfulness, the film seamlessly blends into the new AAM KA EHSAAAS. SABSE KHAAS narrative. We are confident that the new film will strike a chord with our consumers." Sharing her excitement on coming on board as Slice's new face, actor Kiara Advani said, "Slice is a drink that is very much a part of my childhood memories and hence has a special place in my heart. I am thrilled to join the Slice family and be part of the legacy brand. Slice is known for its picturesque campaigns that are remembered by one and all and no doubt, the new film will transport the audiences in the indulgent mango world like no other. I am sure that the consumers will enjoy it as much as I enjoyed shooting for it."

Author-entrepreneur Ram K Sharma's book Karma and You launched by Prabha Khaitan Foundation in Kolkata



Pune (Voice news service):- How our actions or Karma affect the various aspects of our life was the crux of the interaction with author and entrepreneur Ram K Sharma at the launch of his book Karma and You: Create Your Own Destiny at a special function organized by Kolkata based non-governmental organisation, Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF). The book was formally launched by the Chief Guest Mr Aroop Biswas, West Bengal Minister of Power, Housing, Youth Services and Sports, and Guest-of-Honour, Mr SanjivPuri, Chairman and Managing Director, ITC, in the presence of an august gathering of book lovers, literary enthusiasts, spiritualists and other dignitaries. The book release event, supported by Shree Cement Ltd as a part of their corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative, was hosted by ITC Royal Bengal. Author-entrepreneur Ram K Sharma said, My book touches upon every aspect of life or karmic situations. I have divided Karma

into different aspects and tried to explain how it affects your family, children, relationships, business and everything. Though there have been many books on the subject of karma, the author, however, revealed that his book is experiential in nature - outcome of his long years of varied life experiences and hence a kind of life guide. Conversationalist, Ms Jyoti Kapoor of Ehsaas Women of Nagpur, engaged author Mr Ram K Sharma - managing director of 100-year-old nature cure company Baidyanath - in a serious discussion that made the audience dive deep into a contemplative mood wondering how the wheel of Karma moved due the cause and effect of their actions. Literature and books take centre stage in our City of Joy. It is a pleasure to be a part of this book launch. I share a close association and bonding with PrabhaKhaitan Foundation and express my gratitude for organizing this amazing event. I congratulate Mr Sharma for writing a book full of wisdom,

wonderful ideas, visions and new thoughts," Mr Aroop Biswas said. Karma is a part of our daily life. As human beings, we work from morning to evening for our family and society and for ourselves. Unknowingly, our Karma affects us, our families, society, and even the country. Hence, we should always try to do positive things in all aspects of life. So, we should always try to uplift the condition of the society and the countr said Mr Biswas. Mr SanjivPuri, CMD, ITC, said, "A fascinating book that delves into a very difficult and complicated subject and explains it in simple terms from the author's perspective. It speaks of timeless values and covers all the aspects of personal and professional spheres of life by introducing concepts of 'Global Karma' and 'Corporate Karma'. I thank PrabhaKhaitan Foundation for organizing and enriching us with this wonderful event. Conversationalist Jyoti Kapoor's free-flowing discussion was informative and insightful, the audience were introduced to various aspects of karma like family karma, spousal karma, corporate karma, karma for wealth, healing karma, karma and food, divine karma and so on - which the author has written at length in his book. The book is a ready reckoner and guide to lead one's life through meaningful actions in order to get positive outcomes.

India's first solutions-focused report for MSME delayed payments launched



Pune (Voice news service):- The Delayed Payments Report 2.0 titled 'Imagining Solutions to Unlock Working Capital for MSMEs' by Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) and C2FO (Collaborative Cash Flow Optimization) was today released by the Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India, Dr V Anantha Nageswaran. The newly launched report is focused on addressing plausible solutions with three central pillars - Government and Policy Makers, Finance Enablers and Financiers, and Large Enterprises (including PSUs) for resolving Indian MSME's financial crisis, as well as focus on creating an additional 10 crore jobs by 2030. The report was co-authored by C2FO and GAME with extensive discussions and inputs from Shri BB Swain and Shri Ajeet Singh of MSME Ministry, Shri Sharad Sharma, Co-founder, iSPIRIT, Shri Vivek Malhotra, Chief General Manager, SIDBI, Shri Anil

Bhardwaj, Secretary General, FISME, Shri Adarsh Kumar, Senior Agribusiness Specialist with the Food and Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank and Shri Rajesh Kumar, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Transunion CIBIL. Commenting on the report, Dr V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India, said, "I am quite pleased with the fact that Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship continues to focus on the issue of Delayed Payments that needs resolution. This is an issue that can only be tackled over time by maintaining a constant pressure. It is also an issue that remains to be resolved not only in India, but several countries across the globe. In India, the Government has been focusing on MSMEs since 2014. And hopefully over time, through some of the legislative and budgetary announcements, we can slowly bring about a mindset shift, not just in the

private sector, but also in the public sector. And then, mechanisms and artificial interventions will no longer be necessary with prompt payment culture becoming embedded as part of normal large enterprise behaviour. In the 2023-24 budget, the government has made it clear that payments to MSME suppliers cannot be claimed on an accrual basis and cannot be set off against taxable income unless the payment is actually made. That makes it clear that companies cannot have their cake and eat it too. Without a vibrant MSME sector, we cannot talk of India becoming a global economic power." Ravi Venkatesan, Founder, Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME), says, "Most MSMEs grapple with financial assistance, lack of mentoring support to scale the business, and technological obsolescence. Enterprises can become efficient and create more jobs if they have access to markets, finance & technology, and strategy to be competitive. Uninterrupted cash flow is a pre-requisite, and GAME's Delayed Payment 2.0 proposes a four-point solution to enable MSMEs to succeed, and the Indian economy continues to expand." Alexander Kemper, Founder & CEO, C2FO, pointed out, "Delayed payments and the lack of formal financing can adversely

impact a nation's potential to create jobs. While struggling to cope with payment delays, business owners are also under pressure due to long winded credit evaluation criteria and processes that limit their access to loans. Through this report, we have suggested solutions that leverage the India stack (Account Aggregator, GST), simplify credit guarantee schemes, and create the right incentives for buyers and sellers to remediate this crippling issue." The report serves as evidence of lakhs of businesses not being part of the formal economy, thereby never having had access to credit. The impact of delayed payments and the lack of formal financing has adversely impacted the nation's potential to create jobs, causes for which also include raised expenses creating further hurdles in conducting business. While struggling with payment delays, business owners are also pressured by non-representative and exclusive evaluation criteria limiting their access to loans. The attempted efforts of the Government to introduce schemes and norms will be expected to encourage the credit flow as well as strengthen cash flow-based lending by simplifying credit guarantees, strengthening TReDS by integrating GST data, and re-imagining the process of dispute resolution for delayed payments.

Study on efficacy of Mycophenolate in treatment of Covid-19 by a team of city based doctors published in 'The Lancet - Regional Health - Southeast Asia'

Pune (Voice news service):- A research study of efficacy of Mycophenolate in the treatment of Covid-19 by a team of doctors at Sahyadri Hospitals Deccan Unit was published in 'The Lancet - Regional Health - Southeast Asia'. The study was conducted by a team of doctors including Dr Atul Sajure - Principal Investigator, Dr Ajit Kulkarni, Dr Atul Joshi, Dr Vasanti Sajure, Dr Vaishali Pathak, Dr Shilpa Pathak, Dr Rashida Melinker, Dr Manoj Naik, Dr Sumit Agrawal, Dr Milind Rajurkar, Aameya Sajure and Dr Girish Date. The study team received valuable guidance *from* Dr Deepa Divekar. The study was registered with 'The *Clinical* Trials Registry of India - CTRI' (ICMR) and was approved by

the ethics committee of Sahyadri Speciality Hospital. 212 patients requiring hospitalization for Covid-19 infection were enrolled in the study. Out of them, 106 patients consented to receive the drug Mycophenolate along with standard treatment, while 106 patients who refused to take the drug were considered as controls. Enrolled patients had varying degrees of disease severity with lung involvement ranging from 10% to 90%. The results of the study were very encouraging. The death rate due to Covid-19 infection in patients who received Mycophenolate was significantly less compared to those who did not receive the drug. Also, patients who received Mycophenolate recovered

faster from Covid-19 infection and could be discharged from the hospital earlier resulting in a shorter duration of hospital stay. *No post Covid lung fibrosis effects were observed. No side effects of Mycophenolate were noted in the study.* The study team concluded that the drug Mycophenolate was effective in the treatment of Covid-19 infection. The drug was safe and was well tolerated by the patients. Mycophenolate has unique mechanism of action by which it suppresses the multiplication of the virus and reduces the reaction of cytokine storm resulting in better and faster recovery from Covid-19 infection. The drug *will* be effective *against* various strains of Covid-19 virus and also against many

other viruses. The drug is also relatively inexpensive and easily available in the market. Mycophenolate is a drug that is used to suppress immunity in certain autoimmune diseases and to prevent rejection after kidney transplantation. It was earlier observed by Dr Atul and Dr Vasanti Sajure that during the first wave of Covid-19 pandemic, patients who were already taking Mycophenolate for other conditions recovered faster from the Covid-19 infection. These observations were published in a medical journal. Dr Atul Sajure said "These observations prompted us to do *this* larger *and the first* prospective study *in the world* to assess the efficacy of Mycophenolate in patients requiring hospitalization because of Covid-19 infection."

UNO MINDA launched its BS VI - compliant Automotive Engine oils for 2 wheelers in Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- Uno Minda, a leading Tier 1 supplier of Proprietary Automotive Solutions to Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), has announced the launch of its BS VI -compliant automotive engine oils for two-wheelers in the aftermarket. The company aims to address the growing demand for energy-efficient engine oils in the automobile industry as well as cater to the evolving demands of its consumers, who are on the look for high-performing lubricants for their Vehicles. Launched under three different grades of mineral, semi-synthetic and fully

synthetic, the most distinguishing characteristic of these lubricants is their high viscosity, which enables superior engine wear protection, and significantly lowers the maintenance costs thus extending the lifespan of the engine. The high-quality automotive engine oils from Uno Minda, have been categorized under the name of PerfoMaxx in mineral grade recommended for 100cc - 125cc bikes and scooters. Purosynth, a semi-synthetic engine oil recommended for 125cc- 150 cc bikes & Ultimo, a fully synthetic engine oil, is recommended for 150cc & above bikes. Addi-

tionally, Royal E is specifically designed for the UCE engine and recommended for Royal Enfield motorcycles (Classic & Bullet 350). Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Parth Vora - Head Distribution, Uno Minda Ltd. said "Uno Minda is committed to providing the best to its consumers along with reduction in carbon footprint using premium quality additives. These BS VI-compliant automotive engine oils have been formulated in keeping with our motto of M3 "more life, more mileage and more performance". These high-performing lubricants ensure instant

start and pickup along with smooth drivability as well as excellent fuel efficiency, resulting in a significant improvement in the overall driving experience from the first use. Consumers can expect an enhanced engine life with regular use". Another highlight of our products is that these will be packed in 100% eco-friendly lead-free containers. The efficiency of these engine oils is tested up to 10,000 kilometres, which makes them highly economical, especially for commercial drivers. This new generation of BS VI compliant lubricants is already available at your nearest automotive stores.

Bank of Maharashtra joins hands with Experian India for credit portfolio management

Pune (Voice news service):- Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) announces a strategic partnership with Experian India to provide a comprehensive suite of services such as credit risk, advanced analytics, and fraud prevention. With the rise of digital sourcing, lending and servicing, BoM, a premiere public sector bank is adopting nextgen systems and processes to create a secure banking ecosystem. With this partnership, Experian is collaborating with BoM to provide innovative solutions throughout the customer lifecycle, enabling BoM to on-board New to Credit (NTC) and New to Bank customers (NTB) and service existing customers efficiently.

Through these innovative solutions driven on back of technology, Bank of Maharashtra will gain a better understanding of customers' needs, analyse their risk behaviour, and efficiently manage the credit portfolio. BoM will avail the services for retail and non-retail clients, including SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises), MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises), and corporates. These solutions will also enable the bank's front-line staff to provide best-in class services to their customers. Shri A S Rajeev, MD & CEO, Bank of Maharashtra commented on the partnership: "This will foster a credit ecosystem which shall help the Bank in establishing a more healthy loan book.

This will also help our field functionaries in quality business acquisition with more prudence." Shri Asheesh Pandey, Executive Director, Bank of Maharashtra opined: "Business acquisition through Technology driven analytics will facilitate better understanding of customer needs and improve the business viability of the Bank. This collaboration shall help us boost our loan book with quality assets and become more vigilant about the evolving scenario. This will support our motto of 'Ease of doing business'." Saikrishnan Srinivasan, Managing Director, Experian Credit Information Company of India, said: "The evolution of digital lending has created a dynamic

and customer-centric environment. Bank of Maharashtra is investing in cutting-edge technology to strengthen their customer base and improve the efficiency of their operations. We are confident that Experian's innovative solutions coupled with analytics support will assist the Bank in building and enhancing their competitive edge in the industry." The mission of both the organizations is to unleash the power of data and become a one-stop solution for the entire customer lifecycle. Credit and Risk Management solutions have aided banks in understanding and assessing the creditworthiness of their customers, resulting in lower default risk, increased profitability, and improved credit access.

Tata Starbucks launches a new Mobile App

Fall in love all over again with #StarbucksLoveAtFirstTapp~
Pune (Voice news service):- Mobile applications are the way to go in the modern digital era, where Gen Z and millennials like to access everything with a simple tap. Keeping up with this trend and the brand promise of relentless innovation coupled with providing the best to their customers, Tata Starbucks has revamped its mobile application with a host of new features and a completely fresh UI UX. The newly enhanced mobile application focusses on personalization and makes it easier for customers to place their orders with features tailored to their needs. It aims at bringing the ubiquitous third place experience to mobile screens and enables customers to continue cherishing

their favourite Starbucks brews! Furthermore, the Starbucks Rewards redemption just got a lot easier with the all-new application. Customers can now seamlessly track, access and redeem their rewards while placing an order, making the Starbucks experience even more delightful. Customers can enjoy their favourite Starbucks experience by ordering ahead with the Mobile Order and Pay feature. This enables customers to place an order, skip the line and pick up their order once it's ready at their choice of store. This is not all, Starbucks Rewards' loyal members can earn 2X bonus stars on the first three transaction that they make using the Mobile Order and Pay feature. The new Starbucks App will

help the users discover more about the brand, its myriad offerings, and services, provide an in-depth knowledge of the various products along with a simplified menu discovery. The key factor that adds a personalized touch are the Barista Messages. The thought is to bring your friendly neighbourhood Barista to the mobile screens and replicate the warm in-store conversations complete with suggestions based on unique tastes and preferences. Starry Tips, another key feature, will give a detailed insight into the menu and its various subcategories, aiding the customer journey at every step to ensure they make the most of the offerings. Along with the menu, detailed insights on the items saved in

cart and tips about using rewards, offers and suggestions for a better delivery experience will also be shared. It will also highlight the benefits of using the SR Card as the payment mode. In line with its focus to form a closer connection with their customers, Starbucks' latest campaign #StarbucksLoveAtFirstTapp brings an array of innovative offerings through a simple tap. Spotlighting the various rewards and benefits, the campaign celebrates the personal connection the brand has with each one of its consumers by bringing their favourite coffee to their fingertips. The mobile application boasts of a plethora of other features ensuring that the customer journey is exciting in more ways than one!

Sacred Sages to Gather in Pune for the first time



Pune (Voice news service):- Pune will witness a historical gathering of sacred sages on the coming Sunday. This is a historical event of the city organized by Mahamandaleshwar Shivanand Maharaj Pratishthan and Matoshri Vijayatai Naik Social Foundation. The event to be held at Vardhaman Sanskrutik Bhavan, Gangadham Square is open for the public seeking blessings of these sages. The information was disseminated by Prakash Shinde in a press

conference. Organizers Rahul Gosavi, Shivaji Karanjule, Lalit Tinde, Atul Bhosale, and Nandkishor Shahade were present at this press conference. Prakash Shinde said, "Many sages including Sri Sri Sri 1008 Kalidas Maharaj of Shri Shivshakti Kalidasa Dham, Sampla, Haryana, Sri Sri Sri 1008 Ashok Maharaj of the Panchdashnam Juna Akhada, Mahamandaleshwar Sri Sri Sri 1008 Premgiri Maharaj of Panchdashnam Akhada, Haridwar, Sri Sri Sri 1008 Harigiri Maharaj, Mah-

amandaleshwar 1008 Acharya Laxminagar Giri of Kinnar Juna Akhada, Mahamandaleshwar Shivanand Maharaj. These sages will be joined by 500 naga sadhus, 15 vachasiddhi saints, Mathadhupati Bhavanimata (Haridwar), Nathji Maharaj (Narmada Khand, MP), Garibdas Maharaj (Bada Mahadev, MP), Sai Habib Maharaj (Hyderabad), Bharatji Maharaj (Varanasi), Waikar Maharaj (Satar), Mahesh Saraswati Maharaj (Duttadham, Tuljapur), Dilip Babu Ganorkar (Amravati)." Many dignitaries will join this program. DCM Devendra Fadnis will inaugurate the program. Speaker of Maharashtra Assembly Rahul Narvekar, Central Minister Shripad Naik, Guardian Minister of Pune Chandrakant

Patil, Member of Central Parliamentary Board Satya Narayan Jatiya, Gopal Gupta, Mahamantri - Rashtriya Suraksha Manch, M.L.A's Bharat Gogawale, Shweta Mahale, Bhimrao Tapkir, Madhuri Misal, Chetan Tupe, Mahesh Landge, Shivaji Patil - President, BJP Mathadi Kamgar Cell will visit the venue, informed Prakash Shinde. A Vishwashanti Mahaydny, presentation of Sunder Kand, bhajan, pravachan, Bhandara, and gomata puja will be performed during this program. A thousand liters of water from the holy Ganges will be used to prepare prasadam. Inauguration of the only akra Maruti math and initiation of the Mathadhupati ceremony, distribution of educational aid to students will be a part of this program.

Tata Motors and State Bank of India sign MoU to offer attractive financing solutions for the Ace EV



Pune (Voice news service):- Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with State Bank of India (SBI), country's leading public sector bank to offer unique financing solutions for the purchase of the all-new Tata Ace EV - India's most advanced, zero-emission, four-wheel commercial vehicle. Through this partnership, Tata Motors will leverage SBI's strong net-

work to make these solutions accessible to customers. On the occasion, Mr Pravin Raghavendra - Deputy Managing Director (Retail - Agri, SME & FI), State Bank of India, said, "We are proud to partner with Tata Motors in an endeavour to offer attractive financing options for the Ace EV. We are confident that the new financing scheme will help individuals and MSMEs in purchasing the state-of-the-art, eco-friendly electric mini-truck."

Commenting on this partnership, Mr. Rajesh Kaul, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Commercial Vehicle Business, Tata Motors, said, "We are delighted to join hands with the largest bank in the country, the State Bank of India, to offer unique, seamless financing schemes for the Tata Ace EV customers. The MoU has further strengthened our aim to make Tata Ace EV more accessible to customers. We are confident that our collaboration will fast-track our efforts towards sustainable mobility and support the nation's net-zero aspirations." The new Ace EV is co-developed with rich collaboration with its stakeholders, and has successfully completed

stringent real-world market trials with its customers. Supported by a diligently curated ecosystem, the Ace EV comes with a holistic solution for hassle free e-cargo mobility and 5-year comprehensive maintenance package. The Ace EV's supporting ecosystem includes development and deployment of charging infrastructure, setting up of dedicated Electric Vehicle Support Centres for maximum fleet uptime, deployment of Tata Fleet Edge - the next-gen optimal fleet management solution, support of Tata UniVerse, the proven enabling eco-system of relevant Tata Group companies, and partnerships with the country's leading financiers for availing funding.

CII Yi Pune and ISDS at BNCA Sign MoU to enable students and industries to work towards Sustainable Development

Pune (Voice news service):- The youth wing of Confederation of Indian Industry - CII Yi recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Institute of Sustainability & Development Studies (ISDS) at MKSS's Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women (BNCA). Under the MoU, CII Yi and ISDS will work together to enable students and industries to work towards sustainable development. Both entities will work together to empower people to action for the cause of sustainable development through skilling, education, research, advoca-

cy, and innovation. There are some exciting training lined up on Drone technology for sustainable agriculture, sustainable wildlife etc. Raghendra Bhat, Sagar Khandelwal, Pratyush Sinha, Sameer Dhamangaokar, Prof. Asmita Joshi, Prof. Namrata Dhamankar, and Prof. Nidhi Dixit were present at the signing of the MoU. Envisioning a global centre dedicated towards sustainable development goals and impact-based knowledge ISDS was recently launched at MKSS while Yi was founded in 2002 as an integral part of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to focus on is-

sues of National importance and to inspire a generational change in the economic, social, and happiness quotient of India. Prof. Dr Anurag Kashyap, Principal BNCA said that ISDS aims to aid partnerships and create a centre for knowledge & tools towards achieving the SDGs through Skilling, Education, Research, Advocacy and Innovation (SERAI). At the time when the world is in a climate and environmental crisis, we want our students to be actively involved in creating innovative solutions to address various issues and help our country

and the world march towards achieving SDGs. CII and MKSS ISDS association will bring huge opportunities to carry out scientific research activities addressing sustainability and to apply the results of these research to solve real problems of the world, said Prof. Asmita Joshi, Executive Director ISDS. CII Yi and MKSS's ISDS coming together to work towards sustainable development through youth and industries will lay a solid foundation for years to come"; said Sameer Dhamangaokar, Chair, Climate Change, CII Yi Pune.

Mr. Irfan Razack lauded as EY Entrepreneur Of The Year, Energy, Real Estate & Infrastructure

Pune (Voice news service):- Mr. Irfan Razack, Chairman and Managing Director, of Prestige Group the country's leading real estate company was honored with the prestigious Entrepreneur Of The Year award in the Energy, Real Estate & Infrastructure category at the recently concluded EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards 2022. The EY Entrepreneur Of The Year Awards, now in its 24th year continues to honor resilient individuals from around the country who exemplify the indomitable entrepreneurs who, through their ingenuity and tenacity,

positively affect the lives of millions and create prospects from the present. The victors were selected by a distinguished seven-member Jury Panel led by K V Kamath, Former Chairman, of IICCI Bank Ltd. A force to reckon with, Mr. Irfan Razack has exceptional industry knowledge and turns his ideas into reality. He founded his company more than 36 years ago, which is now one of India's most lucrative real estate firms. He is an achiever who created possibilities as Bengaluru evolved into the nation's biggest tech hub. Mr. Irfan Razack has ex-

cuted elite real estate projects in Chennai, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mangalore, Mysore, Goa, and Udaipur. The company's projects are ranked as the best in Bangalore residential property market. Upon receiving the recognition of 'EY's Entrepreneur Of The Year, Energy, Real Estate & Infrastructure' for the first time, Mr. Irfan Razack, Chairman, and Managing Director, of Prestige Group commented, "It gives me immense pleasure to be recognized for my efforts in transforming the real estate domain. I feel honored to receive this prestigious award and would like to express



my gratitude to my team for their relentless hard work and unwavering support. Such achievements will surely drive the team and me to push on with newfound zeal even in the near future. We shall stick to our principles of long-term value creation for our workforce, vendors, and customers", he concluded.

MG Motor India christens its soon-to-be-launched Smart EV as 'Comet'



Pune (Voice news service):- Building on its nearly century-old legacy of producing iconic automobiles, MG Motor India today announced the name of its upcoming Smart EV as 'Comet'. The name derives inspiration from the iconic 1934 British airplane which participated in the En-

gland-Australia MacRobertson Air Race. The 'Comet' is here at a time when driving in congested urban cities is becoming a stressful chore that calls for an urgent need for agile and futuristic solutions amidst skyrocketing fuel costs, sparse parking spaces, and increasing pollution. Electric vehicles can help reduce environmental impact, save costs, and offer convenience as well as comfort. The 'Comet' goes a step further to achieve this goal by providing seamless

mobility, which is connected, automatic, electric and shared. According to Mr. Rajeev Chhaba, President and Managing Director, MG Motor India, "Urban mobility is at a point of inflexion where New Age solutions are needed to address both the current as well the forthcoming challenges. As we move further into the digital age, we will witness an exceedingly large number of innovations that could range from futuristic technologies to unique designs to clean

mobility and many others. We at MG, through 'Comet', intend to take the needed decisive steps and a 'leap of faith' in the direction of creating solutions for a better future for each one of us." MG Motor India's current portfolio includes vehicles such as the Hector which was named after a World War II fighter British biplane built in the late 1930s. Similarly, the Gloster is named after a prototype jet-engine aircraft that was made in Britain and first flown in 1941.

EaseMyTrip enters an advertisement agreement with Capri Global Holdings Private Limited for five years of Women's Premier League



Pune (Voice news service):- With just a week left for the much-awaited maiden edition of the Women's Premier League, EaseMyTrip, one of India's largest online travel tech platforms, announced that it entered an advertisement agreement with Capri Global Holdings Private Limited, the franchise owner of the team, UP Warriorz. The agreement lasts for five years, beginning from the tournament's first season. The T20 cricket tournament organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India

(BCCI) is being looked at as a game-changer for women athletes. The WPL will not only create conversations around the women's game, but it will also become a pathway for talent. Women cricketers taking center stage will be the cynosure of all eyes. This will inspire younger players to come through the ranks and share the field with the who's who of the sport, furnishing a healthy grassroots system that keeps producing special performers on the world stage. EaseMyTrip will benefit from millions of views by this association. Speaking on the development, Nishant Pitti, CEO & Co-Founder, EaseMyTrip, said, "At EaseMyTrip, we

consistently display an innovative and maverick mindset. From being the only company in the industry to provide the benefit of no convenience fee charged to all our customers to now being a commercial partner in the pathbreaking endeavor for women's cricket, EaseMyTrip is becoming a pillar for progress. At the heart of this association is our unwavering support for the WPL and its inaugural season. We are extremely delighted to be commercially engaged in the first edition of a tournament that will become women's cricket's biggest brand in the coming years. We are also looking to leverage the brand visibility that has tre-

mendous potential, as millions of fans will be glued to their television sets watching the celebration of talent that the WPL is." "Capri Global Holding Private Limited and the UP Warriorz welcome EaseMyTrip into the family in what promises to be an exciting long-term partnership in a revolutionary journey in women's cricket in India. The unfaltering support from EaseMyTrip will not only pave the way for greater brand visibility but also lay out the red carpet to celebrate and honour the immense talent in women's cricket," said Rajesh Sharma, Managing Director, Capri Global Holdings Private Limited.

Home grown auto major, Tata Motors joins the 5-million Club



Pune (Voice news service):- Tata Motors, India's leading automobile manufacturer, today announced attainment of the 5 million passenger vehicles production mark. The Company achieved this milestone today and amidst much fanfare, the employees celebrated this milestone in a unique way where the Tata Motors family and the much admired, New Forever range of Tata cars and SUVs came together to create the 50-lakh formation. This milestone is testimony of the popularity of its cars among the Indian customers.

Commenting on this historic milestone, Mr. Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd., and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd. said, "Today marks a celebratory moment in the history of Tata Motors as we celebrate our 5-million production mark milestone. This journey, from each million to the next, has been one replete with its fair share of ups and downs. We have been changing India with every new product intervention. Every Innovation was with the idea of building the nation. The brand is respected by its customers for

bringing several new technologies and we express our gratitude for the tremendous support by our customers who have made this landmark achievement possible. We owe this milestone to our employees, suppliers, channel partners, government for their continued support. At Tata Motors, we remain committed to continuously innovate and be a leading stakeholder in moving the future of mobility ahead in India with safer, smarter and greener solutions."

To celebrate the 5-million production milestone, Tata Motors will roll out a celebratory campaign for customers and employees in India. Through the campaign, Tata Motors will deck-up its dealership and sales outlets with branded outfits and the signatory mnemonic to mark the milestone. The Company will continue month-long

celebrations across its manufacturing locations and regional offices.

Tata Motors achieved the 1 million production mark in 2004, the second million in 2010 and reached the 3 million mark in 2015, and rolled out its 4 millionth car in 2020. In what serves as a testimony to the Company's strong product portfolio and increasing consumer connect, Tata Motors was able to stride ahead from 4 million cars to the 5 million within three years, despite Covid-19 and Semiconductor shortage crisis which plagued the global automotive industry. Since 1998, Tata Motors has introduced some iconic brands that have stood the tide of time, played an integral role in shaping the motoring landscape in the post-economic liberalization era and are still popular in many households across India.

NSDCI And Pearson Partner to Aid Workforce Skills Enhancement in India

Pune (Voice news service):- National Skill Development Corporation International (NSDCI) and the world's leading learning company, Pearson have entered a partnership to promote Pearson's globally successful programs called Business Technology and Education Council (BTEC) among its education partners and affiliates in India. This collaboration has been initiated to catalyze the adoption of academic and vocational qualifications that are recognized by education ministries and employers globally. NSDC International will support Pearson to generate awareness about their BTEC programs within its ecosystem, further helping in increasing outreach through its Skilling Audience across 11,000+ Training Centers, 750 PMKK (Centers of Excellence) and 13,000+ Schools / Universities/academic institutes, across 700+ districts of India. Lauding the partnership, Dr. Maneesh Mishra, Execu-

utive Vice President-Strategy, NSDC, said, "In today's dynamic business environment, the growth of our economy is dependent on students; therefore, skill-based training is essential. Our partnership with Pearson is more exciting given the success rate of the Business Technology and Education Council globally. Together, we will strengthen the learning provided in vocational courses. These courses will prepare them to apply the knowledge, skills, and behaviors that employers and universities will seek in the next generation. We are hopeful that the fusion of the university curriculum and vocational courses will offer the finest learning infrastructure for our leaders." Speaking about the association, Jane Baker, Vice President, Workforce Skills at Pearson said "We are proud of the partnership between Pearson and NSDC International, which will support young learners to access globally recognized career focused TVET qualifications

from Pearson. Together, we shall support thousands of learners to grow in their future." She added, "India has a vast working demographic that is rapidly making its mark on the global stage. Pearson India works towards bridging the gap between industry demand and skilled talent supply by enabling this demographic to access opportunities to enhance workforce skills, to reskill and to upskill. Our BTEC courses are helping provide digital solutions for employee training and vocational skilling, particularly for in-demand careers. Alongside this, Pearson provides a digital platform for businesses to test candidates on their verified skills and facilitate better decision-making. Our partnership with NSDC International will help to further bridge these gaps while enhancing the caliber of India's vibrant workforce" Pearson BTEC offers high-quality, career-focused programs that are co-created with industry and academia

and are acknowledged by 100+ professional bodies globally. The Pearson BTEC qualifications are robust and highly relevant as they ensure seamless progression to a student's undergraduate degree journey and into skill development. BTEC qualifications are developed in cooperation with the relevant Sector Skills Council of UK (SSC), ensuring they meet the needs of employers. BTEC courses, which started in the UK, are now taken in more than 50 countries by 1 million learners ranging from senior secondary education to Degree equivalent. They are vocational and work-related courses, designed to accommodate the needs of employers, further enhancing a student's skills and knowledge to progress in their careers. BTEC offers a wide range of courses and career options across diverse fields such as Business, Engineering, Media, Art and Design, Health and Social Care, Digital Technology, Cloud Computing, IT, Hospitality among others.

Make UPI payments of up to Rs 200 without pin —

Paytm makes single click payments possible with UPI LITE

Pune (Voice news service):- Paytm UPI LITE enables users with quick and seamless transactions at a lightning fast speed on Paytm Super App. Users can carry out multiple transactions of smaller values of up to Rs 200 at one point. It allows users to add a maximum of Rs 2,000 twice a day, resulting in a total daily usage of up to Rs 4,000, at a single tap. Paytm UPI LITE offers faster real-time transactions as no 4-6 digit PIN is required to

make any payment. Owing to the ease, convenience, superior user experience, security and interoperability, Paytm UPI is the most preferred choice of users. Paytm UPI LITE is an 'on-device wallet' which enables real-time small value payments which reduces the load on the core banking system. Currently, customers of UPI can only set up UPI LITE accounts. Also, users need to ensure that their bank supports UPI LITE features. Users can transfer UPI bal-

ance back to the same bank account anytime, without incurring any charges. It also declutters bank statements, with only one entry for all UPI LITE payments. Paytm UPI LITE aims to make smaller value transactions hassle-free, quick and seamless. It also improves the success rate for UPI transactions while reducing the infrastructure load on the remitter bank's systems. The process is so simple that users will be able to make smaller value

transactions while paying for the groceries or topping up the phone balance with one-click single-factor authentication. Making the entire experience quick and seamless, the company enables the users to conduct multiple transactions in a day up to Rs 4,000 in a single click without worrying about cap on the number of bank transactions. Paytm is the fastest in the industry with one of the lowest transaction failure rates in carrying out UPI transactions.

Jump.trade launches RADDX, its first-ever racing metaverse game



Pune (Voice news service):- Jump.trade - the flagship marketplace and platform of the 360° digital collectible enablement company GuardianLink - has introduced the NFT drops for its first NFT racing game, the RADDX Racing Metaverse. This game comes at a time in which NFTs are experiencing an energetic resurgence in the market, with India especially presenting itself as a lucrative epicenter for blockchain/NFT games. The gaming market in India is expected to be valued at \$3.9 billion by 2025, and India has gained the top posi-

tion in the adoption of NFT games, with a staggering piece of statistics that 34% of the 400 million Indian gamers have already been introduced to the concept of NFT games. More than 11% of the Indian gaming population is willing to try NFT games in the future. The upcoming RADDX is expected to include elements like high-octane races, cop chases, and tournaments. The game will offer elements like garages, customizable cars and decals, and other additions and embellishments that will enhance the

gameplay. The RADDX Racing Metaverse NFT drops will feature multiple collections that include the Super Loot - a blind-purchase box, three auctions, the metaverse land NFT blind purchase called the Landbox, and an exclusive Super Loot Box that can be bought for \$1 on the purchase of other boxes. A novel feature of RADDX Racing Metaverse is the real estate options it opens. The Digital LandBoxes will have buildings and other structural elements that can double up as advertising spaces. The announcement comes in at a time when a lot of brands are seeking to gain a foothold in the Metaverse considering the fact that it shows promising signs of becoming a preferred digital hangout platform for GenZ users.

Each unit of land in RADDX Racing Metaverse is priced at \$1599, and the land can be upgraded with buildings that can host advertisements. The hosting of advertisements will serve as a revenue generation mechanism for the metaverse land investors in the RADDX ecosystem. "The metaverse land in the RADDX Racing Metaverse will be a revolution in the field of advertising. This will be one of the most innovative methods to advertise, and we believe that this will be one of the spearheads of making metaverse advertising mainstream! We expect a lot of big brands to market presence in a place where there is an abundance of engaged GenZ audience!" said Kameshwaran Elango, the COO of GuardianLink.