



Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre commemorates World Human Milk Donation Day



Pune (Voice news service):- Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre celebrate World Human Milk Donation Day by hosting a White Carpet Walk in honour of the lactating mothers who have donated milk at the advanced milk bank of the hospital . The walk conducted in the hospital premises was inaugurated by Dr. J. S. Bhawalkar, Dean, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre in the esteemed presence of Dr. H.H Chavan, Medical Superintendent, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre; Dr. Shailaja Mane, Head, Department of Paediatrics, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College; Hospital and Research Centre along with donor mothers and the healthcare

workforce. The awareness drive was a great success backed by the support of Dr. P.D. Patil, Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Dr. Bhagyashree P. Patil, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth and Dr. Yashraj Patil, Trustee and Treasurer, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth Society. The White Carpet Walk witnessed participation from 40+ donor mothers. This was followed by a felicitation ceremony for donor mothers and an awareness session highlighting the significance of donating human milk and its benefits for the mothers as well. As per findings, 1 out of every 10 women in India cannot produce enough breast milk to nurse their babies for various reasons. As

a result, this impacts the child's overall rearing, and people resort to alternatives that compromise the overall nutritional supply as required. Human Milk Bank donations are dedicated to ensuring the babies of these mothers are not deprived of the nutritional value they receive through breast milk. Commenting on the initiative, Dr. Bhagyashree P. Patil, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth said "We realized this grave concern in our society was spreading like wildfire and opened up the first milk donation bank in Pune. This initiative was directed towards spreading awareness about the concept of human milk donation and encouraging capable mothers to come forward and join the cause.



Hosts the first White Carpet Walk for Donor Moms in Pune

Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre are always inclined towards supporting various causes in the best interest of our communities." Dr. Shailaja Mane, Head, Department of Paediatrics, Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre said, "India is home to the world's largest population and hence has the maximum number of premature babies in the world. However, the ratio of milk banks available in India to cater to premature babies is highly disproportional, and this is the case in metro cities in India. Secondly, awareness about milk donation is extremely poor in Pune and across the country. This initiative is focused on educating society on the significance and benefits donating of breast milk and encouraging lactating mothers to join this initiative" Shruti Aundhkar, a donor mother said, "The importance of milk donation was well explained to me after which I decided to join this cause without shying away. The process of milk collection

to milk storage is very easy and smooth in this hospital. Breast milk is a gift from God and donating it can give life to so many other babies who are deprived of their mother's milk for various reasons. Today, I am a mother of two children, but by donating milk, I get the satisfaction of being a mother of many and I am proud to say that. I am thankful to the hospital for honouring me today" Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre is home to one of the first state-of-the-art lactation clinics, comprising a tech-driven process to collect and store breast milk for as long as 6 to 12 months. The holistic goal of this initiative is to promote and support exclusive breastfeeding through a sustained supply of donor human milk, as the ingredients found in human milk cannot be manufactured. As a result, awareness for breast milk donation and collection is crucial to the future of our country, and Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre is humbled to support this cause.

Pune to Host India's Biggest Engineering Expo, showcasing the latest trends and technologies in the field of Manufacturing



Pune (Voice news service):- Pune is set to host the most awaited Engineering & Manufacturing Exhibition Globe-Tech Engineering Expo, from May 25th to May 28th, 2023 at Auto Cluster Exhibition Centre, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Pune. This prestigious event will bring together the most innovative and dynamic players in the engineering and manufacturing industry, providing a unique opportunity for industry professionals and buyers to interact and explore the latest trends and technologies in the field. With a wide range of engineering machinery, machine tools, automation, and robotics, as well as instrumentation and controls, electrical and electronics, material handling equipment, Laser Technology, 3D Printing Technology and power and energy solutions, the Globe-Tech Engineering Expo is the ideal platform for manufacturers and end-users to connect, network, and explore the latest developments in their respective fields. This expo is supported by the

Pimpri-Chinchwad Small Scale Industries Association, SME Chamber of India, Aurangabad Industrial Suppliers Association, and others. Speaking about the event, the Director of Globe-Tech Media Solutions, Mr. Satish Mandole, said: We are thrilled to bring the Globe-Tech Engineering Expo to Pune, one of India's most vibrant and dynamic cities. With a rich history of innovation and engineering excellence, Pune is the perfect location for this event, and we are confident that this year's edition will be our best yet. We look forward to welcoming exhibitors and visitors from across the country and beyond, and we are confident that the Expo will be a great success. The event is expected to draw over 15,000 business visitors from across the country and beyond. With the participation of over 120 exhibitors, the Expo promises to be the biggest and most exciting event yet, with a range of innovative features and activities that will keep visitors engaged and informed throughout the event. Some of the exhibitors of the expo are Jayshree Machine Tools, Wila CNC India, Syncaxis, Cloos Welding (German), Sahajanand Laser Technolgy, ELGi, and Honeywell etc. According to the Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) of India, India's engineering exports stood at USD 72.5 billion in 2020-21, an increase of 11.7% over the previous year. The engineering industry has been a major contributor to this growth, with the sector seeing steady growth and exports increasing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 6.9% over the past three years. The government's focus on infrastructure development has led to an increase in demand for engineering and manufacturing products in India. The event is organized by Globe-Tech Media Solutions, a leading player in the engineering and manufacturing industry, with a proven track record of hosting successful exhibitions and events in this space. This year's edition promises to be the biggest and most exciting event yet, with a range of innovative features and activities that will keep visitors engaged and informed throughout the event. The Globe-Tech Engineering Expo is set to be a game-changer for the industry, providing new business opportunities and helping to drive the sector forward.

Renowned Singapore Furniture Brand Expands Physical Presence in India with Franchise Store Opening in Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- HomesToLife, a renowned premium furniture company based in Singapore, announced the grand opening of its franchise store in Baner, Pune, India. With its expertise in delivering state-of-the-art motion recliners and exceptional comfort, HomesToLife has been catering to clients since 2016. The choice of Baner, one of Pune's most coveted areas, reflects the company's strategic expansion plans and its commitment to providing exquisite furniture options to the city's discerning residents. As part of HomesToLife's ambitious growth strategy, the company is actively expanding its franchise network throughout India. The opening of the franchise outlet in Baner marks a significant milestone in its journey, enabling the brand to reach a wider



audience and establish its presence in the Indian market. With a focus on helping homeowners design their dream living spaces, HomesToLife takes pride in its transparent pricing policy, ensuring consistent prices across all showrooms, and offering exceptional customer service delivered by a highly professional team. On the launch of the store, Celeste Phua, Global Brand Head, HomesToLife said, "I am im-

pressed by the growth of the city and think the interior sector of Pune has a lot of potential both now and in the future. People from Pune will be able to resonate with HomesToLife well because of the city's vibrant culture. HomesToLife's entry in Pune with the Make In India philosophy and the ability to customise is one of its key features." Varun Kant, Country Head India, HomesToLife quoted,

"With the intention of offering high-quality, competitively priced furniture, HomesToLife is expanding in India at a very fast pace. With the motto of "Make in India for India and the World," one of the largest sofa manufacturers globally, we offer the most recent worldwide styles and a 10-year quality warranty." Our sofas are versatile and enhance your interior décor while offering relaxation. Our understanding of the technical make of sofas and our passion for minimalist, contemporary design work together to give our customers the most comprehensive array of customizable sofas in Singapore. Our leathers come in natural and family-friendly varieties with over 17 leather and fabric variations to suit their diverse lifestyle requirements.

PMC and PPCR join hands to launch a sustainable waste management campaign



Pune (Voice news service):- Pune Platform for Collaborative Response (PPCR) and Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) have announced the launch of a joint campaign to implement a solid waste management system and Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) module in Kasba - Vishrambagwada, Pune. The campaign, titled 'Majhe Pune, Swachh Pune', aims to improve the cleanliness and sanitation of the area and promote responsible waste disposal among the residents. The launch event took place on May 17, 2023, at Kesari Wada,

Rutuja Bhosle. Being executed by two agencies - Social Labs and Janwani - for a duration of 12 months, the campaign aims to achieve three primary deliverables - 100% waste collection, 80% waste segregation at source, and the removal of all chronic spots/garbage vulnerable points (GVPS) from the area. A primary survey with 85 waste pickers and 7,575 citizens in the area was undertaken earlier to decide on the course of action. The campaign is anticipated to impact more than 2.8 lakh people, including approximately 85,000 residences, 23,000 commercial establishments, and 12,000 slums. The project will also endeavour to remove nearly 240 chronic spots. Commenting on the campaign, Ashish Bhandari, Co-lead, PPCR, said, "This is a one-of-its-kind initiative where various cor-

porates, NGOs, voluntary groups and urban local body have come forward to spread mass awareness among citizens. We firmly believe in contributing to the well-being of the environment through sustainable waste management practices. We are proud to partner in this campaign with PMC, which substantiates our vision of a cleaner tomorrow, and are confident that this initiative will set a benchmark for other Pune wards to follow." Vikram Kumar, from PMC, said, "We are excited to launch this pilot project in Kasba-Vishrambaug Wada which will be further implemented across the city to ensure 100 percent coverage and segregation in the city. This will help PMC to eliminate the garbage vulnerable points, maximise processing of the waste and improve the recycling of waste to ensure circular economy."

Jivraj Chole honored with Vriksha Mitra Award by Shree Kalpataru Sansthan at Jaipur, Rajasthan

Pune (Voice news service):- City based freelance journalist & executive director of UCHIT Media & PR services, Jivraj Chole has been awarded with Vriksha Mitra Award by Shree Kalpataru Sansthan at Jaipur, Rajasthan. He has been honored for his contribution to environmental conservation directly as well as through journalism and UCHIT Media. The award is in the form of a badge of honour, a certificate of honour.



Individuals and organizations who have contributed to environmental conservation were honored in the program organized by Shree Kalpataru

Sansthan in the auditorium of Rajasthan Agricultural Research Centre. The work of Padmashri Vidyanand Sarek from Himachal Pradesh,

farmer Rodulal Jat from Rajasthan, Uma Vyas, Pramila Swamy, Raghunath Dhole from Pune, Bhaskar Rikame from Pimpri were honored. Vijay Puranik, Sevapramukh of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Martin Masland, Managing Director of Wonderlande India, Rashmi Chethan, Head of Data Analytics of Wonderlande India, Moolchand Soni of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh & Sri Kalpataru Sansthan Founder and Tree-Man of India Vishnu Lamba were present.

Pune Witnesses a Perfect Blend of Expertise and Excitement at NRAI's Pitcher Perfect! Event with Mukesh Tolani

Pune (Voice news service):- The National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) is delighted to announce the successful conclusion of Pitcher Perfect! with Mukesh Tolani. The event took place at One Lounge Restaurant in Pune on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023. It was an evening full of enthralling discussions, networking opportunities, and significant insights into the craft beer and breweries industries. Pitcher Perfect! with Mukesh Tolani brought a broad audience from Pune, including food and beverage company owners, industry decision-makers, and stakeholders. Mr. Tolani, co-founder of Toit and Chapter, Head of NRAI Bengaluru, and Co-founder and Director of PH4 Food and Beverages Pvt Ltd conducted an engaging discussion at the event. Following the moderation, guests were invited to a lively Q&A session where attendees were able to interact directly with Mr. Tolani. While expressing about Toit's journey at the event, Mr. Tolani said, "The journey of starting Toit beer was very exciting. We three schoolmates started this, and Toit, meaning beautiful/awesome, was inspired by the dialogue 'TOIT Like a Tiger' from the movie 'Austin Powers', we watched during our school days. We ventured into offering



seven different flavours of beer, using different types of barley, including some that require extra roasted barley. At Toit, we believe in using seasonal ingredients like mango, watermelon, and passion fruit, which make our beers stand out from other commercial lagers." Further, he added, "Because of our focus on quality, we've been able to enter niche markets, and we've even experimented with making a mango-infused IPA beer." Despite the fact that the pandemic had a signifi-

cant impact on our business, we are regaining momentum. Our strategy has been to rely on word-of-mouth, but as we enter the commercial market, we will look into various marketing and promotional tactics. I would advise young brewer enthusiasts to invest time and money in learning about the product." Instead of relying entirely on advisors, obtain a thorough understanding of the business. This understanding will serve as the foundation for your success." The NRAI extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the attendees, sponsors, and partners who contributed to the success of the event. The association remains dedicated to organizing future events that empower professionals in the food and beverage industry and drive its growth and development.

Bank of Baroda announces Financial Results for the Quarter & Financial Year ended 31st March 2023

Pune (Voice news service):- Key Highlights • Bank of Baroda (BOB) reported a ~2x growth in profits for FY23 and declared its highest ever quarterly and annual net profit of INR 4,775 crore (+168% YoY) and INR 14,110 crore (+94% YoY) respectively. • As a result of this significant improvement in profitability the Bank's Return on Assets (RoA) for FY23 improved by 43 bps YoY to 1.03% (FY23) ; RoA for Q4FY23 improves by 77 bps YoY to 1.34% • Similarly, Bank's Return on Equity (RoE) for FY23 increases by 648 bps YoY to 18.34%; RoE for Q4FY23 stands 24.82%, up by 1321 bps YoY • This robust growth in profitability was supported by healthy Net Interest Income (NII) growth of 33.8% & 26.8% for Q4FY23 & FY23 respectively. • Sustained NII growth is attributable to growth in advances of 18.5% (YoY) coupled with traction in Net Interest Margins (NIM), which grew 16 bps QoQ / 45 bps YoY to end the quarter at 3.53% and 28 bps YoY for the full year FY23. • Strong growth in Income coupled with subdued increase in Opex has resulted in robust Operating profit growth of 43.3% YoY for Q4FY23 and 20% YoY for the financial year 2023. • The Bank has been able to effect a reduction in the Cost to Income ratio by 152 bps and reported a Cost to Income ratio of 47.72% for FY23. • BOB has witnessed significant improvement in its Asset quality with sharp reduction in GNPA by 282 bps YoY & 74 bps QoQ to 3.79%. Bank's NNPA improved to 0.89% with a reduction of 83 bps YoY and 10 bps QoQ. • BOB's Provision Coverage Ratio (PCR) remained healthy at

92.43% with TWO & at 77.19% without TWO. • This strong and sustainable improvement in asset quality has resulted in record low Credit Cost for the Bank at 0.14% for Q4FY23 & 0.53% for FY23. • BOB's Global Advances registered a strong YoY growth of 18.5% in Q4FY23 led by robust retail loan book growth. Bank's organic Retail Advances grew by 26.8%, driven by growth in high focus areas such as Auto Loan (24.4%), Home Loan (19.5%), Personal Loan (101.5%), Mortgage Loan (18.0%), Education Loan (21.8%). • Bank achieved a total business of INR 21,73,236 crore as of 31st March 2023, registering a growth of 16.6% YoY. • The Board of the Bank has recommended to declare a dividend of INR 5.5 per share, subject to requisite approval. • BOB reported a standalone Net Profit of INR 4,775 crore in Q4FY23 as against a profit of INR 1,779 crore in Q4FY22. It grew by 94% YoY and stands at INR 14,110 crore for FY23. • Net Interest Income (NII) grew by 33.8% YoY to INR 11,525 crore in Q4FY23. NII registered a growth of 26.8% YoY for FY23 and stands at INR 41,355 crore. • Global NIM stands at 3.53% in Q4FY23, increase of 45 bps YoY. NIM for FY23 stands at 3.31% against 3.03% for FY22. • Domestic NIM stands at 3.65% in Q4FY23, increase of 51 bps YoY. NIM for FY23 stands at 3.42% against 3.09% for FY22. • Yield on Advances increased to 8.47% in Q4FY23 as against 6.81% in Q4FY22. • Cost of Deposits stands at 4.43% in Q4FY23 as against 3.53% in Q4FY22.

Operating Income for Q4FY23 stands at INR 14,991 crore, increase of 34.6% YoY. It registered a growth of 16.5% YoY for FY23 and stands at INR 51,381 crore. • Operating Profit for Q4FY23 stands at INR 8,073 crore, increase of 43.3% on a YoY basis. Operating Profit for FY23 stands at INR 26,864 crore up by 20% YoY. • Cost to Income ratio reduced to 46.15% for Q4FY23 as against 49.39% for Q4FY22. It declined by 152 bps YoY and stands at 47.72% for FY23. • Return on Assets (annualised) improved to 1.34% in Q4FY23 from 0.57% in Q4FY22. Return on Assets for FY23 stands at 1.03% up by 43 bps YoY. • Return on Equity (annualised) for FY23 increased by 648 bps YoY to 18.34%. • For the consolidated entity, Net Profit stood at INR 14,905 crore in FY23 as against INR 7,850 crore in FY22. • Asset Quality • The Gross NPA of the Bank reduced by 32% YoY to INR 36,764 crore in Q4FY23 and Gross NPA Ratio improved to 3.79% in Q4FY23 from 6.61% in Q4FY22. • The Net NPA Ratio of the Bank stands at a record low of 0.89% in Q4FY23 as compared with 1.72% in Q4FY22. • The Provision Coverage Ratio of the Bank stood at 92.43% including TWO and 77.19% excluding TWO in Q4FY23. Slippage ratio declined to 1.02% for Q4FY23 as against 2.52% in Q4FY22. Slippage ratio for FY23 reduced by 54 bps and stands at 1.07%. • Credit cost for the Q4FY23 stands at 0.14% and 0.53% for the full year. • Capital Adequacy • CRAR of the Bank stands at 16.24% in Mar'23. Tier-I stood at 13.99% (CET-1 at

12.24%, AT1 at 1.75%) and Tier-II stood at 2.25% as of Mar'23. • The CRAR and CET-1 of consolidated entity stands at 16.73% and 12.83% respectively • The Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) consolidated stands at 135.4%. • Business Performance • Global Advances of the Bank increased to INR 9,69,548 crore, +18.5% YoY. • Domestic Advances of the Bank increased to INR 7,95,560 crore, +16.3% YoY. • International advances grew by 6.3% sequentially in Q4FY23 stands at INR 1,73,988 crore. • Global Deposits increased by 15.1% YoY to INR 12,03,688 crore. • Domestic Deposits increased by 13% YoY to INR 10,47,375 crore in Mar'23. • International Deposits grew by 31.4% on a YoY basis to INR 1,56,313 crore in Mar'23. • Domestic CASA deposits registered a growth of 7.9% YoY and stands at INR 4,42,511 crore. • Domestic Saving deposits grew by 7.6% on a YoY basis in Mar'23 and Domestic Current deposits registered a growth of 9.2% YoY. • Organic Retail Advances grew by 26.8%, led by growth in high focus areas such as Auto Loan (24.4%), Home Loan (19.5%), Personal Loan (101.5%), Mortgage Loan (18%), Education Loan (21.8%) on a YoY basis. • Agriculture loan portfolio grew by 13.2% YoY to INR 1,24,247 crore. • Total Gold loan portfolio (including retail and agri.) stands at INR 38,251 crore, registering a growth of 30.5% on a YoY basis. • Organic MSME portfolio grew by 11.7% YoY to INR 1,08,196 crore.

The star cast Nawazzudin Siddiqui, Neha Sharma at Pune for movie Jogira Sara Ra Ra

Pune (Voice news service):- The star cast Nawazzudin Siddiqui, Neha Sharma, Mahakshay Chakraborty along with director Kushan Nandy, producer Naem A. Siddiqui, creative producer Kiran Shyam Shroff and writer Ghalib Asad Bhopali were present. Talking about the film Nawaz said, "It's really a very different film for me. I am generally known for dark films because of my color (laughs...) but here the film is very light hearted and entertaining that can be watched with the whole family." He added that it's been 20 years in the industry and I think I am on my Reinvention journey of roles said Na-



Comedy roles aren't the only ones that require timing, each and every role may it be serious or dramatic needs timing equally importantly, only then can an actor grow with time" said renowned actor Nawazzudin Siddiqui

vajuddin Siddiqui at the time of press conference for his movie Jogira in Pune

Actress Neha Sharma Said, While working in this movie I got chance to work with ac-

tor like Navajuddin Siddiqui he is school or University of acting so I could learn lot of things from him so I really enjoyed this journey of movie and I really loved my part as well to play in this movie. The process of shooting the film has been an enjoyable ride for me. I think on a film set that is very important. I am glad to be part of this film." The film slated to release on 26th May, revolves around a couple determined not to get hooked despite pressure from their respective families.

The music is by Tanishk Bagchi, Meet Bros and Hitesh Modar. Jogira Sa Ra Ra also features Zarina Wahab and Sanjay Mishra in supporting roles.

NORTHEAST UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB APPOINTS MANDAR TAMHANE AS CEO

Pune (Voice news service):- Mr. Tamhane is a twenty-year veteran in Indian football and is one of the key mainstays in the transformation of the sport over this time. He served as the CEO of Bengaluru FC and had been with the Club for the past 10 years since its inception, where he led their transition from participation in the I-League to the Hero ISL, development of the youth system as well as multiple titles and accolades on and off the pitch.



MANDAR TAMHANE
CEO, NORTHEAST UNITED FC

NorthEast United FC owner, Mr. John Abraham, stated, "In our conversation with Mandar Leading up to this appointment, we were deeply impressed with his long-term vision for the Club. From instituting a strong academy structure to honor the talent in the North-east to bringing a Packing, sustainable style of

play under strong leadership to the first team, in order to compete at the highest level. I am renewed by his drive and determination to achieve these goals we are undertaking and more."

Speaking on the appointment, Mr. Tamhane said "I am thrilled to join NorthEast United FC in this key leadership position and be instrumental in cultivating and executing its vision for Long-term growth and success. The Northeast is a hotbed for Indian football talent and The following for football in the region is tremendous. I am committed to help build a viable Foundation of systems and structure to the first team and academy, which is resonant with the fans' passion in the region and one that they would be proud of."

Dakre, Hood in quarterfinal at Sardar Momin Memorial Under-14 Maharashtra State Tennis Championships



Pune (Voice news service):- Atharva Dakre of Kolhapur registered a 4-2, 4-2 win over Nashik boy Ishan Tiwari to enter the boys quarterfinals

at the Sardar Momin Memorial Under-14 Maharashtra State Tennis Championships, being organized by Kolhapur Sports Association (KSA) under the

auspices of Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association (MSLTA) and Played at the KSA Tennis Courts.

In other matches Soham Khairnar of Sambhaji Nagar scored a 4-0,4-2 win against Amravati boy Gaurav Wadwani. Fourth seeded Zohab Patel (of Mumbai) outplayed Rishikesh Hotkar of Kolhapur) 4-0,4-0 while Nasik Boys Pradnyush Deore carved out a 4-2,4-0 win over Heramba Pohare of Nagpur

The tournament was inaugurated by Ch. Maloji Rajee President of KSA, Manik Mandlik General Secretary KSA, Jt. Secretary of MSLTA Sheetal Bhonsale, Rajendra Dalvi Joint Secretary KSA, Bhau Ghodke KSA member, Me-

hul Keniya MSLTA supervisor were present on the occasion.

Following are the Results: Boys: First Round: Soham Khairnar (Sambhaji Nagar) bt Gaurav Wadwani (Amravati) 4-0,4-2, Atharva Dakre (Kolhapur) bt Ishan Tiwari (Nashik) 4-2,4-2, Zohab Patel (4)(Mumbai) bt Rishikesh Hotkar (Kolhapur) 4-0,4-0, Pradnyush Deore (Nashik) bt Heramba Pohare (Nagpur) 4-2,4-0, Namish Hood(Pune) bt Harsh Suryawanshi(Solapur) 4-1, 4-1 **Girls :** Mishika Tayade (Nagpur) bt Vipashyana Sonawane (Solapur) 4-0,4-1, Shrishti Inga-wale (Kolhapur) 4-0, 4-2, Tri-sha Shetty (Nashik) bt Bhawani Hiremath (Solapur) 4-0,4-2.

Fast X is now paving its way to Imax Cinepolis, in Pune at Nexus Westend Mall

Pune (Voice news service):- Fast X is just a few days away from reaching its final destination and the action lovers can't keep their calm. To hype up the excitement, Fast X is now paving its way to the theatre of Nexus Westend Mall in Pune giving fans a thrilling experience of a lifetime. Being held on 16 May, this biggest Indian Hollywood premiere is about to witness an adventurous underground basement event in collaboration with Tapaswi Racing. Featuring Vin Diesel, Michelle Rodriguez, Tyrese Gibson, John Cena, Nathalie Emmanuel, Jordana Brewster, Sung Kang, Scott Eastwood, Daniela Melchior, Alan Ritchson, Meadow Walker, Leo Abelo Perry, Helen Mirren, Brie Larson, Rita Moreno, Jason



Statham, and Charlize Theron Fast X is racing down to the theatres. The grand special premiere of Fast X

will be held in IMAX, Cinepolis at Nexus Westend Mall Pune along with some amazing car stunts and speeds. Being held in India for the very first time, the Underground event is ready to give the viewers an adrenaline rush, thumping heartbeats and eyes filled with amazement with 200+ cars and bikes. The event will be graced by famous celebs and influencers dazzling in style. It's time for India to experience some live high octane action and jaw-dropping thrill before the release of the conclusive action saga of Fast and Furious, Fast X. Directed by Louis Leterrier and written by Justin Lin & Dan Mazeau, so don't miss out on this most anticipated movie of the year in English, Hindi, Tamil and Telugu in - IMAX 3D, 3D, 4DX and 2D.

India's bestselling car, Maruti Suzuki WagonR becomes the No. 1 choice for 30 Lakh "Dil Se Strong" customers

Pune (Voice news service):- The Maruti Suzuki WagonR has become an iconic brand in its long & illustrious journey of over two decades. The "Strong on looks, strong in character" WagonR has reached yet another milestone by clocking the 30 Lakh sales milestone. Over the years, Maruti Suzuki has ensured that every new model of the WagonR is developed to be future-ready. The current 3rd generation WagonR has a wide variant range featuring two advanced K-series Dual Jet, Dual VVT with Idle Start Stop (ISS) engine options (1.0L and 1.2L) combined with manual and AGS transmission and offer wide array of colour options including dual tone to add to its sporty and energetic looks. WagonR also offers S-CNG variants (1.0L) to cater to diverse



customer profiles. Commenting on the remarkable 30 Lakh sales milestone feat, Mr. Shashank Srivastava, Senior Executive Officer, Marketing & Sales, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "WagonR's continued success with over 3 million cumulative sales is a testament to its undisputed reign as one of the most iconic Indian hatchbacks. Since its launch, WagonR has constantly evolved and risen to

the pulse of changing customer preferences with class-leading features, design and performance. Happy to share that the "Dil se Strong" WagonR has the highest percentage of repeat buyers as 24% of its customers prefer to upgrade to a new WagonR. The True Tall Boy has consistently featured in the top 10 best-selling cars in India since the last decade and also held its position as the best-selling

passenger vehicle in the country for the last two years." He further said, "The Maruti Suzuki WagonR's bold design, class-leading interior space, practicality, reliability and high fuel-efficiency are some of the factors that have bestowed it with the trust of over 30 lakh families." Underpinning 5th generation HEARTACT platform features high tensile steel grades and is designed to absorb impact energy with its designated crumple zones, new WagonR features a range of high-tech driver aids such as Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) with Electronic Brakeforce Distribution (EBD), Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and Hill-Hold in AGS while meeting all crash test regulations including offset, side crash and pedestrian safety norms.

CMA Nagesh Bhagane elected as chairman of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India Pune Chapter



Pune (Voice news service):- CMA Nagesh Bhagane elected as Chairman of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India Pune Chapter.

A new executive committee has been announced for the year 2023-2027. Newly elected chairman CMA Bhagane took over charge from outgoing chairman CMA Prasad Joshi. CMA Nilesh Kekan has been elected as Vice Chairman, CMA Shrikant Ippalappalli as secretary and CMA Rahul Chicholkar as treasurer in the newly elected committee. Management committee in-

cludes CMA Himanshu Dave, CMA Amey Takale, CMA Tanuja Mantrawadi, CMA Anuja Dabhadre, CMA Nikhil Agrawal & Jaydeep Mane Deshmukh as a student representative. Sandip Joshi worked as election officer for this. CMA Nagesh Bhagane expressed gratitude towards all the members for electing him as chairman of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India Pune Chapter. He said that,

our first vision is to create awareness about our CMA course in the students, increase the students' enrolment to the CMA Course and to provide our qualified students with better job opportunities through campus placement. For members, we will arrange value-added sessions, workshops on new areas for practising cost accountants like IP, RV, inventory audit, social audit, etc.

Samsung Galaxy S23 in a New, Refreshing Lime Colour Goes on Sale with Mega offers



Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung Galaxy S23's refreshing, new lime colour variant will go on sale in India starting May 16. The addition of the new lime colour will give

more colour choices to consumers looking to buy Samsung's most premium smartphone. Galaxy S23 is currently available in Phantom Black, Cream, Green, and Lavender colours. Galaxy S23 comes with an epic rear camera featuring a 50MP primary camera, 12MP ultra-wide camera, and a 10MP telephoto camera with OIS & 3X optical zoom. Galaxy S23 features a 12MP front-facing camera with Super HDR technology for capturing truly cinematic Nightography videos with trans-

formative AI. The Snapdragon® 8 Gen 2 Mobile Platform for Galaxy ensures premium experiences, including groundbreaking AI, future-ready mobile gaming, and the world's fastest mobile graphics. Galaxy S23 is certified for reduced environment impact. Galaxy S23's premium experience can be sustained through the years with four generations of OS upgrades and five years of security updates. Galaxy S23 comes with Samsung's end-to-end Samsung Knox protection, which has re-

ceived more government and industry certifications than any other mobile device, platform, or solution on the market. The Security and Privacy Dashboard on Samsung Galaxy gives users full visibility over who has access to their data and how it's being used. With just a glance, it is easy to see if personal data is at risk and receive simple prompts to change settings for a more secure experience. Users can also decide exactly which applications and programs get access to their data and how it can be used.

Samsung's 2023 Neo QLED TVs are Here to WOW in India



Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung, global number one TV brand for the last 17 years, launched the newest generation of its ultra-premium

2023 Neo QLED 8K TVs and Neo QLED 4K TVs in sizes ranging from 50-inches to 98-inches. Besides breathtaking picture quality and stunning design,

this year's lineup focuses on enhanced connectivity, advanced personalization, ultimate gaming experience and everyday sustainability by decreasing its carbon footprint throughout its product lifecycle, offering a "More Wow than Ever" experience. "In 2023, we are pushing boundaries of innovation to offer consumers more than just premium picture quality, but a holistic, premium device experience tailored to what they need and want out of their connected home. Our latest Neo QLED TVs are "More Wow than Ever". They are

beautiful, accessible and sustainable with eco-conscious technologies, offer immersive gaming and with SmartThings, our advanced technology is seamless and intuitive, making life more convenient and enjoyable everyday. With these ultra-large screens, 8K resolution and next-level image and sound quality, we are confident that Neo QLED TVs will strengthen our leadership in the premium TV market in India," said Mr. JB Park, President & CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia.

A One-of-its-Kind 'The Rainbow Awards for Literature & Journalism' Is Launched

Pune (Voice news service):- Celebrating diverse and authentic queer narratives, The Rainbow Awards for Literature & Journalism (RALJ) launches its first edition today. The purpose is to recognize honest, compelling, and unadulterated storytelling around LGBTQIA+ lives by Indian queer and cis-het writers. It is also about articulating and creating a genre that builds awareness across society as well as providing the queer community a sense of belonging.

On the jury this year are author-activist Parmesh Shahani (Chair); editor Adrija Bose; writer and translator Anish Gawande; art historian, author and curator Dr. Alka Pandey; actor, artist and writer Jyotsna Siddharth; transgender rights activist Kalki Subramaniam; author Parvati Sharma; journalist, writer and translator Poonam Saxena; and author-researcher Sindhu Rajasekar. Queer rights activist, lawyer, and bioethicist Rohin Bhatt will act as coordinator of the awards.

RALJ invites writers to submit entries* across the categories of Literature (Fiction & Non-fiction) and Journalism (Features & Op-Ed), starting Friday, May 19, 2023, for a period of eight weeks. The award function will be held during the Rainbow Lit Fest – Queer & Inclusive, which returns this year on December 9 & 10, in Delhi. Speaking about the Awards, the Founder, Sharif D Ranganekar said: "Queer life has been erased from our history for far too long. It is only over the past

few decades that some folks have stepped up and written freely. It is essential that we build on the momentum set post the reading down of Section 377, so that we can claim and reclaim our space through literature and journalism which becomes part of history and the now."

Samsung Launches 2023 Lineup of Crystal 4K iSmart UHD TV with Multiple Flagship TV Features Such as Built-in IoT Hub with Calm Onboarding, Video Calling, One Billion True Colors & More



Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced its new lineup of Crystal 4K iSmart UHD TV in India that celebrates the fusion of advanced technology and affordability. This range comes with flagship TV features such as Built-in IoT Hub with Calm Onboarding, IoT Sensor for brightness adjustment, Video Calling with SlimFit camera and more. It offers an unparalleled visual experience with One Billion True Colors, combining crystal-clear picture quality with innovative smart features to deliver an immersive home entertainment ex-

perience. Available on online platforms such as Amazon, Flipkart & Samsung Shop, the new lineup is a perfect purchase for consumers looking to experience latest TV innovation on a budget. Starting at INR 33,990, the new lineup is engineered to elevate the content viewing experience of consumers with Crystal Processor 4K that can upscale lower-resolution content and enhance colors with a brilliant blend of mesmerizing display, captivating sound and smart features. Besides these, PurColor enables the TV to express a huge range of colors for optimal picture performance for an immersive viewing experience. In line with modern needs to stay connected with family and colleagues over video calls, the new range of Crystal 4K iSmart UHD

TVs come with Video Calling feature with SlimFit Cam. Consumers can enjoy video calling or web conferences on the TV screen with an easy-to-use SlimFit Cam (TV webcam) that can be attached without compromising the TV's design or viewing experience. The new lineup comes with built-in IoT Hub with Calm Onboarding feature and IoT-enabled sensors for light to automatically adjust brightness. Calm Onboarding seamlessly syncs devices for easier control of not just Samsung devices but also third-party appliances and IoT devices for seamless connections. "There is an unprecedented demand for superior in-home entertainment wherein modern Indian consumers want spectacular picture quality, immersive sound, an unparalleled gaming experience, and technologies

that enable connected living with great ease. Our new Crystal 4K iSmart UHD TVs not only meet these requirements but also offer premium flagship features such as built-in IoT-Hub with Calm Onboarding, video calling with SlimFit Cam, Object Tracking Sound (OTS) Lite for a cinematic 3D sound experience, and much more. We are positive that this latest lineup will be loved by our consumers and will further reinforce our market leadership in the TV segment," said Mohandeep Singh, Senior Vice President, Consumer Electronics Business, Samsung India. That's not all, the TV is a paradise for gamers as it comes with the Auto Game Mode and Motion Xcelerator feature S, which allow faster frame transition and low latency for the ultimate gaming experience

Sahyadri Hospitals Leads the Way in Clinical Trials for Revolutionary Research Drugs

Pune (Voice news service):- In an era marked by unprecedented medical challenges, the importance of conducting clinical trials has never been more vital. Clinical trials serve as the cornerstone of medical research, driving innovation, and shaping the future of healthcare. As the world observes International Clinical Trials Day on May 20, Sahyadri Hospitals reaffirms its commitment to cutting-edge research and transformative healthcare through its robust clinical trials program. Clinical trials play a pivotal role

in the development and evaluation of new research drugs for life-threatening conditions such as Cancer, Cardiac disease, liver disease, and numerous other ailments. These trials involve a meticulous process encompassing drug discovery, synthesis, screening for optimal efficacy, and stringent safety assessments. The journey from the initial stages of drug development to its availability in the market spans several years, typically ranging from 12 to 15 years. This comprehensive and time-consuming process is indispensable for en-

surging the safety and efficacy of potential treatments. "At Sahyadri Hospitals, we are dedicated to driving innovative research and transforming healthcare through our comprehensive clinical trials," stated Dr. Deepa Divekar, Research Director, Sahyadri hospitals Pvt Ltd. "By upholding the highest ethical standards and ensuring patient safety, we have become a preferred site for national and international pharmaceutical companies to conduct crucial trials on human subjects." Clinical trials conducted at Sahyadri Hospitals have opened new

avenues for medical advancements, offering hope to patients battling challenging health conditions. Through these trials, innovative research drugs have shown remarkable promise in transforming patient lives, delivering improved treatment outcomes, and paving the way for novel therapeutic approaches. As Sahyadri Hospitals continues to drive healthcare innovation through its groundbreaking clinical trials, it remains committed to advancing patient care, striving for excellence, and shaping the future of medicine.

Date 21st May 2023

District 125, Toastmasters International to organize annual conference Crescendo 125 in Pune



Pune (Voice news service):- Toastmasters District 125 is a part of Toastmasters International, a nonprofit educational organization. Through its worldwide network of clubs, Toastmasters imparts training in public speaking and leadership skills. Toastmasters International, has since 1924, helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders. It has organized itself in 14 regions, further subdivided into 126 Districts. After a recent major International level realignment, District 125, will be hosting its maiden annual conference, Crescendo 125 in Pune. This conference is scheduled on 27 and 28 May 2023 at Hotel Top International Wakad, Pune. District 125 comprises 90 clubs with 2200 members across Pune, Goa, Kolhapur, Aurangabad, Nasik and Ahmednagar. This conference will include amazing performances, phenomenal speakers competing in International Speech Contest, Speech Evaluation contest, Humorous speech Contest and Table Topics Contest at the District level. A turnout of 200 participants is expected at this conference. **Registration Link :** <https://bit.ly/Crescendo125Registration> District Public Relations Manager, Mr. Mayank Naidu mentioned that 'Crescendo 125' Annual Conference is organized by Conveners Mr. Ravi Asher and Co Convener Mr. Karan Venkiteswar in the leadership of Program Quality Director Ms. San-

jukta Kundu.

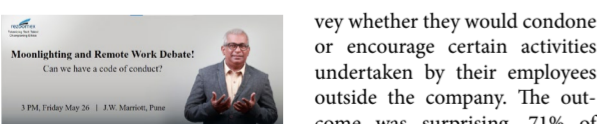
He further added that this year District 125 achieved many accomplishments in Club Growth led by Club Growth Director Mr. Milind Patwardhan ably supported by Division Directors, Mr. Vinod Basallali, Mr. Rabin Shetty, Mr. Aditya Saxena, Ms. Kanchan Sonik, Mr. Sushil Pawar and Mr. Swapnil Jawale. A noteworthy aspect here he said, was that all these leadership roles are voluntary and not paid. District Director, Ms. Seema Rani mentioned that the core values of District 125 are Trust, Transparency & Fun. While members thrive with excellence in this trusted & fun learning environment, the District leadership ensures transparency in the District's operations. District 125 has achieved the milestone of becoming a Select Distinguished District in the first year itself and is the First and the Only District in the world (so far) to achieve this recognition in this term (2022-23).

The clubs in District 125 also conduct programs such as Speechcraft for corporates as well as youth leadership modules. Communication skills are extremely important in the overall leadership development process in any organization. Having a Toastmasters club within an organization is found to be a cost effective, sustained way of developing and growing these skills. Currently there are 80 corporates running Toastmasters Clubs, along with 20 community clubs where people from all walks of life can join in and become members.

DIYA clinic at the Chellaram Hospital Diabetes Care and Multispeciality

Pune (Voice news service):- Chellaram Hospital Diabetes Care and Multispeciality has recently launched DIYA (Diabetes In Young and Adolescents) Clinic. With a dedicated set of experts to manage people with all types of diabetes, the DIYA clinic initiative offers a comprehensive diagnostic approach as well as complete facilities for diabetes management and complication treatment under one roof making it a one-of-a-kind centre in Pune. Type-1 diabetes is a most common type of diabetes in children and adolescents. It is a condition in which the pancreas produces little or no insulin. The clinic offers services and facilities for assessing insulin production, genetic testing for monogenic diabetes, pancreatic autoantibody testing as well as newer technologies like continuous glucose monitoring devices and the latest insulin delivery systems. Youngsters visiting the DIYA clinic will have special access to diabetes care services such as carbohydrate counting, genetic tests to confirm rarer types of diabetes seen in the young, telephonic or mobile based titration of their insulin doses, and hands on experience with the latest technologies such as pumps and sensors and artificial pancreas systems. They will also undergo special tests - blood tests, antibody profiles, insulin production assessments, pancreatic imaging and also genetic studies to correctly subtype their diabetes and diagnose the correct type of diabetes. Dr. Unnikrishnan AG, Chief Endocrinologist and C.E.O. Chellaram Hospital Diabetes Care and Multispeciality said that the needs of young people with diabetes are different. They may require help in managing their diabetes during diverse situations such as puberty, school/college, social events, examinations and other such events. Dietary requirements of growing children and adolescents are different as they require energy for their growth and maturation in addition to controlling glucose. The younger people with diabetes are also more familiar and comfortable with latest technologies such as artificial pancreas systems, traditional insulin pumps, connected smart glucometer and continuous glucose monitoring devices. It is important to therefore manage Diabetes in a specialized Diabetes clinic exclusively for youngsters. Proper glucose control will enable smooth hormonal maturation and growth and will be able to ensure that their academics, interests like sports and other aspects are taken care of. Dr Unnikrishnan said that whenever a child comes to us with symptoms of diabetes it is extremely crucial to properly identify correct type of diabetes. Some of these causes will help us to predict the future course of the disease, assess risk of complications and assign the correct treatment. This entire process requires a systematic and multidisciplinary approach. Diabetes specialists, nutritionists, exercise therapists and allied specialties need to work together to make sure that children with diabetes receive the best care possible. He added that the hope is that with appropriate treatment, young people with diabetes can avoid diabetes related complications affecting the kidney, eyes and feet. This will not only improve their quality of life but also help them lead a life full of health and wellness. **The DIYA clinic is operational every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

IT companies and employees to debate what is ethical moonlighting



Pune (Voice news service):- Contrary to common belief, many IT companies are willing to allow "ethical moonlighting". This is a big change from a time when companies were seen firing moonlighters. The relationships between remote employees and their companies were a bit strained. There was a cloud of suspicion about whether moonlighting of any type could be termed "ethical". This brings up the basic question, "What is ethical moonlighting and what is not?" Rezoomez is organizing a debate at the JW Marriott on May 26 to allow companies and employees to voice their opinions. In a recent survey, Rezoomez contacted 60 CXOs in the IT industry and asked in a formal sur-

vey whether they would condone or encourage certain activities undertaken by their employees outside the company. The outcome was surprising. 71% of the respondents encouraged and 22% condoned employees making an extra buck from creative pursuits like music, photography, or dance. 60% of the respondents encouraged and 15% condoned earning from career-building activities such as conducting training or speaking at a conference. The most surprising result was that 40% of the respondents encouraged employees to build startups. This can be attributed to the fact that many of the respondents were startups at some point in time. Further to the survey, Rezoomez informally checked with a few industry leaders, who confirmed that most major players would "allow certain types of moonlighting if it is done with the prior approval of the company".

Pune hosts Hundreds of #CleftsSeConfidenceTak stories in support of the Cleft Community at Smile Train India's Cleft Con India 2023



Pune (Voice news service):- Smile Train, the world's leading cleft focused NGO, hosted India's largest gathering of cleft affected individuals, Cleft Con India 2023 in Pune at Hotel Hyatt Regency at Viman Nagar. Cleft Con India is an open platform for individuals with cleft and their families to discuss obstacles faced and share triumphs. This year, the focus was to bring to the fore journeys from cleft to confidence under the theme 'Cleft Se Confidence Tak' in a safe and unbiased environment. Speakers took center stage to offer powerful and inspiring personal stories about overcoming obstacles and finding strength to become confident individuals and lead full lives. The event included sessions with focus on critical conversations on emotional, medical, and logistical issues concerning clefts. Actor Sarika Singh, Keynote Speaker for the event, shared her cleft journey publicly for the first time. The event brought together known faces such as Tapan Singhel, CEO & Managing Director, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, Mrs. Shefali Bajaj, Chairperson, CSR Steering Committee, Bajaj Finserv Ltd, Instagram stars Dimple Arora and Tania Mittal, international and national medical experts, along with other cleft warriors, and cleft parents from diverse backgrounds. The event was attended by 200+ people in person and hundreds watched the online live stream of the event. At the event, Dr Shrirang Pandit, Chief of Plastic Surgery, Poona Hospital said, "Cleft Con India marks itself as an exemplary platform for the cleft community, by the cleft community. Smile Train has so far completed 53000 successful cleft surgeries with 11 partner hospitals in Pune. The several #CleftsSeConfidenceTak stories that you hear today are a result of the wonderful support that the organisation has extended towards cleft beneficiaries and their families in the country. Poona Hospital has managed to train to perfection surgeons and doctors to ensure comprehensive care for the cleft born with Smile Train India's support."

Pune Student Wins TiE Global Contest!



Pune (Voice news service):- Shalmali Kadu, a student entrepreneur, who was the Biz QuoTiEnt Pune winner, won big on the global stage. Her start-up Innergize that has developed a wearable patch to beat insomnia, anxiety and depression, was awarded the First Runner Up at the global pitch contest held in Silicon Valley, USA. Innergize also won the best women team award. 1400 teams from 34 chapters across the world participated in this contest. The First prize (\$50,000) was won by Team Hubly from TiE DC, Second prize (\$25,000) by Innergize from TiE Pune, and Third prize (\$10,000) by Steadyspoon, TiE Dallas. The Contest had other categories too: **Sustainable category:** 1. West - Odyssey, TiE New Jersey, 2. East - Saptkrishni, TiE Delhi NCR **Women Category:** 3. Innergize, TiE Pune **Social Impact category:** 4. West - Micro AcousticX, TiE Germany, 5. East - Backyard Creators, TiE Coimbatore, 6. Best Elevator Pitch - Hubly Surgical, TiE DC Shalmali, speaking from the USA, said "I am ecstatic beyond words after winning second place at this contest, as well as the award for the Best Female Entrepreneur. Innergize is a healthcare startup working on a wearable device for stress relief and management. "Participating on the global platform helped me make connec-

tions with several established business owners, investors, and startup founders. Also, I received excellent feedback on my product. One of my biggest takeaways from the competition and the conference is to always think Big!" "Through this support now we will be able to carry out our 200 Patient POC Testing and accelerate our journey towards the regulatory approvals. Getting global validation at such an early stage is a huge achievement for us. This win will play a pivotal role for us to achieve our goals and take our startup to the next level. I want to express my gratitude to the entire team of TiE Pune and my mentors for believing in me and supporting me in every way possible. I would also like to thank the TiE Global team for starting an initiative that supports young entrepreneurs like me. I am humbled and honoured to have received such a prestigious platform to present my start-up." Ramesh Mirakhrur, who chairs this TiE University program at TiE Pune, said, "It has been a privilege to lead this program and have our team win at the global stage for the second year in a row! In 2022 also, our TiE Pune team won the best prize in the Social Impact Category. My congratulations to Team Innergize and a big thank you to all the Charter Members of TiE Pune who devote their time selflessly to train and mentor young entrepreneurs."

New Managing Committee at Pune Obstetric and Gynaecological Society

Pune (Voice news service):- The new managing committee of Pune Obstetric and Gynaecological Society (POGS) for the year 2023-24 was installed at the POGS Installation CME on the theme 'Safe Surgical Skills'. The new POGS team includes Dr.Meenu Agarwal as the President POGS, Dr. Vaishali Chavan Hon.General Secretary, Dr. Charulata Bapaye, Clinical Secretary along with Dr.Kundan Ingle, Vice President, Dr. Ashwini Kale, Executive Vice President, Dr.Archanu Pungliya Treasurer, Dr. Amol Lunkad, Joint Secretary, Dr. Chinmay Umarji, Joint Clinical Secretary, and Dr. Veena Todkar, Joint Treasurer. The new team was installed at a special ceremony in presence of Chief Guest Dr. Hrishikesh Pai, President FOGSI and Guests of Honour Mr. Bharat Agarwal, President Vishwakarma University and Ms. Namita Thapar, Executive Director Emcure Pharmaceuticals along with Past President Dr.Parag Biniwale President POGS, Dr.Milind Dugad Past Vice President among others. Outgoing President Dr.Parag Biniwale also spoke on the occasion.Dr.Sabrina Bokil and Dr.Nilesh Balkawade were the sponsors for the event, while Dr.Vaishali Chavan proposed the vote of thanks.

Annual meeting of Wilson Disease patients held at KEM Hospital, Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- Regular monitoring of patients with Wilson Disease along with early diagnosis and consistency in treatment and medication is a key to normal future of these children opined various experts. KEM Hospital, Pune recently organized an annual meeting of Wilson Disease patients and their parents. The main aim was to create awareness about the management of this rare genetic disease and imbibe the importance of regular monitoring. Around 100 patients and their parents participated in the initiative. Dr. Ashish Bavdekar, Consultant Gastroenterologist KEM Hospital Pune, Dr Snehawardhan Pandey, Transplant Surgeon, Dr.Jyoti Singhal, Paediatric Nephrologist, Dr.Abhijit Botre, Paediatric Neurologist and Smita Kokitkar, Clinical nutritionist at KEM Hospital Pune interacted with the patients and their parents. Dr.Ashish Bavdekar said that the rare genetic disease is a condition where there is excess accumulation of copper in the body especially in the liver, brain, kidneys, and cornea. If not diagnosed early, in due course it may progress to neurological dysfunction, liver cirrhosis and abnormalities in the cornea of the eyes. Normally our body can get rid of excess copper through urine. Wilson's disease is caused by mutations in the ATP7B gene, which is responsible for transporting copper out of the liver and into the bile ducts for excretion. In patients with Wilson Disease, due to their genetic defect, the body is not able to get rid of this excess copper and so it builds up in the body. Initially parents of children diagnosed with Wilson Disease have a lot of questions and concerns in their mind about the life expectancy, quality of the child's life, medications etc. Many find it hard to come to terms that their child has a rare disease. Therefore it is necessary to counsel them and make them aware of the management of Wilson Disease so that their child can lead a normal life, he said. It is important to monitor for copper every six months along with yearly sonography to determine clinical and biochemical improvement. Vaccinations for hepatitis A, B and typhoid are important. Dr. Snehawardhan Pandey talked about that hepatic presentations of Wilson Disease. He said that liver transplant is suggested when the patient does not respond to medicine and when the liver disease progresses to advanced stage. Genetic tests in siblings of child with Wilson Disease can be of great help as early diagnosis can lead to better management. Dr.Jyoti Singhal, Paediatric Nephrologist talked about the involvement of kidneys in Wilson Disease. She said that this disease can sometimes be characterized kidney stones which can be mostly managed by medicines Excess copper can cause renal tubular dysfunction. About 1 to 6% of WD children may experience kidney problems but this can be managed with proper diagnosis and treatment. Dr.Abhijit Botre, Paediatric neurologist, said that neurological presentation in Wilson Disease is seen in the age group of 8 to 21 years in terms of chorea, tremors, drooling, fits, Parkinson's and other movement disorders apart from neuropsychiatric disorders like mood changes, personality changes, depression, insomnia etc. The treatment includes medications along with physiotherapy and speech therapy. Smita Kokitkar said that trace mineral copper is useful for various functions in our body. The requirement of copper is .5 to 1 mg in children and 1.5 in adolescents. In patients with Wilson disease we try to restrict the copper to 1- 1.5 mg. For WD patients Vegetarian and Eggeterian diet, food with high fibre content is preferable. Copper utensils, copper containing foods should be avoided. Pre-boiled and filtered water is preferred. A list of foods to be avoided is given to the patients which include foods or milk products which contain Caco powder, organ meat, shell fish, mushrooms, nuts and dry fruits, chocolates etc.

MIT-World Peace University breaks new ground with Asia's first Subsea Research Lab

Pune (Voice news service):- MIT-World Peace University, an esteemed institution of higher education in India with over 40 years of rich legacy has built the first-ever Subsea Research Lab in Asia, called the Centre for Subsea Engineering Research (CSER). This ground-breaking initiative, in partnership with Aker Solutions, showcases a working prototype of deep-water offshore petroleum operations, revolutionizing the way in which future workforce can be trained for the energy sector. The state-of-the-art laboratory is the brainchild of the Department of Petroleum Engineering (PE) at MIT-WPU, a pioneering institution in the field of energy and the second-oldest school engaged in imparting Petroleum Engineering education in India. Dr. Samarth Patwardhan serves as a Professor in Petroleum Engineering, as well as the Director of Research and Development at the university, also heads the lab. He commented, "At MIT World Peace University's School of Petroleum Engineering, we strive to empower our students with the knowledge and skills necessary to thrive in the energy industry. With the launch of the Subsea Research Lab, we are taking a significant step towards achieving our goal of providing real-world, cutting-edge training and education to our students. We are confident that this state-of-the-art facility will not only benefit our students, but also the industry as a whole, by producing highly skilled and competent professionals who are ready to tackle the challenges of tomorrow."

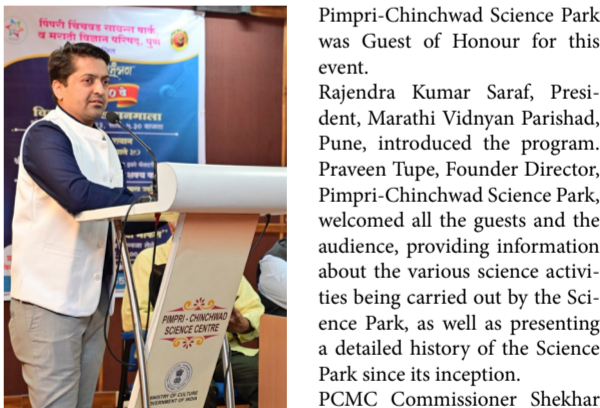
Parag Paranjape, Manager Systems Engineering, Aker Solutions, further added, "As we witness the steady growth of subsea oil and gas development on a global scale, there is an urgent need for skilled professionals who can meet the demand of this dynamic industry. Our partnership with MIT-WPU is a significant step towards addressing this skill gap and nurturing diverse skill sets across multiple disciplines to support the needs of the global oil and gas industry. By introducing subsea engineering as a subject and supporting the development of subsea knowledge and skills, we are confident that we can make a meaningful contribution to the growth and success of this industry."

Kranti Industries inaugurates new manufacturing facility in Pune



Pune (Voice news service):- Kranti Industries (BSE: 542459), manufacturer of critical and precision machine components today inaugurated its third plant at Pirangut near Pune. The first two plants are situated in the same vicinity. The new facility will significantly augment the capacity to meet the requirement of Indian and Global clients. The facility was inaugurated at the hands of Chief Guest Dr. Balaji Gopalan, Managing Director Carraro India Pvt lts in presence of Guests of Honour Mr. Rajesh Edlabadkar, Regional Supply Chain Head John Deere India Pvt Ltd, Mr.Mohan Kadam DANA Incorporated, Vikrant Jain AGM International Tractors Ltd, Mr. Satish Dhakar, DGM Purchase, CNH Industrial India Pvt Ltd. In a span of four decades Kranti Industries grew from job-work unit to solution provider for critical components and has been a one stop solution for all machining requirements of Tractor Industry, EV and Auto Sector and has specialised in transmission Components. Kranti Industries is the pioneer in providing multi axis machining solutions in SME segments. Sachin Vora, Managing Director, Kranti Industries Ltd said "This new facility represents a significant investment in the future of our company. With cutting-edge technology, modern infrastructure, and a talented team, we are well-positioned to meet the emerging needs of our customers and deliver exceptional value to all stakeholders". He added that "With this expansion we will have a total of 80 production machines and 3 fully equipped inspection facilities across three facilities. Currently with efforts of 320 team-mates, we have delivered more than six hundred thousand parts to our esteemed customers in FY 22-23, which is about seven thousand metric tonnes of material consumption. With this new plant full in operation, we aim to reach one million parts annually. The total investment in the first phase is about Rs 23 crore while the company plans to invest another Rs 15 crore over the next two years in machinery. Currently we have 320 direct and indirect employees. We expect to add another 100-120 employees in the next 2 years. The company's product mix serves various Industries, the Tractor segment continues to be its largest share followed by EV, Construction Equipment, automotive and others. Product category wise, Axle components have the highest contribution in company's business followed by Differential Housing, Transmission Components and Other Components. Sachin Vora said that India is becoming a global sourcing hub for automobile, tractor and EV segments. Kranti Industries has established itself as a reliable source for most of the Indian and Multinational manufacturers in these segments. This Plant has been designed on the concept of digital manufacturing using IoT & Industry 4.0, thereby making it a smart factory. Most of the operational and administrative aspects have been digitized with specially developed software. Mr. Sumit Vora - Director has given the detailed Demo of Digital Manufacturing during the event. The group companies also includes Kranti SFCI Pvt ldt, a 50:50 Joint Venture company at Rajkot formed in 2019. Kranti Industries also recently acquired 55% stake in Kolhapur based Preciso Metall Pvt Ltd. With the additional vertical of Shell Moulded Casting Foundry, Kranti will serve various market segments in addition to the current segment, he added. Kranti Industries Ltd. came out with an IPO on SME-BSE platform in February 2019 and migrated to main Board in November 2021.

Sustainable Development Is Easily Possible: Anand Chordia Delivers 100th Keynote Address at Centennial Science Lecture



Pune (Voice news service):- Entrepreneur and eco-warrior Anand Chordia's journey is all about uniting the seemingly diverse quests for health and wealth into a clean and green India. "I started The Eco Factory Foundation (TEFF) with a vision to provide sustainable, clean, green, healthy, and environmentally viable lifestyle solutions to both urban and rural communities", said Anand Chordia, Director, Technology & Innovation, Suhana Masala, and Founder, The Eco Factory Foundation (TEFF). He was delivering the 100th keynote address of the Centenary Celebrations of the Marathi Vidnyan Parishad's 'Science Lecture Series' at the Pimpri Chinchwad Science Park held recently. Shekhar Singh, PCMC Commissioner and President of Pimpri-Chinchwad Science Park was Guest of Honour for this event. Rajendra Kumar Saraf, President, Marathi Vidnyan Parishad, Pune, introduced the program. Praveen Tupe, Founder Director, Pimpri-Chinchwad Science Park, welcomed all the guests and the audience, providing information about the various science activities being carried out by the Science Park, as well as presenting a detailed history of the Science Park since its inception. PCMC Commissioner Shekhar Singh addressed the audience, asserting the need to strike a balance between sustainable development and environmental conservation and preservation. Anand Chordia then delivered an insightful talk about planned waste management, disposal, recycling, and management of waste, emphasizing that sustainable development is easily possible. "From growing and selling a variety of organic vegetables, fruits, pulses, and herbs at reasonable rates to generating best out of waste, TEFF does it all. Special attention is paid to emerging talent: from budding food scientists to agripreneurs who speak a brave new language", he explained. The Science Park expressed its desire to organize such science lectures at the national level.

Airtel Payments Bank delivers another year of robust growth

Pune (Voice news service):- Airtel Payments Bank, India's only profitable multi-segment fintech operating at scale with a banking license, delivers strong performance across metrics for FY23. This underscores the power of the diverse business model that the Bank has built over the years. For the FY ended March 2023, the Bank reported revenue growth of 37% to INR 1,291 cr, with profits growing by 141% to INR 21.7 crores. The customer deposits grew by 59% Y-o-Y to INR 1,865 cr., fueled by a healthy addition of new users. The Bank now has 54.7 mn. monthly trans-

acting users and a gross merchandise value (GMV) of INR 2,015 bn. Airtel Payments Bank registered a substantial Q-o-Q growth in FY'23 revenues, Q4 (Jan-Mar'23) being the strongest with revenues of INR 379 Cr, a 19% sequential growth over the previous quarter. The Bank recorded growth across all three core business segments - the Urban Digital Consumer, the Rural Underbanked, and Industries & Businesses. The Bank registered a strong uptake for its diversified product offerings like digital payments, money transfers, insurance, referral credit, collection management services

and more. Airtel Payments Bank now processes over 7 billion annualised transactions across its platforms, making it the fastest-growing digital bank. It is reaching the deep rural pockets of the country with the largest retail banking network of 500,000 neighbourhood banking points. Today, Airtel Payments Bank is also the largest micro cash player in the country, with more than 3,000 corporate partners. Anubrata Biswas, MD and CEO of Airtel Payments Bank said, "This year has been a stellar year in our growth journey. Our trusted brand and innovative products, backed by unmatched

distribution reach and technology, position us well to accelerate our growth further. Our strong performance is a validation of the payments bank model and its role in serving the digital and financial inclusion needs of the country." Airtel Payments Bank is continuously expanding its suite of safe, simple and rewarding digital banking solutions. The Bank has recently rolled out Face Authentication for account opening & AePS, Debit Cards, Micro ATMs and more. In addition, innovations like Airtel Safe Pay, the Rewards123 plan, and the current account solutions are driving substantial traction.

HERO MOTOCORP AUGMENTS PREMIUM PORTFOLIO WITH OBD-II & E20 COMPLIANT XPULSE 200 4V

Pune (Voice news service):- In keeping with its firm commitment to bring cleaner and technologically advanced mobility solutions, Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, today launched the all-new OBD-II and E20 compliant adventure motorcycle - XPulse 200 4V. The XPulse 200 4V comes with an E20 compliant engine that can run on ethanol-blended gasoline mixture of upto 20%. The motorcycle brings the On-Board Diagnostics (OBD), a self-diagnostics system, that helps in detecting errors or malfunctions in the vehicle, and brings it to the user's attention, via a malfunction indicator light (MIL).



Designed to conquer all terrains for the new age rider who is born adventure ready, the Hero XPulse 200 4V has been further optimized for an unparalleled experience of adventure and comfort. From updated ergonomics and lighting technology to the advanced braking modes, the Hero XPulse 200 4V offers everything to explore the unexplored. Launched in two variants - Base and Pro, the XPulse 200 4V is available at Hero MotoCorp dealerships across the country at an attractive price* of INR 1,43,516/-(Base) and INR 1,50,891/-(Pro). * (Ex-Show-room, Delhi)

Ranjiv Singh, Chief Growth Officer (CGO), Hero Moto-Corp, said, "The introduction of the E20 and OBD-II compliant XPulse 200 4V is a strong reiteration of our focus on the premium segment, in a sustainable manner. The XPulse has rapidly become one of our most popular premium motorcycles among customers in India and across our global markets. This motorcycle caters to the new-age explorers who are equally conscious about making eco-friendly choices. Fulfilling their aspirations for adventure and offroad thrill, the new XPulse 200 4V aims to create a differentiated experience for the rider with significant advancements on all key fronts - performance, connectivity, technology, and styling."

Engine & Performance: The XPulse 200 4V is powered with a 200cc 4 Valve oil-cooled BS-VI (OBD-II and E20 compliant) engine which churns out a maximum power output of 19.1PS at 8000rpm and a peak torque of 17.35 Nm at 6500 rpm. The OBD-II device monitors the performance of catalytic converter and adds to the vehicle's efficiency by sending notification about any malfunctions.

ABS Modes: Adding to the overall performance of the motorcycle, the addition of three ABS modes that are suited for different riding conditions - Road, Off-road and Rally.

Road Mode - With default single channel ABS, the control systems are set to achieve optimum per-

formance on dry roads. **Off-Road Mode** - Allows the Hero XPulse 200 4V to demonstrate its on-road sporting temperament. The reduced ABS intervention delivers maximum deceleration in off-road conditions like loose sand, gravel, rocky terrain etc.

Rally Mode - Shows off the off-road riding from its best side. **Striking Design:** Athletic, powerful and superior, the new Hero XPulse 200 4V represents true adventure. The new 60mm taller Rally style windshield protects the rider from windblast on face and chest, thus reducing the fatigue.

With the all-new Class-D LED Projector headlamp with LED DRLs and the increased light intensity by 230%, riders can now travel more confidently than ever before, even at night. The premium switch-gear completes the overall look. **Adventure-Ready:** The Hero XPulse 200 4V offers a meticulous and relaxed riding position with ergonomics engineered for every terrain. To ensure an enhanced riding experience on different terrains, the new motorcycle comes with an updated rider foot peg position which is lowered by 35mm and 8mm rear

Exciting Colors: Powerful yet distinct character qualities, the new XPulse 200 4V comes with bold graphics and striking dual tone color schemes - Matte Nexus Blue, Techno Blue and Black Sports Red in base variant. Rally Edition Graphics in the Pro variant perfectly matches the desire for adventure.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Announces its first-ever 'Great4x4 X-Pedition' initiative in India



Pune (Voice news service):- Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) announced its first-ever initiative of 4x4 experiential drives for the motoring enthusiasts from across the country. Set to be held in four zones (regional level - North, South, East and West), with a 'Grand National 4x4 X-Pedition' by Toyota is being planned this year. These drives have been designed to engage with country-wide 4x4 SUV community, offering exciting and thrilling off-roading experiences. Through this initiative, TKM aspires to connect participants with their sense of adventure and inspire them to push boundaries, explore new horizons, and thereby delivering 'Mass Happiness'.

Each of the zonal events will feature a convoy of SUVs including the proud owners of legendary Hilux, Fortuner 4x4, LC300, and the Hyryder AWD (All Wheel Drive).

Furthermore, the uniqueness of this experiential drive involves the participation of other SUV brand owners who will be a part of the first ever Great 4x4 X-Pedition organised by Toyota in India.

With a view to offer extreme off-roading, TKM has created additional 4WD tracks with many challenging obstacles, covering articulation, side inclines, rambler, deep ditch, slush, rocky bed and so forth. Globally, Toyota is renowned for its robust line-up of SUVs and boasts of a strong and versatile 4x4 offering in India as well. The Hilux, Fortuner 4x4, LC 300 and the Urban Cruiser Hyryder with their commanding presence have earned some of the biggest fan base, all thanks to a notable combination of advanced style, unmatched toughness and powerful performance perfectly suited to make every journey a remarkable one. This flagship event of Toyota further creates ample opportunities to strengthen this association and offers new experiences through curated drives both on-road as well as off-road. Notably, with the rising trend for motorsport and adventure seekers in the rapidly growing SUV segment, an unbreakable bond has been created with those who desire more, be it for business purposes or the fun-filled mo-

ments with family and friends. With this, Toyota's primary focus is to connect with the 4x4 fraternity and create awesome experiences with the unique capabilities of varied SUVs from its product line-up.

Needless to mention, the company's passion in motorsport (Toyota Gazoo Racing e-Motorsport in India debuted in Aug 2020) continues to be one of the key attributes, driving this Great 4x4 X-Pedition initiative, enabling the brand to connect with motorsport enthusiasts by providing them exhilarating drive opportunities. Going forward, the aim is also to create an exclusive group of such 4x4 enthusiast fan club, enabling continued engagement in off-roading activities.

The first regional event is scheduled to be held in the Southern part of India. Starting from Bangalore and moving to cover the serene locations of Hassan and Sakleshpur between 26th - 28th of May 2023. The carefully chosen route will offer a chance to explore the scenic beauty through the journey, covering historical points. The participants will be in for an off-roading treat in a safe and supervised environment, additionally designed 4WD track experiences and outdoor recreations. Furthermore, in line with Toyota's core commitment towards sustainability and giving back to the society, this Great 4x4 X-Pedition will also engage the participating 4x4 enthusiasts to contribute to social causes, whilst on this

thrilling experiential drive. Taking this opportunity to spread awareness and encourage their social interventions, a host of eco activities such as restoration of the local ecosystem through waste collection and disposal and tree plantation has been planned towards conservation of natural biodiversity.

Speaking about Toyota's first-ever Great 4x4 X-Pedition, Mr. Atul Sood - Vice President, Sales and Strategic Marketing of Toyota Kirloskar Motors said, "Toyota believes in bringing unlimited experiences to its customers. In this direction, Toyota's 4x4 X-Pedition is designed to create a new platform and connect with the 4x4 enthusiasts group, enriching their experiences by providing them an opportunity through unforgettable journey with us that will remain etched in their memories for life. Furthermore, TKM's foray into 4x4 drives in India will allow the SUV enthusiasts to unleash the true potential of their proudly owned vehicles and further enhance their active outdoor lifestyles." Going forward, TKM will continue to enhance the motorsport engagements which plays a crucial role in pushing the boundaries bringing in newer & advanced technologies, driving innovation, and building ever-better cars. Through the Great 4x4 X-Pedition, TKM hopes to inspire more people to pursue their discerning passion for motorsport and experience the thrill of driving 4x4.

RANGE ROVER OFFERS NEW SV BESPOKE SERVICE FOR GREATER PERSONALISED LUXURY AND REFINEMENT

Pune (Voice news service):- Range Rover is setting a new modern luxury benchmark with the introduction of an SV Bespoke commissioning service, offering clients enhanced levels of personalisation and refinement.

The service is available on Autobiography and SV models, while a suite of enhancements across the line-up maintains Range Rover's status as the world's most desirable luxury SUV. Range Rover is the original luxury SUV and has led by example for more than 50 years, combining serene comfort and composure with all-conquering capability. Further updates to Range Rover include the latest generation Pivi Pro infotainment, while the new plug-in electric hybrids are more powerful than before. Range Rover SV is also available with electric hybrid power on the long wheelbase model for the first time, while the flagship V8 features efficiency-boosting mild hybrid technology. A new 452 kW variant is introduced on the exclusive Range Rover SV for ultimate power.

Geraldine Ingham, Managing Director, Range Rover, said: "Range Rover is synonymous with exclusivity and luxury. Now, with the new SV Bespoke commissioning service, we invite our most discerning clients to become the creator of their truly unique vehicle - choosing the finishes they desire and being guided by our Design team. By blending enhanced personalisation with peerless refinement and unmatched capability, Range Rover continues to deliver the ultimate in modern luxury."

SV BESPOKE: The SV Bespoke commissioning service represents the pinnacle of personalisation and is available on Range Rover Autobiography and Range Rover SV. To achieve their perfect specification, clients can curate their Range Rover at the SV Bespoke Commissioning Suite in the UK, visit selected global retailers or for the ultimate convenience, complete their order online through an exclusive virtual service. Inside, there are up to 391 material colourways available, while the curated SV Bespoke paint palette comprises more than 230 colours in satin and gloss finishes. Alternatively, the SV Bespoke Match to Sample paint service can replicate any exterior colour request, providing limitless scope for individuality. **POWERTRAIN CHOICE:** Range Rover's extensive powertrain line-up has also been enhanced. The powerful and efficient plug-in electric hybrid engines feature a new 160 kW

electric motor which, when combined with the 3.0 l six-cylinder Ingenium petrol engine, produces 404 kW and 338 kW in the P550e and P460e respectively - up from 375kW and 324kW. The enhanced technology provides improved acceleration in EV mode, reducing the time it takes to reach 100 km/h in pure-electric power by 5.0 seconds. Using both power sources, the P550e can sprint from 0-100 km/h in 5.0 seconds, compared to 5.5 seconds previously. They are available alongside existing six-cylinder mild hybrid petrol and diesel Ingenium engines, and provide CO2 emissions of 16 g/km with a pure-electric driving range of up to 121 km (75 miles) - up from 113km (70 miles) - delivering an expected real-world range of up to 94 km (59 miles)2. Electric hybrid power is now available on the long wheelbase Range Rover SV for the first time. Clients have the option to specify the four-seat long wheelbase body design, coupled with the SV Signature Suite option and efficient electric hybrid power, representing the pinnacle of Range Rover luxury. The effortless V8 uses Mild Hybrid Electric Vehicle (MHEV) technology for the first time. The MHEV system delivers increased efficiency by harvesting energy

captured when decelerating and braking, and improved responses as the stored energy is re-deployed under acceleration. When combined with other benefits of the system, including smoother operation of the start/stop functionality, these attributes deliver an improvement in CO2 emissions. A twin turbo V8 MHEV petrol engine is also introduced on Range Rover SV, featuring an enhanced power output of 452kW and 750 Nm of torque, delivering smooth and powerful performance.

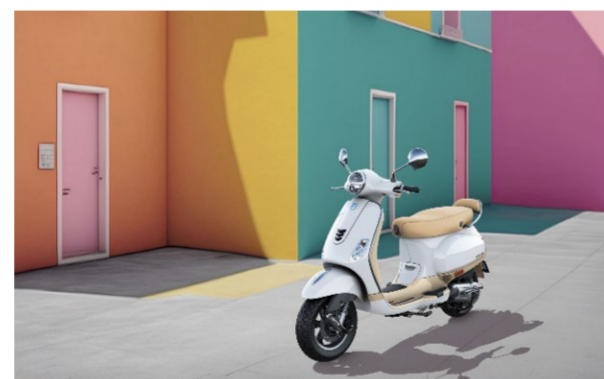
INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY: Range Rover's luxurious interior combines effortless connectivity and intuitive technology like never before with the latest generation Pivi Pro infotainment. It provides a crisp and intuitive interface, enabling clients to control key vehicle functions via the elegant 33.27 cm (13.1) floating glass touchscreen. New sidebars with easy-to-use sliding controls for the volume and climate control provide immediate and precise operation for key functions directly, whatever menu screen is displayed, and approximately 80 per cent of tasks can be performed with two taps of the home screen. Haptic feedback provides an added level of tactile and communication with the user.

Unveiling the Vespa Dual: A New Era of luxury scooters in vibrant color combinations

Pune (Voice news service):- Piaggio Vehicles Pvt Ltd, the 100% subsidiary of the Italian Piaggio Group and maker of the iconic Vespa and sporty Aprilia range of scooters has announced an exciting addition to its stylish portfolio, the Vespa Dual. Meant for the Gen-Z who like to stand out or make a statement, the Vespa Dual is characterized by a special two-tone livery and a colorful footboard to create a bold and playful vibe. It proudly distinguishes itself from monochromatic scooters by offering four unique and class dual-tone combinations as well as a much more comfortable pillion ride.

Designed in Italy, the attractive Vespa Dual is for the dreamers: young, bold, and brave. It is for consumers who live without worries and want to live a life that's unique and has never been lived before. A Vespa perfect for riding to college and hangouts as well as the first interview. In a world of mediocrity, the Vespa Dual will help riders stand out and feel distinctive.

Mr Diego Graffi, Chairman and MD, Piaggio Vehicles Pvt Ltd said, "Vespa is the essence of an Italian lifestyle, of irreverent spontaneity, and living to the fullest. For years, Vespa has won over entire generations with its charisma that transmits freedom and its unconventional style. With the Vespa Dual we want to appeal to the up-and-coming Gen Z that is looking for something different and reflective of their personality. It presents us with the opportunity to reach



a newer audience and welcome them to the world of Vespa. There is a Vespa for every type of customer and the Vespa Dual is for those who like to live young and bold. He further added, "As pioneers of luxury scooters, I am confident that the Vespa Dual will set new design trends in the sector and our riders will derive absolute pleasure from it." Speaking about the launch of Vespa Dual, Mr Ajay Raghuvanshi, Executive Vice President of 2W Domestic Business (ICE) at Piaggio Vehicles Private Limited

said, "Celebrating the young, wild, and free, the Vespa Dual is a tribute to the youthful Vespa spirit. The Vespa Dual stands out for its unconventional and attractive color scheme that is sure to catch the eye. We have also added elements to elevate comfort for the rider as well as the pillion. The Vespa Dual is designed for those who choose to go against the grain, lead a unique life chasing new experiences, and stand out in a crowd, turning heads wherever they go. We are excited to see its acceptance."

Decline in machine tool orders halted for time being

Pune (Voice news service):- Orders received by the German machine tool industry in the first quarter of 2023 were 11 per cent down in nominal terms on the same period last year.

Orders from Germany declined by 18 per cent whereas those from abroad fell by 8 per cent.

Overall, this represents a decline of 17 per cent in real terms.

"However, given the many financial burdens - such as the energy crisis, high inflation, increased interest rates and the overall weakness of the economy - it is encouraging to note that the latest figures from March show a

halt in the downward trend in orders," says Dr. Wilfried Schäfer, Executive Director of the VDW (German Machine Tool Builders' Association), Frankfurt am Main, commenting on the results. Orders from abroad are proving much more stable than those from the domestic market. Impetus is coming in particular from the non-euro countries, where large-scale orders are playing an important role, he notes.

"Overall, we are seeing a decline in the difficulties which our industry has had to contend with," Schäfer explains. China has ended its zero-Covid policy. Supply chain tensions are now beginning to ease. This

is allowing key customer sectors such as the automotive industry to produce more again.

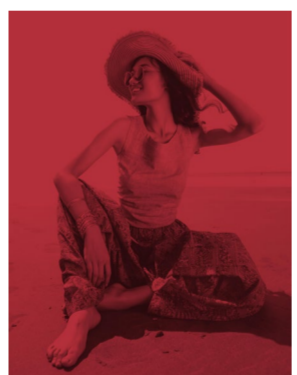
This had suffered above all from the lack of microchips. As a result, sales picked up again in the first quarter. The increase of 20 per cent, or 11 per cent in real terms, reflects the positive factors. Regardless of the current economic situation, numerous developments are leading to raised levels of investment: the ongoing trend toward automation, increasing digitalization, booming electromobility, the build-up of capacity in the critical infrastructure triad (e.g. chips, batteries), extensive investment in climate protection



(e.g. heat pumps), the expansion of renewable energy sources, and rising defense spending.

"We are expecting orders to stabilize in the second half of the year," says Schäfer. A major advantage right now is the ongoing and sizeable backlog of orders stretching ahead almost twelve months. According to the latest forecast, this will enable production to grow by the same amount in 2023 as in the previous year, i.e. a 10 per cent increase to 15.5 billion euros.

Fabindia brings on "The Big Summer"!



across 350+ stores, 129 Cities in 30 States/Union Territories. Always loved for their summer styles across Indian and Western Wear for the entire family, The Big Summer celebrations also offer handcrafted home décor, fine linens, tableware for your home. And there's a host of personal care products which are toxin-free and loaded with Natural Bio-Actives for your skin. Shop from a curation of temporarily designed kurtas, saris, shirts, trousers. And complete the look with trendy accessories including fine Indian jewelry, bags and footwear.

The choices also extend to the home collection on soft linens, modern decorative items, sturdy

furniture, and chic kitchen wares. And remember, Bigger Bags lead to Bigger Savings. Talking about the Big Summer at Fabindia, Mr. Ajay Kapoor (President, Sales) of Fabindia said, "Summers have always been a favorite time for our patrons to pick up their seasons wardrobe - whether its for their everyday looks or for travel and leisure. We wanted to turn the Summer of '23 into a celebration of the curation and experience that Fabindia offers. From clothing, furniture or everyday beauty essentials, this is an incredible opportunity for our shoppers to elevate their summer style and also upgrade their homes with stunning pieces. And definitely to spread the smiles with excep-

tional offers on these collections." Made from consciously procured raw materials and handcrafted by a team of artisans across India, Fabindia is known for its unmatched handcrafted and sustainable products. Every Fabindia product promotes the rich heritage of the country and reflects the brand's commitment to quality and social responsibility. These timeless collections are made with care and precision and will be a fantastic addition to your collection. So, add your favorite products to your wish list, mark your calendar and plan your days, because you would not want to miss this celebration. It is time to embrace the season in style with Fabindia.

Multifit announces two Fitness Events on 20th May 2023

Pune (Voice news service):- Multifit, UK's elite, India's largest functional fitness and strength brand, is pleased to announce two upcoming fitness events scheduled for the 20th of May, 2023. These events are designed to provide individuals with an opportunity to engage in invigorating workouts and promote a healthy lifestyle. Multifit, founded in 2015 has established itself as a leading fitness centre chain. Committed to empowering individuals to achieve their fitness goals, Multifit provides state-of-the-art facilities and a wide range of fitness programs. The upcoming events

reflect Multifit's dedication to promoting a healthier lifestyle and fostering a supportive fitness community.

The first event, the Zumba master class with Varsha, is set to be an energetic and dynamic experience. Led by Varsha, a certified ZIN (Zumba Instructor Network) instructor, participants will engage in a combination of dance and aerobic exercises. This event is scheduled for Saturday, 20th May 2023, at 7:00 AM. It will be held at the Multifit gym located inside Kapila Resort, near Panchshil Towers Road, Kharadi, Maharashtra. This event is open to all interested individuals, and registration is required through the Multifit gym.

The Zumba master class offers participants an opportunity to improve their cardiovascular fitness, coordination, and calorie-burning capacity in an enjoyable and vibrant environment. Varsha's expertise and experience will ensure that participants have an engaging and fulfilling workout session. Interested individuals are encouraged to reach out to the Multifit gym to secure their spot in this event.

The second event, Multifit Music in Motion, presents a unique fusion of functional training and live band. Participants will engage in a variety of exercises aimed at enhancing strength, flexibility, and coordination. Accompanied by live musicians, the performances will create an immersive atmosphere. This event will also take place on Saturday, 20th May 2023, at 7:00 AM, at Lexicon International School in Kalyaninagar, Pune, Maharashtra. Music in Motion is an extraordinary fitness experience that aims to motivate and energize attendees. By combining functional training techniques with live music, participants can expect a dynamic and engaging workout session.