



International Day of Yoga celebrated by Royal Connaught Boat Club



Pune: Royal Connaught Boat Club (RCBC) organized a special program to mark International Yoga Day, the theme of the event was Yoga for Humanity. The program was led by Founder of Jal Dindi Pratishtan and Hon. Secretary RCBC Dr. Vishwas Yewale with yogasanas and meditation. Officials and members of RCBC participated in the program. This activity got a spontaneous response from everyone.

Mahesh Shendge honored with 'Bharat Gaurav Ratnashree Award'



Pune: City based entrepreneur Mahesh Sharad Shendge honored with 'Bharat Gaurav Ratnashree Award' in New Delhi recently

"Studying the market, upgrading products, and understanding customer demands is crucial for the successful market entry" Indraneel Chitale

Pune (Voice news service):- The National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI) has once again demonstrated its commitment to empowering the Food & Beverage (F&B) industry with its successful event, 'Powering up your brand with Indraneel Chitale.'

The event was held on Tuesday, 20th June 2023 at the One Lounge Restaurant and Bar in Pune. The event attracted an esteemed gathering of F&B brand owners, industry decision-makers, and stakeholders from over 20 cities. This evening provided a platform for attendees to participate in thought-provoking discussions to gain valuable insights, and to network with like-minded professionals, fostering an atmosphere of collaboration and growth.



The NRAI event "Powering up your brand with Indraneel Chitale" motivates professionals in the food and beverage industry in Pune

not be done in uniformity. One cannot have the same approach or dynamics while doing expansion of a brand over different demographic and geographies. It is essential to study the market and upgrade your product or brand according to the market before launching it in a new market. A lot of street food products that are very famous among people cannot be compared with frozen versions of the same product. As the USP of any street food is its price, while we can launch a frozen product of better quality, competing with price becomes difficult. Further, he added, "In a family business, many challenges arise,

such as communication, clarity of responsibilities, and other aspects. To overcome these challenges, we have ensured clarity of roles and responsibilities for every family member in the business and we have been maintaining the proper discipline to uphold decorum. It is crucial to maintain the ethos of the business to preserve the brand value. This involves setting the right targets and stretching them as per the understanding of the business goals and company's capabilities." Additionally, "hiring the right people and ensuring they put in their best effort is essential. In the 90s, we achieved a major

milestone in the food business by automating the production of bharwadi using machinery. In the 20s, we are working towards, and have achieved so far, the use of cloud computing to manage customer profiles, improving their health and productivity. In the future, nanotechnology will play a crucial role in understanding the nutritional demands of customers and providing products accordingly.

While technology has made business more fluent and effective, the role of humans and their contribution remains equally important. Human intelligence is irreplaceable in understanding certain situations and making intelligent decisions." The NRAI extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the attendees, sponsors, and partners whose invaluable contributions played a significant role in making the 'Powering up your brand with Indraneel Chitale' event a resounding success. Their support and active participation underscore the vibrant spirit of collaboration within the F&B industry. The association is committed to organizing more such impactful events in the future, as it continues to empower professionals, foster growth, and drive the development of the food and beverage industry.

Freedom from Diabetes celebrates International Yoga Day



Pune: More than 550 people from across age groups and fitness levels participated in a special program organised by Freedom From Diabetes (FFD) Institute at Yash Lawns Bibewadi, to mark the International Yoga Day. Dr. Pramod Tripathi, Founder FFD led the program with Meditation and Yogasanas including Suryanamaskar.

The event aimed to raise awareness about the positive impact of yoga in managing diabetes, offering participants a unique

opportunity to embrace a healthier lifestyle. International Yoga Day, recognized globally, highlights the significance of yoga in promoting physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Freedom from Diabetes recognizes the profound benefits of yoga in the fight against diabetes, a disease that affects millions worldwide. Bhanupratap Barge, Asst. Commissioner of Police (retired) Crime Branch Pune, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

'Siblings of the Exceptional': Empowering Cerebral Palsy and special needs Children and Creating Lasting Impact



Pune (Voice news service):- 'Siblings of the Exceptional', an organization dedicated to supporting Cerebral Palsy (CP) and special needs children, is making a significant difference in the community. Founded by Reema Patel, a 14yr old young Indian American girl, the organization focuses on raising awareness, providing resources and fostering inclusion for individuals with CP, special needs and their families. By emphasizing the organization's goals, achievements, and the positive changes it brings to the community are showcasing the collective effort in supporting CP and special needs children. This approach allows them to promote the cause and create awareness about Cerebral Palsy within the community. According to recent statistical

data, in India alone, there are approximately 17 million children with special needs, including cerebral palsy and various other conditions. In India, it is estimated at around 3 cases per 1000 live births; (source: Article published by National Library for Medicine <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3764881/>) however, being a developing country the actual figure may be much higher than probable figures. There are about 25 lakh CP children in India as per <https://www.dnaindia.com/health/report-over-25-lakh-children-affected-by-cerebral-palsy-say-doctors-1735940> "More than 90% of cerebral palsy patients with physical disability can lead a normal life with early diagnosis and proper medical treatment," Veena Kalra, Specialist Paediatric, Neurology and



Ex Professor & Head Pediatrics, AIIMS said. Recognizing the significance of these numbers and the impact on families, Reema took it upon herself to provide a platform for siblings of these exceptional children to connect, share experiences, and find solace in a nurturing community. Through the efforts of 'Siblings of the Exceptional', strides are being made to address these statistics, improve the lives of CP children, and promote a more inclusive society. **The Initiative to Bond CP Patients with Their Siblings:** 'Siblings of the Exceptional' also focuses on fostering sibling bonds among CP patients. Recognizing the importance of these relationships, the organization organizes events and programs that promote a stronger bond between siblings and children with special needs. By doing so, they create a supportive and inclusive environment for CP patients and their families. The latest event took place on June 24th, 2023 at

Pune where a substantial amount was donated by Reema Patel to the Buddy Center institute which is an initiative by Kunaishini. The esteemed chief guest, Dr Archana Kadam, praised Reema Patel's extraordinary efforts and offered valuable insights on raising awareness about Cerebral Palsy and special needs. The event served as a platform to foster a sense of community and create lasting memories. **Fundraising Efforts:** To date, 'Siblings of the Exceptional' has successfully raised approximately US\$9,740 (approximately ₹800,000). These funds have been instrumental in supporting numerous NGOs in India that work tirelessly to meet the basic needs of CP children, providing them with vital resources, therapies, and a nurturing environment. This highlights the impact and effectiveness of the organization's fundraising efforts. **The world too can join the Cause of 'Siblings of the exceptional':** The dynamic Reema Patel passionately appeals to individuals, organizations, and the wider community to support the noble cause of 'Siblings of the Exceptional'. Donations and fundraising efforts play a pivotal role in enabling the provision of essential resources and services to CP children in need. By contributing to the cause, you can make a tangible difference in their lives.

BANKING ON SOFTWARE-TO-SKILLS INTEGRATION, IPO-BOUND VINSYS SETS THE STAGE FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP



Pune (Voice news service):- Vinsys IT Services India Limited (Vinsys IT), a global IT and software services company headquartered in Pune, is expanding its presence in the global and domestic market, banking on its diverse businesses. The software-to-skills company plans to garner a larger market share in the global skills development and corporate training market, while its software services vertical is eyeing to capitalise on rising eGovernance spending by various government departments within the country. **The Corporate Training Business - going places** Vinsys is the country's second-largest corporate IT training partner

to global players. The company offers Training & Certifications, Digital Learning and Foreign Learning services as a part of the corporate training services. In the past three years, the company has focused on developing new markets - by expanding to UAE, Oman, Qatar, Australia, Kenya, Tanzania, Singapore, and Malaysia. Vinsys has ventured into Saudi Arabia by opening a dedicated office in Riyadh. At the same time, its office expansion plan in the USA continues to take shape. By 2025, the company expects overseas business to account for 35% of the total revenues. Towards this, the company has hired marquee professionals to join its growing team.

The new leaders Dr. Mohammed Aslam has joined the team as CEO of Middle East operations in the company. He brings over three decades of experience in the region and was Ex-CEO of New Horizon Middle East before joining the company. For the US markets, the company has hired Sanjeev Shrivastava as the Project Head - Global Business (US). Sanjeev has over 25 years of Education Services Experience in Leading Organization Like JKT Consulting Ltd, Oracle University, Microsoft, NIIT Ltd & Aptech Ltd. Before joining Vinsys, Sanjeev was the Country Head at Netcom. **Software services and solutions business - accountability driving growth** Vinsys has built a robust IT Development services business offering a seamless project execution process and successful IT strategy. Its full software service offerings include ERP solutions, DevOps practices, architectural consulting, integration, and middleware services. The company aims to capitalise on the eGovernance opportunity with the state governments and central government departments. **Teacher Transfer Software** One of the marquee projects developed by the client is the Teacher

Transfer Software implemented in 2022 by Pune Zilla Parishad. It maps 214000 teachers in zilla parishad schools across 3943 inter-districts and 33913 intra-districts and facilitates automated transfers of teachers. The software is completely automated without any possibility of human intervention. Vinsys incorporated diverse technologies, such as blockchain and AI, into the system to make it robust and foolproof - devoid of biases. The system offers a transparent way of mapping the teacher preference regarding location to the available schools in the vicinity, thereby removing any corruption or malfeasance in the process. The company is expanding its proposition and presence to other states and city corporations. By 2025, the software solutions vertical may account for 20% of the company's revenues. **IPO Plans in motion** The company filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with NSE Emerge earlier this month. The company plans to offer 3.89 million equity shares of Rs 10/- each through book-building. The company has appointed Beeline Capital Advisors as merchant bankers to the issue, while Link Intime India is the registrar to the issue.

BNCA Team visits Liverpool John Moores University under British Council's Going Global Partnership programme



Pune (Voice news service):- MKSSS's Dr. B. N. College of Architecture, Pune has received funding of around 33000GBP under British Council's Going Global Partnership program. An Academia-industry consortium is formed among Dr. Anupa Manewa from LJM, UK, the applicant and Dr. Vaishali Anagal, BNCA, Pune, co-applicant had applied for research funding. Under this program, a one-year postgraduate diploma course will be developed to offer an apprenticeship program offer a combination of education and skills to the student, and create an innovative employer-funded financing model. In a way, linking higher education degrees to learning-by-doing and learning while earning will be possible to make higher education more inclusive and demand-driven. The Nation-

al Education Policy India (2020) endorses apprenticeship schemes while claiming that the unemployability of graduates is higher than that of other youth. The program aims to develop a knowledge and skills hub and a top-up degree course to cater to the skill crisis in the Indian construction sector. The curriculum will be developed by identifying the skills gap through initial research in the construction industry. The apprentices will be given the option of completing their degrees either in India or the UK. The course will be open for students from both cognate and non-cognate disciplines. Students from deprived and disadvantaged communities, and differently-abled, will be encouraged. Under this research project, a Training the Trainers

program at Liverpool John Moores University UK was organized for BNCA faculty and industrial partners by Dr. Anupa Manewa from Liverpool John Moores University. The team including Dr. Anurag Kashyap, Principal, BNCA; Dr. Vaishali Anagal, project coordinator, Dr. Sujata Karve and Dr. Sharveya Dhongde as Indian Academic partners and Engg. Jayant Inamdar as a representative of Industry partner, PCERF, Pune visited LJM, UK for the training program. Dr. Vaishali Anagal presented the findings of the research at LJM, UK during the training program. The training of the trainers' program offered BNCA faculty and industry representatives insights into construction practices, technological advances, integration of digital technologies in construction, safety parameters, and construction project management practices adopted in UK. It also offered exposure to advanced technologies used for teaching and learning at undergraduate, and post-graduate programs and for research.

My Wari, Swach Wari' movement gains momentum as Volunteers, NGOs team up to collect 69 tons of dry waste during Wari



Pune (Voice news service):- A team of over 750 volunteers, NGOs and Gram panchayats teamed up to collect 69 tons of dry waste. The cleanliness drive was a part of 'My Wari, Swach Wari' movement initiated by 'Adar Poonawalla Clean City Initiative' (APCCI) to help clean Palkhi route covering a total 125 km of roads from Pune city till Saswad and Yavat. The cleanliness drive is conducted every year where the roads are cleaned within few hours of Palkhi procession by Adar Poonawalla Clean City, Gram panchayats of Loni Kalbhor,

Kunjirwadi, Sortapwadi, Uruli Kanchan, Kadamwak Vasti, Wadki, Saswad and volunteers from these villages. The waste is sent for scientific recycling. This year APCCI installed around 25 green nets to enable volunteers collect and segregate waste without any hassles. NGOs and institutions who have always been a valuable part of the drive include Ruanubandh Foundation Saswad, ASR Services, Manjri, Pune, Urulikanchan Gram Swachhata Abhiyan, Urulikanchan, Dreams Yuva Social Foundation, Kadamwakwasti, Jay Hind Group, Kadam-



wakwasti, Vidya Vikas College, Yavat, NSS, NCC team of Nazire College, Saswad, Clean Wari Sanghatana, Kunjirwadi, Parvayaran Sanrakshan Samiti, Kunjirwadi, Sudarshan Yuva Mandal, Urulikanchan, Mahatma Phule Krushi Vidyapeeth, Pune and Sohail Arts (Loni) PMC, ULBs and volunteer groups were working hard to plan this cleanliness drive for last fifteen days and over 750 local volunteers were mobilized for this task. APCCI provided the volunteer groups with collection bags, hand gloves and garbage pickup vehicles. The dry waste collected separate-



ly included plastic bottles, paper cups etc. The drive was aided by 53 vehicles and 110 waste wardens deployed by APCCI for four days to support this movement. The volunteers were provided with material for cleaning including plogging bags. APCCI COO Mr. Malhar Karwande, APCCI manager Mr Nilesh Ramekar and lead volunteer Mr. Satya Natarajan visited all the villages for coordination and mobilized the volunteers through whatsapp groups.

GO THE DISTANCE WITH THE NIKKOR Z 180-600mm f/5.6-6.3 VR



Pune (Voice news service):- Nikon India Private Ltd. introduces the NIKKOR Z 180-600mm f/5.6-6.3 VR, the latest super-telephoto zoom lens in the full-frame/FX-format line-up that exemplifies creative flexibility, outstanding

operability, and excellent optical performance. Encased in a compact body, the NIKKOR Z 180-600mm f/5.6-6.3 VR is designed to encourage creators to dream bigger and go further in their creative pursuits. The new super telephoto lens captures not only impressive stills but also high-quality videos with the adoption of

stepping motors that reduce drive sounds, together with an operability that provides a natural shift in focus positions and brightness levels. "The NIKKOR Z 180-600mm f/5.6-6.3 VR super-telephoto zoom lens enables users to capture various subjects, ranging from wildlife to sports and action, aviation, etc. With its VR SPORT mode, users can enjoy

stable EVF viewing when panning and tracking fast-moving subjects, enabling them to track subjects with a clear of sight vision when doing continuous burst high-speed shooting. It empowers users with the freedom to capture vast distances without sacrificing mobility", said Sajjan Kumar, Managing Director of Nikon India Pvt. Ltd.

Mrs. India Empress of the Nation, 2023 (Season 4) – Shattering Stereotypes

Pune (Voice news service):- The 4th season of Mrs. India Empress of the Nation by DIVA Pageants, was held on the 18th June 23 at the HYATT Pune. It showcased a total of 50 Confident, Charming and Charismatic women from different walks of life, leaving the audience in absolute awe that night. This season was all about promoting Inclusivity by embracing each woman's individuality. Age is just a number - that's something they strongly proved last night. Divas from 21 to 70 years of age spread across Silver, Gold and Elite categories, respectively, walked the ramp with utmost poise and grace. The Introduction of the Plus-Size Award was another cherry on the cake for this fashion forward, Women Empowering Pageant. This grand event was presented by NIBE Limited and Co-powered by Meesha Diagnostics & Polyclinic. The Guests of Honour were Mr Aseem Gupta, Principal Secretary - Urban Development, Mr Vikram Kumar - Pune Municipal Commissioner & Manjusha Nibe - Founder NIBE Limited. Actor, Neelam Kothari Soni led the Elite Jury along with Actor & Sports Presenter - Ridhima Pathak. Sandeep Singh - GM HYATT, Pune, Swatee Kumar - C.A., Ovette Ricalde - International Pageant Director, Dr Leena Gupta - Winner Mrs India MIEN 2021, Cicilia Sanyal - Winner Mrs India MIEN 2021, Farha Anwar - Mrs Asia 2018, Karl Mascarenhas - Director DIVA Pageants, were the esteemed judges for the evening. Celebrity host & Actor, Aman Yatan Verma hosted this grand event with his



Winners from L to R : 1. Rakshhaa Karwa 2. Apeksha Dabral 3. Dr Mrinalini Bhardwaj 4. Abhilasha Chahalia 5. Priyanka Gadia 6. Dr Neha Prabhu Salgaoncar 7. Seema Sinha 8. Sujata Sharma 9. Kakoli Ghosh 10. Dharini Panchal with Neelam Kothari Soni, Aman Yatan Verma, Karl & Anjana Mascarenhas, DIVA Pageants

customary verve and vigour. Selecting the Top 3 Winners in each category from the 50 gorgeous women on stage was a herculean task for the jury, as all of them performed exceptionally well. Title Winners - Silver Category (21 to 38 years), Winner : Priyanka Gadia - Pune, 1st RU : Abhilasha Chahalia - New Delhi 2nd RU: Dr Neha Prabhu Salgaoncar - Goa Gold Category (39 to 49 years) - Winner : Apeksha Dabral - Bhopal, 1st RU : Dr Mrinalini Bhardwaj - Pune 2nd RU : Rakshhaa Karwa - Mumbai Elite Category (50 years onwards) - Winner: Sujata Sharma - Bangalore 1st RU : Seema Sinha - Delhi 2nd RU : Kakoli Ghosh - Kolkata Plus - Size Category Winner : Dharini Panchal - Mumbai The Coronation of Six International DIVA Queens was the highlight of the event. It would be a matter of pride for our country, when these Women represent India in various International Pageants, under the keen supervision of International Pageant Coach, Anjana Mascarenhas of DIVA Pageants.

DIVA Queens at International Pageants : Nilakshi Lohi : Mrs Earth Asia Pacific 2023, Dr Mrinalini Bhardwaj : Mrs Tourism India 2023, Dr Urvashi Patil : Mrs Universe Official India 2023, Kashmiria Doctor : Elite Mrs Universe Official India 2023, Nikkoo Dsouza : Elite Mrs Grand Universe 2023, Dr Meghna Dewan Gopal : International Queen 2023, Show Director & Choreographer, Pooja Singh, mesmerized the audience with her well choreographed sequences. This event in all its grandeur was flawlessly co-ordinated by Cicilia Sanyal, Mrunali Tayanuja, Anjani Kushwaha, Tanuja Bangera & Spenta Patel. Mrs. India Empress of the Nation, a registered pageant, is the brainchild of Karl & Anjana Mascarenhas which best exemplified the DIVA belief ; Dare Dream Dazzle. Partners that made the event Grand : Presenting Partner - NIBE Ltd, Powered By - HYATT Pune, Co-powered by - Meesha Diagnostics & Polyclinic, Media Partner - Lokmat, Smile Partner - Sweet Smiles Dental Clinic & Implant Centre, PR Partner

- Inspirations, Gifting Partner - Modasutra, Numerology Partner - Ank Jyotiishi, Tarot Partner - Mystic Empress, Official Show Director & Choreographer - Pooja Singh, Makeover Partner - Style Mantra & Sia, Charity Partner - We Help Welfare Foundation Talent Partner - Diva Talent Hub, Nail Partner - SimMon Nails & More, Beauty partner - O'Esthetics, Dessert Partner - Choco Kastle & Florang, Chocolate Partner - Crumbs & Cherries, Tea Partner - Glenlicious, Hair Care Partner - Erayba/Magazine Partner - Grehlakshmi, Social Media Partner - Momchronicles & Anshu Das, Weight Management Partner - ProGen Weight Management, Gifting Partner - Kanu DryFruit, Beverage Partner - Sula Vineyards, Beverage Partner - BIRA, Eyewear & Sunwear Partner - Lawrence & Mayo, Photography Partner - SJ Illumination, Videography Partner - iPlus Media Solutions, Photoshoot Partner - Sahil Photography, Assistant Choreographer - Ajay Lokhande. Official Anchor of Subtitle Ceremony, Talent Round & The Red Carpet - Vibhuti Pandey

Maharashtra Ironmen Crowned Champions of the first-ever Premier Handball League Season



Pune (Voice news service):- The Maharashtra Ironmen crowned the champions of the first-ever season of the Premier Handball League (PHL) after they secured victory against the Golden Eagles Uttar Pradesh in the final that ended 38-24 in their favour. The Ironmen were thoroughly dominant in the final in which they put on an attacking masterclass. The Maharashtra Ironmen however were more effective in attack in the early minutes of the game. Igor Chiseliov started the game like a man possessed as he was holding off challenges from the Golden Eagles Uttar Pradesh players with ease and was finding a way to score. The Ironmen were rampant in attack as Jalal Kiani, Ankit and Manjeet helped their team establish a slender lead. By the 15th mark, the scores

read 8-5 in favour of the Maharashtra Ironmen. Maharashtra were looking to build on their slender lead as Chiseliov, Kiani and Sumit Ghanghas were proving too much to handle for the Golden Eagles players. Despite the best efforts of Omid Reza in the Uttar Pradesh goal the Golden Eagles were floundering to stem the flow of goals. Naveen Deshwal in the Maharashtra goal was also showcasing why he has been one of the stand-out keepers in the league as he made pivotal saves that allowed his team to extend their lead. While Naveen was putting on a masterclass in goal for the Ironmen, Jalal Kiani and Manjeet Kumar were supercharging their attack. The half came to an end soon after as scores 16-12 in favour of the Maharashtra Ironmen. Goals from Kiani, Ankit and



Manjeet saw the Ironmen extend their lead further in the second half. Sumit Ghanghas and Igor Chiseliov were also supporting Kiani expertly as the Ironmen were attacking with devastating effect. Halfway through the second half the scores read 26-15 as the Maharashtra Ironmen had established an unassailable lead going into the last quarter of the game. The Golden Eagles players looked jilted and deflated. The Ironmen looked set to clinch the first-ever PHL title. The Golden Eagles looked devoid of ideas and a cutting edge in attack. The Ironmen continued scoring freely as they kept pulling away from the Golden Eagles. Kiani, Chiseliov, Ankit and Manjeet Kumar were attacking with intense ferocity as the Golden Eagles players were shell-shocked. The Ironmen were

breaching the Golden Eagles' defences with ease and went on extending their lead. The sheer ruthlessness of the Ironmen in attack was superb as they continued dominating the Golden Eagles going into the last few minutes of the game. Soon after the game came to an end as the score 34-28 in favour of the Ironmen. The Maharashtra Ironmen were crowned champions of the first ever season of the Premier Handball League after a thoroughly dominant display in the final against the Golden Eagles Uttar Pradesh. Igor Chiseliov and Jalal Kiani were the top scorers for Maharashtra Ironmen with 11 goals apiece. Igor Chiseliov was awarded the most valuable player of the game for his dominant display in the final. Final Score - Maharashtra Ironmen-38 vs Golden Eagles Uttar Pradesh - 24

4 Indian athletes secure Asian Games berth after financial support from Punit Balan Group propel their performances



Pune (Voice news service):- Punit Balan Group (PBG), in a bid to financially support the journey, ensured a steep turnaround in the performances of tennis stars Ankita Raina and Rutuja Bhosale as well as taekwondo athletes Shivansh Tyagi and Shivam Shetty as all the four players recently secured their spots in the country's squad for the upcoming Asian Games to be played from September 23 to October 8. India No. 1 Raina, who clinched the bronze medal in the last Asian Games in 2018 and five ITTF titles winner Bhosale are both associated with Punit Balan Group for over an year now and have been supported financially to perform and pursue next level excellence for India. Highlighting the need for



support to an athlete, Raina said it's tough for a tennis player to manage the expenses required for travelling for around 25-30 tournaments in a year. "Tennis being a travel-oriented sport where tournaments take place every week throughout the year, it requires funds. The sponsorship and support from PBG has helped me immensely in making sure that a coach travels with me which ensures that I improve even during the tournaments," Raina said. "With the support of Mr Punit Balan and the Punit Balan Group, I don't have to worry much about a lot of things, I am able to travel more and play more tournaments. This obviously helps my ranking," commented Bhosale. Tyagi and Shivam are also making India proud with



impressive performance at the international circuit and have also benefited from PBG's financial support. Tyagi clinched bronze in the International Taekwondo Championship 2023. "I participated in three international events last year and was able to secure medals in each event as well as achieve a career-best world ranking of 33. Thanks to Punit sir, I recently also qualified for the upcoming Asian Games because of my current performance," stated Tyagi. Shivam added: "From the support I receive from Puneet Balan sir and his team, I have begun advanced training which has helped me win the championship. Moreover, supplements with the right nutrition and perfect diet have helped me control my weight and maintain



my strength. Strength and conditioning training in the gym has helped me perform better, and mostly, physiotherapy has helped me recover from the injuries to play better. I am maintaining my India No. 1 rank only because of Puneet Balan Group's support." Strengthening India's Olympics dream, the PBG has been financially supporting 60-plus athletes across sporting disciplines throughout the country with an aim to help each of these players in the best possible way to pursue excellence when they need it most internationally as well as domestically in their bid to bring glory for India. All four athletes will be determined to add to India's medal tally by delivering their best show when they compete at the Asian Games in Hangzhou.

I am on Bigg Boss to get my identity back: Aaliya Siddiqui

Pune (Voice news service):- Aaliya Siddiqui has always been a woman who speaks her mind. And nothing changes with her entry in Big Boss. Admitting that Nawaz supported her decision to enter Bigg Boss, Aaliya is happy he took her children on a vacation so that she could be on the show. Says Aaliya, "I have always been this person who is happy and cheerful. But life had its own script. As a woman, I have been an actor, an entre-

preneur and producer... But I have always been identified as a star wife. When there is no respect in a relationship, then that relationship automatically becomes weak. But sadly it has also become your identity." Big Boss is Aaliya's way of getting her life back. "Only I know what I have gone through in these 19 years. But I would never turn the clock back even if I could as my two lovely children are God's blessings. At the same time,

when you realize that nobody is listening to you, somewhere you need to make your voice heard. Today, I need my vajoood, my identity back." Aaliya wants to start life afresh. "I want to erase the shadow of a troubled marriage from my life. That is why I am here in Bigg Boss. As myself with no prefixes and suffixes. This is simply Me," concludes Aaliya. Here is looking forward to seeing more of this empowered woman on Bigg Boss.



Terrance' new song Dhokha released



Pune (Voice news service):- Produced by Rangrez Films and featuring well-known dance director and judge on various dance reality shows, Terrance Lewis, the song 'Dhoka' was released recently. This song has become very popular with the audience within a short period of time. Terrance and actress Preet Anand came to Pune for the promotion of this song. This song is produced by Rohit Kumar and sung by Nakash Aziz. This song is written by Abhishek T and composed by Amol-Abhishek. Terrance, who has always been known for his unique look, also appears in a unique Maavali role in this song. Prince has choreographed this song. In the press conference of this song, Terrance said, "Till now I have been directing dances from behind the camera, this is the first

time I have to come in front of the camera and also dance and act. It was a challenge for me but I like to take on such challenges. The lyrics and music of the song are very beautiful and will appeal to today's generation, so there is no doubt that it has received a huge response from the audience." The song received more than 1 million likes in just 24 hours and received a good response from the audience.

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Trinity College of Engineering & Research accredited with NAAC 'A+' grad



Pune (Voice news service):- City based KJ Educational Institute's Trinity College of Engineering & Research (TCOER) awarded A+ grade with 3.31 CGPA by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). This grade is a hallmark of very high academic quality, including education, research, infrastructure and extension. The research per-

formance of the college, as well as innovative activities were mentioned plays an important role. NAAC is an autonomous institution of the University Grants Commission (UGC) that conducts assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) such as colleges, universities or other recognised institutions to derive an un-

derstanding of the quality & status of the institution. The unique feature of NAAC is it not only provides accreditation but also does the assessment of the institution. In this evaluation process, the committee inspected many things like educational activities of all departments of the college, infrastructural facilities, new activities, progress of students, administrative things, communication with students and parents etc. TCOER has been started since the year 2008 and till date many students are pursuing higher education

abroad. Many students are successful entrepreneurs and many students are working at high positions in administrative services and prestigious industries. Founder of Institute, Kalyan Jadhav congratulated the principal and all faculty members of Trinity College of Engineering & Research. Vinod Jadhav, Treasurer, Harshada Deshmukh-Jadhav & Vibhawari Jadhav-Deshmukh, Managing Director, Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Sameer Kalla appreciated the efforts taken by TCOER under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Abhijit Auti.

REC Limited joins hands with BAI to bolster development of Indian badminton



Pune (Voice news service):- REC Limited, a leading public infrastructure finance company, has partnered with the Badminton Association of India (BAI) to strengthen the development program of Indian badminton. This landmark association demonstrates a shared commitment to fostering young Indian talent in the sport. Currently, REC Limited's support is utilised to provide valuable assistance to the 18-member Indian squad who are preparing for the Badminton Asia Junior Championships to be held in Indonesia from July 7-16. The players are undergoing an extensive two-week training camp at the Tau Deval Stadium in Panchkula as part of REC Limited's

support. "I would like to express my utmost appreciation for this exceptional collaboration between REC Limited and BAI. The commitment demonstrated by REC Limited and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for facilitating this collaboration will bolster the development of badminton remarkably in India. I am sincerely grateful to the CMD of REC. He himself has been a badminton player and understands the challenges the sport suffers at the junior and grassroots level. I am confident that with such able and committed stakeholders, BAI will be able to create a strong pathway and future excellence for the game in the country that will go a long way in producing talents and build a strong ecosys-

tem for badminton in India," said BAI General Secretary Sanjay Mishra. Through this partnership, REC Limited will extend its support to boost development and training programmes as well as help in achieving excellence while driving grassroots projects and necessary support system. Commenting on the partnership, Vivek Kumar Dewangan, CMD REC Limited, said, "We are proud of our CSR partnership with National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) aimed to promote excellence in badminton, athletics and boxing in India. I extend warmest greetings to the talented badminton junior team as they gear up for the national junior training camp in Panchkula from June 22 to July 04, 2023. This two-week camp holds immense significance as it aims to prepare the players for the prestigious Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2023 to be held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. At REC, we firmly believe in the transformative power of sports to inspire and unite communities. It is a privilege for us to create opportunities for training and developing young players to enable them to exhibit their skills globally and win laurels for

India. With their relentless dedication, exceptional skills, and indomitable spirit, we are confident that they will achieve resounding success in the upcoming championship." Through this partnership, REC Limited will also help BAI to fuel the badminton ecosystem by holding training programs for coaches, support staffs and other ancillary programmes for junior athletes to receive technical, scientific and psychological support, and gain necessary exposure for international competitions. Indian Squad for Badminton Asia Junior Championship: BOYS SINGLES: LAKSHYA SHARMA, SAMARVEER, AYUSH SHETTY AND DHRUV NEGI. GIRLS SINGLES: RAKSHITHA SREE S, SHRIYANSHI VALISHETTY, TARA SHAH AND ANMOL KHARB. BOYS DOUBLES: NICHOLAS NATHAN RAJ/ TUSHAR SUREVER AND DIVYAM ARO-RA/ MAYANK RANA. GIRLS DOUBLES: RADHIKA SHARMA/ TANVI SHARMA AND KARNIKA SREE S./ TANEESHA SINGH MIXED DOUBLES: SAMARVEER/ RADHIKA SHARMA AND ARULMURUGAN R./ SRINIDHI N

FIVE HOTELS AND RESORTS LAUNCHES THE 'NEXT LEVEL' IN AVIATION – FLY FIVE

Pune (Voice news service):- FIVE transforms travel, and hospitality, with Fly FIVE. As with FIVE Hotels and Resorts on the ground, Fly FIVE invites guests to experience a fresh new in-flight entertainment experience in the air, allowing passengers to dine, entertain and invigorate in the most opulent and private environment. A true 'FIVE-Star' experiential offering for the selective luxury traveler.

THE FIRST OF ITS KIND The ACJ TwoTwenty Cabin is one of the most advanced, innovative, and technologically equipped aircraft cabins ever designed. 9H-FIVE will provide guests with a first-hand experience of the masterful combination of design, engineering, craftsmanship and luxury used to create a one-of-a-kind space for FIVE Hotel and Resort's newest home in the skies. From high-speed WiFi Connectivity to an entertainers' kitchen deluxe on-board shower and mega 55 inch TV screens for your ultimate viewing pleasure - Flying FIVE will perfectly showcase FIVE's award-winning hospitality. **IT'S TIME TO FLY HIGH, FLY FIVE** Amongst its bespoke features are 16 seats, a dining table for 8 passengers, a Master Suite with a King-sized bed and shower, and in-flight music - allowing guests to start experiencing the inimitable 'FIVE-styled' experience from the very moment they take flight.

ELEVATED PRIVATE AVIATION Fly FIVE's ultra-luxe and customised cabins are a reflection of FIVE's luxury lifestyle hospitality and entertainment ethos. Extraordinary care and attention to detail has gone into constructing the Cabins - which truly reflects FIVE's signature deluxe design styling and to provide an elite customer journey.

Flying FIVE will be an unmatched, flawless, curated experience for customers seeking the unique 'Vibe at FIVE' in the sky.

FLY FIVE. FLY GREEN. Fly FIVE has taken off into a new sustainability frontier. Committed to completely offsetting FLY FIVE's annual emissions, the company has aligned itself with Nature-Based Carbon Credits, becoming a direct proponent of rainforest preservation and reforestation. By purchasing credits attached to forest conservation projects, FIVE has taken steps to safeguard our planet's lungs and critical biodiversity. "FIVE has the experimental spirit of the modernist vanguard, thus Fly FIVE is an exciting evolution of FIVE's award-winning disruptive hospitality ethos," says Aloki Batra, CEO, FIVE Hospitality. "With this customized, ultra-luxe, immersive private jet experience like no other, FIVE is once again delivering an elevated - and electric - customer experience for a worldwide diaspora."

Blood Donation Camp of Lexicon Kids and The Lexicon Schools



Pune (Voice news service):- Lexicon Kids and The Lexicon Schools, in partnership with Gautam Labdhi Medical and Research Charitable Trust, joined forces to organize a powerful and life-changing blood donation camp. This collaborative initiative was driven by their shared commitment to serving the community and aimed to address the critical shortage of blood while fostering a culture of compassion and social responsibility among individuals.

The blood donation camp was held across all Lexicon Kids Preschools, (Handewadi, Viman Nagar, Kharadi, Wadgaonsheri, Dhanori, Vishrantwadi, Undri, Keshavnagar, and Manjri) and The Lexicon Schools (Hadapsar, Wagholi, and Kalyani Nagar). Trained medical professionals were present to ensure a smooth and safe donation process. Mr. Pankaj Sharma, President of the Lexicon Group of Institutions and Chairman and MD of Pune Times Mirror, Civic Mirror, and MultiFit, underlined the profound significance of this campaign. He emphasizes, "Through the act of donating blood, we hold within us the power to make an immeasurable impact on

the lives of others. Each precious drop of blood has the potential to infuse renewed hope and vitality into those who desperately need it. A collaboration of this magnitude between Lexicon and the Gautam Labdhi Trust exemplified their shared determination to make a tangible difference in society. They extended heartfelt gratitude to parents, teachers, and staff who joined hands in this noble cause. By uniting for this initiative, they addressed the urgent demand for blood in healthcare facilities, ultimately saving lives and transforming communities.

By working together, we empower individuals to become catalysts of change. The selfless act of donating blood not only brings new life to others but also ignites the values of empathy and compassion within ourselves, shaping our shared humanity, "as Mrs. Anju Luthra, Deputy Director, The Lexicon Schools. Each donor made a remarkable difference and became a beacon of hope for those in need. Their collective efforts served as a powerful catalyst, bringing hope, saving lives, and illuminating a path towards a brighter future for all.



Over 3500 Physics Wallah (PW) students excelled in JEE Advanced 2023 Results, including three rankings in the top 100 AIR

Pune (Voice news service):- Physics Wallah, India's leading ed-tech platform which is democratizing education at scale has delivered outstanding success in the JEE Advanced Results 2023. Furthermore, an impressive count of more than 3500 students from PW's batches got qualified in the JEE Advanced 2023 with good scores. Physics Wallah (PW) has seen a surge of 67% in the selection ratio from the previous year's results of JEE Advanced.

Physics Wallah's top scorers include Apurva Samota AIR-92, MD Sahil Akhtar AIR 99, Shivam Singh Yadav AIR-151, Shlok N. Jain AIR-177, Anubhav Saha AIR-398, and Suchir Kalra AIR-507. This year, the JEE Advanced examination witnessed an impressive attendance rate of 95%. A total of 180,226 individuals registered for

the test out of which more than 40,000 candidates got qualified in the exam. The JEE Advanced result is determined by considering the scores obtained in both Paper 1 and Paper 2. This year, over 3500 students trained by PW educators, cleared the exam with flying colours and secured seats in top technical colleges. More than 10 PW students scored ranks under AIR 500, while over 30 PW students scored under AIR 1000 and more than 50 PW students secured ranks under AIR 2000.

As part of PW's comprehensive support program for students, faculty members have been readily available to answer doubts through the doubt engine and to provide lecture and test planners, along with daily practice tests that feature video solutions as well. PW's commitment to providing accessible and

cost-effective education of the highest standards has significantly benefited students preparing for JEE Advanced 2023.

Alakh Pandey, CEO and Founder of Physics Wallah said, "We take immense pride in the remarkable achievements of our students in the JEE Advanced 2023 examination. We take great pride in expanding the accessible market for test preparation and breaking down barriers that previously hindered students from pursuing competitive exams. At PW, we have successfully opened doors to students who previously faced financial or logistical constraints, making it possible for them to participate and prepare for these exams. The exceptional results attained by our JEE Advanced batches serve as a testament to the effectiveness of our educational approach, which

prioritizes creating meaningful learning experiences. As a company, we remain dedicated to delivering outstanding learning outcomes, continuously innovating our content delivery methods, and empowering our students across all test preparation domains to achieve remarkable success." In addition to the outstanding results achieved by PW students in the JEE Advanced 2023, PW continues to transform the landscape of education in India. The platform's innovative approach to teaching and learning has not only empowered students with knowledge but also fostered a deep understanding of the subjects. By leveraging cutting-edge technology and a team of experienced educators, Physics Wallah has created a dynamic and engaging learning environment that transcends geographical barriers.

DISNEY AND VESPA An exciting collaboration

Pune (Voice news service):- Two iconic brands meet in a limited edition collaboration that celebrates a very special anniversary: Vespa presents Disney Mickey Mouse Edition by Vespa.

The two brands have always been in the zeitgeist thanks to an iconography made up of unmistakable shapes and colours, with Vespa valuing freedom and fun, shared with Disney's values of storytelling and escapism this makes for the perfect collaboration. The uber-famous scooter recently became the very materialization of dreams in the fantastic adventures of Luca, Disney and Pixar's animation masterpiece.

Today these two timeless icons come together on a special project for Disney100, with Vespa paying homage to this anniversary through a global collaboration of the two unique brands with a Disney Mickey Mouse Edition by Vespa.

Vespa is more than just a way of transportation, it is a way



of life: the extension of a rider's personality, of their history and journey. A wonderful travel companion that, in this special edition, sets the imagination free and encourages us to dream big.

Michele Colaninno, Chief Executive of global strategy, product, marketing, and innovation of the Piaggio Group, commented on this collaboration as follows: "Dreams allow us to look to the future with optimism, even in complex times such as these. A timeless icon like Vespa could not fail to celebrate, on this very special occasion of Disney's 100th

Anniversary, an equally everlasting icon like Mickey Mouse, with a tribute to creativity, imagination, light-heartedness, and fun - the very values that have always anchored Vespa. Today, as then. This collaboration between Vespa and Disney represents the celebration of two historic companies that have a common dream: to allow everyone to express their imagination freely."

Claire Terry, Senior Vice President, Disney Consumer Products, Games & Publishing EMEA said, "Just like Mickey Mouse, Vespa is a cultural icon, evoking a sense

of fun and adventure and together they form a wonderful combination, truly extending our timeless storytelling. We are incredibly excited to bring this version of the iconic scooter to our fans in our centenary year and bringing all of Mickey's charm and personality to road trips wherever people want to go!" For this collaboration, the Vespa Primavera 50cc, 125cc and 150cc are coloured black, red, white and yellow; the same hues that have characterised Walt Disney's most famous mouse for decades. The yellow wheels are reminiscent of Mickey Mouse's shoes, while the black mirrors recall his unmistakable round ears. A graphic pattern outlining the character's silhouette decorates both sides of the scooter as well as the front. Finally Mickey Mouse's signature could not be missed, featured on both the saddle and the front shell. Disney Vespa comes with a matching helmet in the same stunning colours.

Amway India champions Holistic Wellness Harnessing the Synergy of Nutrition and Yoga

Pune (Voice news service):- Driven by the unwavering commitment to enhance the quality of people's lives, Amway India, one of India's leading FMCG Direct Selling companies, embarked on a mission to empower individuals in adopting healthier lifestyles. As India eagerly embraces the annual celebration of International Yoga Day, Amway India took the center stage in emphasizing the profound significance of nutrition and yoga in achieving holistic wellbeing.

With a vision to help people live better, healthier lives, Amway strives to ignite a transformative journey. And, as part of which Amway India organized series of virtual and physical yoga sessions along with expert speaker programs covering close to 2000 fitness enthusiasts across the country. The program was designed to spread the message on optimal health with a combination of good nutrition and regular physical activity such as yoga practices.

While reflecting on this occasion, Chandra Chakraborty Sr. Vice President, East & West, Amway India, said: "At Amway, we are steadfast in our conviction regarding the transformative power of nutrition and physical activity as the cornerstones of optimal health and wellness. As a global leader in nutrition, we firmly believe that wellness is multi-dimensional, encompassing physical, mental, emotional health and adequate nutrition. Good nutrition, an active lifestyle, and inner well-being are all interconnected.

In recent times, the discussions around gut health have gained significant momentum, highlighting the undeniable link between the brain and the gut, also known as the 'second brain'. [1]The food we eat can have a profound impact on our body and mind, hence the right diet can bring us in the right frame of mind when processed through a healthy medium of gut. Towards this, Amway, powered by Nutrilite, reinforces the importance of balanced

and nutritious diet, as well as managing stress through practices like yoga or meditation.

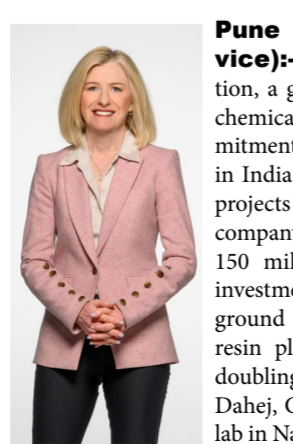
Yoga is as much about the body as it is about the mind, an ancient practice which has long recognized the connection between the gut and brain, pre-dating the scientific understanding of the gut-brain axis influencing mood, emotions, and overall well-being."

He further added, "[3] Studies indicate that incorporating traditional herbs into yoga practice can yield enhanced results, offering positive health benefits. For centuries, Indian traditional herbs have been known for their physiological benefits. In light of this, we have Nutrilite Traditional Herbs Range, which includes products such as Nutrilite Tulsi, Nutrilite Amalaki, Vibhitaki & Haritaki; Nutrilite Brahmi; Nutrilite Ashwagandha; and more to support immunity, mental agility, digestion etc. The range brings together the Best of Nature, the Best of Science with the Best of In-

dian Traditional Wisdom, offering assured level of Purity, Safety and Potency of herbs."

In the West, weeklong physical and virtual events were organized comprising of multiple initiatives such as Yoga for Gut health, Facial Yoga, Saptasana campaign etc for Amway Direct Selling partners and their customers. With a growing focus on preventive health, Amway is committed to empowering individuals to take charge of their health and well-being. Amway's Nutrilite is the world's No. 1 selling vitamins and dietary supplements brand with a strong legacy of over 90 years in the plant-based approach to supplementation. Recognizing that wellness begins from within, Amway India have been promoting the concept of holistic well-being through its E.A.R.N philosophy which rests on 4 key pillars - Exercise, positive Attitude, Rest, Nutrition. Nutrilite, by Amway, has been continuously striving to help people achieve their health and wellness goals.

Lubrizol Commits Largest India-Based Investment in Company's 50+ Year History in Region



Pune (Voice news service):- The Lubrizol Corporation, a global leader in specialty chemicals, is advancing its commitment to continued growth in India with several significant projects across its portfolio. The company is pledging more than 150 million USD of in-region investment, including breaking ground on India's largest CPVC resin plant in Vilayat, Gujarat, doubling capacity at its site in Dahej, Gujarat, opening a grease lab in Navi Mumbai and enabling

significant in-country job growth and innovation.

"India is among the fastest-growing global economies with a favorable climate for business investment, including regional growth in many of the industries we support," said Lubrizol President and CEO Rebecca Liebert. "We are building on 50 years of success in India by adding new manufacturing, lab and R&D sites, supporting in-country innovation and adding jobs that capitalize on the great expanding

workforce and business conditions in India, allowing us to serve needs not only in India but in surrounding countries." Lubrizol's work in India dates back to 1966 when the company initiated in-region manufacturing for chemical additives supporting transportation and industrial markets. It's expanded significantly since that time, supporting a wide variety of industries through products and solutions purpose built for the region.

Roundtable conference on Child Health & Development in Pune organized jointly by Gravittus Foundation & UNICEF



Pune (Voice news service):- With the objective of creating awareness on the topic of child health & development and discussing a way forward, a roundtable conference was organized in the city on Monday. The conference - organized by Gravittus Foundation (an initiative by Usha Kakade) in collaboration with UNICEF - focused mainly on child health and development, children's literacy and participation of youth in water management. All the dignitaries were appreciated the 'Good Touch Bad Touch', an initiative started by Usha Kakade, Founder President of the Gravittus Foundation. This initiative is very useful to prevent abuse and violence against and within the demographic.

Dr. Neelam Gorhe, Deputy Chairperson of Maharashtra Legislative Council and Rajeshwari Chandrasekar, Chief of Field Office at UNICEF Maharashtra inaugurated the conference. Eminent artists, activists, and other concerned members of civil society took part in the conference. They included Dr. Vidya Yerwadkar, Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International University and Principal Director of Symbiosis Society, Farah Khan, Indian Film Director & Writer, Adv. Divya Chavan, Lawyer, Padmini Kolhapure, Indian Actress and Singer, Dr. Medha Kulkarni, National Vice President, BJP Mahila Morcha, Dr. Avinash Bhondwe, Former State President, Indian Medical Association, Sanjay Haldikar, Writer & Director Child Theatre, Dr. Amita Phadnis, Child Specialist Pediatrician & Neonatologist, Laxminarayan Tripathi, Transgender Rights Activist, Rahul More Deputy Commissioner, Women & Child Development, Maharashtra State, Amitabh Gupta, Additional Director General of Police of Prison and Correctional Services, Mumbai, Maharashtra, Jugnu Gupta, Social Worker & Arun Khore, Senior Editor and writer. All the dignitaries came together to explore the relevance and seriousness of the subject matter and its global impact. The points discussed in a free-wheeling conversation were followed up with a necessary action plan to create widespread awareness on the subject.

Dr. Neelam Gorhe advised to the department of child welfare and education to implement the 'good touch, bad touch' initiative across the state with the help of UNICEF and Gravittus Foundation on Child Rights and Development. Gorhe added that the Juvenile Justice Act and other

child safety programs should also be available in Marathi.

Unicef Maharashtra chief Rajeshwari Chandrasekar said children's rights can be divided into four sections - the right to survive, to protection, to participation and to development. Right to survival means that the child has a fair right to birth, nutrition, health and sanitation, she said. As per our statistics, for every 100 girls that join Std I, less than 50 reach Std V. For this, Unicef is starting a reading campaign, she added.

Usha Kakade, founder-president of Gravittus Foundation said, health and development, children's literacy and youth participation in water management were the primary discussion points in the conference. Four lakh children have been reached so far under 'Good Touch, Bad Touch' initiative by our foundation. Though the stories of abuse were traumatic, we were able to help them.

We will now take this message ahead by holding conferences in Solapur, Kolhapur and Nagpur in three months with the help of Unicef, Kakade said.

Amitabh Gupta mentioned the importance of child friendly police stations. He said, our laws and systems are sufficient but we have problem with lack of information network. Farah Khan said, Films are more influential medium to aware the people. We can take advantage of this medium for awarding the child rights and their problems too. Padmini Kolhapure focused on parenting. Laxminarayan Tripathi urged that UNICEF must have to consider the problems of transgenders.

Dr. Amita Phadnis emphasis on good parenting, mental wellness and nutritious. Dr. Vidya Yerwadkar said that every child have to teach to respect the girls. Parents should communicate with children openly and give good time to them. Sanjay Haldikar shared his experiences and mentioned the importance of street play for creating awareness. Advocate Divya Chavan appealed for child friendly courts in India.

Jugnu Gupta, Arun Khore also put their views on the subject. A film screening was also conducted, elaborating on the rights of children to survival, development, protection, and participation. Swati Mohapatra, communication specialist, UNICEF, Mumbai, facilitated the conference. Leena Saldanha compared the conference. Sanghmitra Khore gave a vote of thanks.

ISB&M Pune Hosts Faculty Development Program to Promote Culture of Research excellence



Pune (Voice news service):- The International School of Business & Media, Pune, successfully hosted the Faculty Development Program on Research titled "Develop Your Passion and Inner Drive to be a Scholar: Take the first steps" from 12th to 17th June, 2023. The program aimed to foster a culture of research in business schools by equipping participants with the requisite knowledge and skills that may help them to publish in top tier journals. The program was organized under the leadership of Dr. Pramod Kumar, President, ISB&M Group and Prof. Arun Joshi, Research Chair, ISB&M Pune.

The program covered various topics related to research writing and publications, including topic identification, research methodology, data analysis, contribution of research and manuscript preparation. The sessions provided valuable insights into the research publication process and the benefits gained from the program were highlighted by the participants. An assistant professor from RIIM Pune who attended the

FDP said, "The program was an excellent opportunity to enhance our research skills.

The sessions were informative and engaging, and the speakers were knowledgeable and experienced.

I gained valuable insights into the research publication process, which will help me in my future endeavors." The keynote speech delivered by distinguished Professor Ramadhar Singh, highlighted the plight, meaning, and paradigms of research, emphasizing the importance of high-quality research in academic institutions and particularly highlighted the worrying state of most doctoral dissertations and research papers. Prof. Singh delivered lectures on WHAT, WHY, and HOW of Research, Guiding Research by University Students, and Preparing a Manuscript for Publication.

International School of Business and Media (ISB&M) Pune is a premier 2nd most preferred business school in Pune, India founded in 2000 by Dr. Pramod Kumar, with a vision of providing high-quality management education.

JLR HARNESSES THE POWER OF AI TO PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN SUPPLY CHAIN

Pune (Voice news service):- JLR has announced a new collaboration with Everstream Analytics, the industry-leading supply chain mapping and risk analytics experts, which will embed AI into JLR's supply chain management.

With this new technology, JLR can monitor its supply chain in real-time in order to help avert any future global supply issues, protecting the production of its current models and next generation of pure-electric vehicles.

The technology analyses data using a combination of AI, predictive analytics, machine learning and human intuition to plot emerging incidents such as natural disasters, strikes, data breaches and export issues on a global map, alerting JLR to any po-

tential impact on its supply chain.

This capability, which updates in real-time, takes measures to avoid any industrial disruption, which could impact production and increase costs.

The unprecedented global pandemic and semi-conductor crisis caused huge disruption to the automotive supply chain. Through the tireless work of its teams dedicated to securing supply, JLR is now emerging from this period of disruption enabling the quarterly growth in production and wholesale volumes since Q3 FY23.

JLR is introducing the Everstream technology as part of a wider strategy to build a state-of-the-art digitally enabled supply ecosystem delivering end-to-end vis-

ibility and security. Using Everstream's insights, JLR has already taken positive action to avoid disruption at global freight ports to support delivery of vehicles to clients.

Barbara Bergmeier, Executive Director, Industrial Operations at JLR: "As part of our Reimagine Strategy, we are building a robust digital-first Industrial Operations ecosystem consisting of advanced technology and long-term strategic relationships that gives us end-to-end visibility of global shocks in an increasingly unpredictable world."

"Through our collaboration with Everstream Analytics, we are harnessing the power of AI to proactively manage risks before they cause disruption to production,

ensuring we are resilient and can deliver on the commitments we make to our clients. This foresight will become even more critical as we develop a new value chain around our next generation ultra-desirable modern luxury electric vehicles."

Julie Gerdeman, Chief Executive Officer, Everstream Analytics: "The global value chains serving electrified vehicles are among the most complex to navigate. Everstream Analytics' AI-driven supplier visibility and insights empower JLR to proactively mitigate risks, enhance agility, and promote supply chain resilience. We are proud to partner with this visionary leader on their journey to drive positive, sustainable change in the automotive industry."

Toyota Mobility Foundation Launches \$9 Million Global City Challenge to Promote Drive Safe, Inclusive and Sustainable Innovation in City Mobility

Pune (Voice news service):- The Toyota Mobility Foundation, in partnership with Challenge Works and World Resources Institute, has launched a \$9 million global challenge to help cities adapt to the future, with the potential to transform the lives of millions across countries including India

As cities grow and evolve, the challenges of moving people and goods in reliable, efficient, and inclusive ways have never been more essential. At the same time, opportunities to apply advances in transport modes, infrastructure design, operations, energy options, and connected data systems have never been more promising.

The Sustainable Cities Challenge aims to improve the lives of people by increasing access to jobs, education and other essential services. It will bring cities and innovators together to implement mobility solutions that could reduce carbon, improve accessibility, and use data to build resilient transport systems. Ryan Klem, Director of Programs at the Toyota Mobility Foundation, said: "Our experience over the past decade has underscored the importance of the local city's buy-in and engagement with our activities. Throughout the Sus-

tainable Cities Challenge, we are looking to come alongside cities to find innovative solutions in the areas they identify as critical to develop a scalable model for the cities of tomorrow."

Call for Entries Entries are invited from across the world including Indian cities, from 21st June 2023 upto 18th September 2023. Entry to the first stage of the Challenge is open to city leaders and municipal corporations, governments, transport departments and other related local and regional agencies. Entries should be submitted under one or more of the following three themes:

Expanding access to safe, affordable, and inclusive modes of transportation.

Harnessing the power of data to create connected and resilient mobility ecosystems
Reducing environmental impact through low-carbon and renewable energy solutions
Shortlisted cities will be invited to attend a capacity building academy in the US and will receive support developing their challenge design, becoming part of a wider network of other innovative city teams. In February 2024, three winning cities will be selected to host a City Challenge to attract entries from global innovators. Innovators could be homegrown - living

in the city or country chosen - or from anywhere across the globe, but with solutions applicable and adapted to the winning cities.

The winning innovators for each city will be announced in late 2024, and the cities and innovators will share \$9 million in funding to test and roll out their solutions.

Increase mobility solutions for a more sustainable future Many cities are now adapting to new behaviors and lifestyles, as our lives move increasingly online, and patterns of work change. With more than half of the world's population currently living in cities, the United Nations predicts this to increase to two-thirds by 2050. Additionally, cities are responsible for 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

The Sustainable Cities Challenge is funded by the Toyota Mobility Foundation and has been designed in partnership with Challenge Works and World Resources Institute. Challenge Works is an international leader in developing challenge programs to drive new thinking and find creative solutions to problems facing society. World Resources Institute is a global research organization which works with partners to develop practical solutions that improve people's lives and

ensure that nature can thrive. Kathy Nothstine, Head of Future Cities at Challenge Works, said: "Brilliant people all over the world are working hard to create innovative solutions to help mobility systems work better, and with a lower carbon footprint. The Sustainable Cities Challenge will help those innovators interface with cities to test and adapt solutions according to local needs to improve people's lives. Challenges like this can act as catalysts for change by accelerating innovation in real world settings."

In addition to helping cities decarbonize, transforming mobility systems will help cities become more inclusive and accessible for the people living in them. Currently, 1.2 billion people living in cities do not have access to one or more core services.

Ben Welle, Director of Integrated Transport and Innovation at World Resources Institute's Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, said: "Cities are in need of innovations to foster sustainable mobility that reduces emissions, improves health, and increases access to jobs and opportunity for all. The Sustainable Cities Challenge is an excellent opportunity for cities globally to build capacity and support innovators to work hand in hand with officials."

Omega Seiki Mobility (OSM) launches its 1st Urban Passenger Electric Three Wheelers Range "OSM Stream City"

Pune (Voice news service):- Omega Seiki Mobility, a member of 5-decade old Anglian Omega Group, today launched their New Electric Urban Passenger Vehicles- OSM Stream City, game changing passenger electric three wheelers that is set to revolutionize urban mobility in India.

The Company has today launched two variants of OSM Stream City- OSM Stream City ATR which comes with Swappable battery is priced at INR 1.85 Lakhs (ex-showroom) and Stream City 8.5 which comes with fixed battery priced at INR 3.01 Lakhs (ex-showroom).

The company broadens its selection of electric passenger mobility options, now including options for both setting: Rural- OSM Stream and Urban- OSM Stream ATR and OSM Stream 8.5.

Speaking on the launch, Mr. Uday Narang, Founder and Chairman of Omega Seiki Mobility said, "Continuous innovation has always been a priority for OSM, and the company works to maintain its product range one step ahead of the competition. While we started with cargo vehicles this launch is in line with our strategy of providing a complete 3W solution covering both cargo as well as passenger segments. This year, our emphasis mobility are Passenger Vehicles and The OSM Stream City is a result of Omega Seiki Mobility strong commitment towards



the same. OSM has increased its production five times and has plans to sell over 10,000 electric 3Ws in FY24.

Omega Seiki Mobility Stream City Range will empower E-Rickshaw drivers in India with unparalleled opportunities to cater to a larger customer base, consequently enabling them to optimize their earnings potential. The electric vehicles are cutting-edge green solutions for last-mile transportation with the greatest possible financial outlook for owners and drivers. A 15-20% increase in earning potential will be offered by the electric passenger three-wheeler, ensuring more earnings and larger savings."

At Omega Seiki Mobility, our mission is to shape a future where mobility transcends efficiency and becomes a beacon of environmental responsibility.

With the introduction of the OSM Stream City, we embark

on a journey to redefine urban transportation, presenting an irresistible solution to the commuting challenges encountered by people across India. Guided by our unwavering commitment to innovation, sustainability, and a customer-centric approach, we dare to push the boundaries of the mobility landscape, unravelling new possibilities and transforming the way we move."

The new OSM Stream City ATR offers a zero-emission driving experience with little noise and vibration, ushering in the next wave of last-mile mobility for urban India. It is a one-of-a-kind offering with several class-leading characteristics. It has a cutting-edge Li-ion battery, an Manual Boost gearbox, and greater power and torque. The concept of swappable battery is being introduced in association with Sun Mobility. Sun-Mobility will provide a quick interchange station

network so that OSM Customers can swap and go in a matter of minutes. Customers can experience an app-enabled eco-system for checking battery charge, recharging, finding swap stations etc. Omega Seiki Mobility is proud to contribute to the vision of a greener and smarter city, providing a solution that combines environmental consciousness, innovation, and a commitment to improving the quality of urban transportation.

The OSM Stream City 8.5 fixed battery variant is designed to meet the diverse needs of urban commuters in India. The vehicle offers a range of 117 kilometres on a single charge and a charging time of just 4 hours, this innovative E3V is powered by an 8.5 kWh lithium-ion battery pack, ensuring both efficiency and convenience for urban commuters.

With its sleek and modern aesthetics, and spacious D + 3 seating for passengers, the OSM Stream City offers a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Equipped with advanced safety features like drum brakes, 4.50 x 10 low rolling resistance tyres and smart connectivity options, passengers can experience a seamless journey while staying connected to their digital lives. The OSM Stream City not only provides exceptional benefits for passengers but also opens up a highly lucrative and compelling opportunity for E-Rickshaw drivers in India.

Jidoka Technologies strengthens its national and global market presence in its next phase of rapid growth



Pune (Voice news service):- Jidoka Technologies, a leader in automated cognitive inspection for the manufacturing industry, is in its next phase of growth. As a part of its growth strategy, Jidoka Technologies announced its presence in Pune to cater to the growing manufacturing market in Western India. Maharashtra and Gujarat, key states of the western region, called the manufacturing hub of India continue to receive big-ticket investment projects. The region is leading in terms of investment opportunities, manufacturing capacity, and investment-friendly locations besides good connectivity infrastructure and logistics, all

favorable for setting up industries. Besides other manufacturing industries, auto has a strong base with the presence of global OEMs, and Tier I and Tier II suppliers. In Maharashtra, Pune which leads in the auto manufacturing space has more than 4,000 manufacturing and ancillary units. Supporting the manufacturing sector, Jidoka's Solutions deliver complete automation of visual inspection, a process that is usually highly subjective. Leveraging cutting-edge technologies, the QC solutions automate the process of visual quality while increasing consistency and accuracy at high speed. The technologies include deep

learning algorithms, advanced image augmentation techniques, and edge computing for high-speed decision-making on complex problems.

Sekar Udayamurthy, CEO and Co-founder, of Jidoka Technologies, said, "Western India is an important strategic growth region for Jidoka. We look forward to supporting the manufacturing sector in the region with our near-zero-defect manufacturing solution. Our AI-enabled visual inspection solution empowers manufacturers to harness high business value by improving quality, reducing costs, and increasing throughput. Our Pune Center will be supporting customers in the manufacturing industry across Maharashtra and Gujarat."

Jidoka Technologies is also increasing its global presence and establishing itself in the US market by launching its operations there. The organization has opened an Experience Center in Dallas. It already has a presence in Lithuania, Europe.

Jidoka Technologies has expanded its operations in Chennai with additional office space. The new office will accommodate Jidoka's rapid growth. Commenting on the development, Sekar said, "The whole team at Jidoka Technologies is excited about our larger office in Chennai. Being a significant milestone, this office space is better suited to accommodate our fast-growing team. Furthermore, the additional space will enable more innovation and expansion into newer markets."

There are many benefits to manufacturers with Jidoka Solution as organizations can now digitize inspection and leverage the analysis to improve the process. On the quality front, Jidoka's software improves the defect detection rate by 10% to 15% while also bringing down the false positives by as much as 30% to 40%. The ability to perform inspection in real-time by eliminating inspection as a bottleneck in the supply chain is also an added advantage.

Cummins India commits to support Gender Reassignment Surgery (GRS) for its employees

Pune (Voice news service):- Cummins India, a leading power solutions technology provider, today announced Gender Reassignment Surgery (GRS) support for its employees. Through the Cummins GRS support, employees who have decided to transition to their self-identifying gender, will receive financial assistance for their surgery. As the world celebrates the Pride month, Cummins India stands as a beacon of support to the LGBTQ+ community, embracing the values of togetherness, self-expression, and equality.

Speaking on the announcement Anupama Kaul, HR Leader, Cummins India, said, "For over a century, Cummins has embraced Diversity and Inclusion as a core value, aimed at celebrating our differences and empow-

ering one another. Our Gender Reassignment Surgery (GRS) support serves as a testament to our unwavering commitment to breaking down barriers for those who have historically been denied access to opportunity, including the LGBTQ+ community. Our India Pride Employee Resource Group plays a vital role in advocating for the rights and well-being of the LGBTQ+ community, fostering a safe, equitable and inclusive work environment where they are not only valued but also inspired and empowered to reach their full potential."

Cummins India periodically assesses its policies to align with the company's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) framework that promotes a progressive culture. The organization recently announced its Gender-Neutral Dress

Code Policy for all Cummins India employees including suppliers, and contract employees. The revised policy ensures an inclusive dress code guideline that addresses all genders, both binary and non-binary. Additionally, the organization has implemented Gender Neutral Washrooms at its facilities, creating a safe, secure, and comfortable environment for employees of all genders. Being an organization that advocates LGBTQ+ diversity, equity, and inclusion, these policies and initiatives exemplify its dedication to consciously avoid the reinforcement of gender stereotypes. Since 2019, Cummins India through its India Pride Employee Resource Group (ERG) has been actively celebrating the LGBTQ+ Pride Month. This year, Cummins India participated at the

Pride March organized by the YUTAK Charitable Trust in Pune. The ERG's mission is to foster a safe, equal, and inclusive environment to support and empower LGBTQ+ individuals within our workplaces and communities along with being advocates, championing LGBTQ+ rights and overall well-being. Annapurna Vishwanathan, Chief Information Officer, Cummins India is the sponsor of the ERG. Some of the key initiatives implemented by the ERG include the Pride Ally Program, Know Thy Pronouns campaign amongst others. LGTBQ+ 101 Training and Safe Leader Training have been adopted to educate and sensitize employees towards LGBTQ+ inclusion, bias, and safe leader situation practices, to create and promote allyship, respect at workplace for everyone.

Samsung Announces Top 30 Teams of Solve for Tomorrow 2023

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung India today announced top 30 teams in its flagship youth education and innovation competition 'Solve for Tomorrow'. With an aim to foster a culture of innovative thinking and problem-solving among the nation's youth, the competition invited ideas from 16-22-year-olds to solve problems around four themes - Education & Learning, Health & Wellness, Environment & Sustainability and Diversity & Inclusion. Solve for Tomorrow 2023 has seen teams from across the country respond and submit ideas to help tackle problems that India faces. The competition got over 70,000 registrations from youth across 500 cities, towns and villages, symbolic of the innovation and entrepreneurial spirit of Bharat.

For the second year of the CSR program, Samsung India has partnered with Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology's (MeitY's) Startup Hub and Foundation for Innovation & Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi.

Among the top 30 teams, 44% presented ideas around the themes of Education & Learning, 23% on Environment & Sustainability, 20% on Diversity &

Inclusion and 13% on Health & Wellness.

These teams represent 15 states and 1 union territory of India including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, Haryana, Rajasthan, Assam, Telangana, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Delhi. Youth from the top 30 teams have submitted ideas to solve real-world problems around converting sea water into potable water, drinking and driving, skilling of youth, improving efficiency of solar panels and finding missing children. Their ideas also focus on early detection of many diseases in women using menstrual blood samples, mental health, food wastage, identifying diseases in crops, safeguarding teenagers against inappropriate content, and addressing gender bias in STEM fields, among others.

Know more about the top 30 teams and their ideas here - www.samsung.com/in/solvefortomorrow "At Samsung, we believe in harnessing the power of our youth which resides in their skills and abilities to drive positive social changes. Our flagship CSR program Samsung Solve for Tomorrow taps into the spirit of innova-

tion in the minds of the country's youth. We are excited about the 70,000 plus registrations we have received. The top 30 teams we have selected will move to the next phase of the competition and we are keen to see how their ideas shape up going forward, contributing to Powering Digital India," said Mr. Hyun Kim, Corporate Vice President, Samsung Southwest Asia.

"We are happy to associate with the Solve for Tomorrow program. The selected young teams from all over the country will provide innovative solutions to problems that India and the world face. Initiatives like this will help transform and strengthen India's innovation ecosystem. We are excited to train and support these budding innovators," said Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi.

"The top 30 teams and their ideas really have the potential to transform the lives of people. It is exciting to see youths from non-metro cities come up with such innovative ideas. With Samsung and the Solve for Tomorrow program, we are positive that we will be able to give them proper guidance and skills to make their ideas a reality and build a new India," said Mr. Jeet Vijay, CEO, MeitY Startup Hub.

These top 30 teams will receive online training on design thinking and innovation and will be mentored by Samsung and its partners - Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT) at IIT Delhi and MeitY Startup Hub at a residential bootcamp at IIT Delhi, helping participants enhance their ideas.

The top 30 teams will also get INR 20,000 each to create initial prototypes and then pitch their ideas to a jury of young Samsung employees under the guidance of experts from FITT, IIT Delhi and MeitY Startup Hub. This jury will select the top 10 teams for the finale.

These top 30 teams will also get the opportunity to visit Samsung India offices, its R&D centres, design centre and Samsung Opera House in Bengaluru where they will interact with Samsung employees and researchers. Each member of the top 30 teams will get a prize comprising a Samsung Galaxy Book3 Pro 360 laptop and Galaxy Buds2 Pro alongside a certificate for attending the bootcamp. The annual program will end with the grand announcement of three winners who stand a chance to win INR 1.5 crore in prize money and exciting Samsung products.

The future of 5G is here- Infinix Note 30 5G goes on sale on Flipkart on June 22,2023

Pune (Voice news service):-Infinix's latest offering Note 30 5G smartphone, hailed as the "ultimate 5G device in its category", to go for sale at 12pm on Flipkart starting June 22nd. The series boasts an impressive array of features, including a cutting-edge high-resolution camera, an immersive entertainment experience, generous storage capacity, rapid and safe charging ca-

pabilities, and a premium design that sets it apart from others in its segment. The Note 30 5G supports a total of 14 5G bands and is competitively priced at 13,999* and 14,999* for 8"+128 GB and 16"+256 GB memory variants respectively.

Designed to make a lasting impression, Infinix Note 30 5G comes with two different patterns on the back- Chequered Square Matte

Finish and Vegan Leather Finish and Multiple Vibrant Colours including Interstellar blue, Magic black and sunset gold. It not only evokes a sense of luxury and prestige but also provides a comfortable grip to users in their hands.

The smartphone redefines the perception of mobile entertainment with dual speakers featuring JBL surround sound for crystal-clear

audio and a remarkable IPS LTPS 6.78-inch Full High Definition+ 120 Hz display. Its smooth and fluid motion ensures that touch and animation feel effortlessly responsive, providing a truly immersive visual experience. The device also comes with TÜV Rheinland Low Blue Light certification, which offers a revolutionary solution to alleviate eye strain and enhance productivity.