



## POGS organises various initiatives to mark 'Breastfeeding Week'



**Pune (Voice news service):-** The Pune Obstetric & Gynaecological Society in association with study on female breast committee, FOGSI organised a National Conference BREASTCON 2023 on 30th July at PYC Hindu Gymkhana to mark The International Breastfeeding Week. This conference was inaugurated by Dr. Rajendrasing Pardeshi, President Association of Maharashtra Obstetrics and Gynaecological societies (AMOGS) & noted marathi film actress Ms. Mrunal Kulkarni in presence of Dr. Meenu Agarwal, President POGS, Dr. Ashwini Kale Vice President POGS, Dr. Vaishali Chavan, Gen. Secretary POGS and Conveners of Breastcon- Dr. Charulata Bapaye & Dr. Mangala Wani. The conference including various scientific sessions, keynotes and panel discussions. The highlight of

the conference was workshop on 'Core Needle Biopsy Technique'. Various experts opined that BREASTFEEDING can reduce the infant mortality rate and reduce the risk of breast cancer. As a part of this program - STANPAAN- Amulya Kaam a social program was also organised at the Kalakaar Katta, Good Luck Chowk. It showcased a Streetplay highlighting the importance of Breastfeeding & Breast health and dispelling myths & facts about breastfeeding & breast Cancer and an awareness walk by POGS members. The monthly journal Speculum on the theme 'Breast Health' was released at the hands of dignitaries. Three veteran doctors - Dr. Nishikant Shrotri, Dr. Aparna Shrotri and Dr. Reena Wani were felicitated for their contribution in the field of breast health and lactation.

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InternetUtsav is an initiative to spread. MyGov in collaboration with Ministry of Communications, invites videos showcasing the transformation through "Bharat Internet Utsav- Celebrate the power of Internet". The transformations can be social, economic, cultural etc. Technical Parameters: The video shall not be more than 2 Minutes (120 seconds), including the beginning and end credits. Films/Videos exceeding this time limit are liable to be rejected. The minimum length should be 30 seconds including credits. Both colour and monochrome videos in time-lapse/normal mode will be accepted. Please ensure the Films/Videos are preferably shot in good quality camera/mobile phone and are in the ratio 16:9 in Horizontal format or vertical format/reel/shorts format. Rewards: Top 3 winners will be rewarded: 1st Prize: Rs. 15,000 /- 2nd Prize: Rs. 10,000 /- 3rd Prize: Rs. 5,000

## Shiv Upasana Maha Yagna was conducted on the occasion of Adhik Maas at Shri Sadguru Santwarya Yogiraj Shankar Maharaj Math in Dhankawadi



**Pune (Voice news service):-** A Shiv Upasana Maha Yagna was conducted at Sri Sadguru Santwarya Yogiraj Shankar Maharaj Math in Dhankawadi on the occasion of Adhik Maas. On this occasion, Math was decorated with beautiful flower garlands. A grand mandap was erected for the Maha Yagna. It was concluded between 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and was performed under the guidance of Vedic expert Manojay Karamblekar Guruji. 111 couples and 21 Ghanpathi Rutvij partici-

pated in this Maha Yagna. The women who participated in the Maha Yagna wore white Saree and the men wore Dhoot Vastra provided by the Math. For Abhisheka, metal Shilvinga was given to each performer as prasad after puja by Guruji. Trustees of Sri Sadguru Santwarya Yogiraj Shankar Maharaj Samadhi Trust, Miheer Kulkarni, Satish Kokate, Surendra Waikar and Pratap Bhosale performed puja along with their wives and a large number of devotees were present on this occasion.

## JAYPORE, ABFRL's artisanal brand launches handcrafted 'Himali' Collection inspired by Land of Gods, Himachal Pradesh



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited's (ABFRL) artisanal lifestyle brand Jaypore has unveiled its latest masterpiece, the enchanting 'Himali' serve ware collection. The signature collection is inspired by Pahari paintings of Himachal Pradesh - the Land

of Gods. This range is a testament to the brand's enduring commitment to craftsmanship and aesthetic excellence infusing heritage art and culture into today's modern lifestyle. 'Himali,' a name resonating with the grandeur of the Himalayas, captures the very essence of the majestic Himachali landscape. Drawing inspiration from the graceful Pahari painting style, which flourished in the lower Hill Kingdoms of North India and Punjab, this collection beautifully weaves together a lyrical rhythm, delicate fluidity, and intricate miniature compositions. Each piece in this collection narrates captivating scenes of the Himalayan panorama with unparalleled artistry.

With meticulous attention to artistic details, 'Himali' offers an unparalleled and immersive experience that transports one to the natural splendours of Himachal Pradesh. This remarkable collection is a testimony to a romantic motif story, delicately portrayed through impeccable decal work. Abundantly found in the Himalayas, the resplendent cypress tree along with mesmerizing peacock and bird motifs take center stage in JAYPORE's latest and brand-new Himali collection. Serene lotus impressions add a sacred aura, while the pastel palette of sage green, light pink, and beige gracefully evokes the serene ambience of the Himalayan landscape, paying hom-

age to the Pahari painting aesthetic. The fusion of this rich heritage painting style with exquisite, handcrafted decal work manifests in an array of serving essentials. From trays to dip platters and cake stands, each product embodies an elegant opportunity to serve culinary delights with a sophisticated touch of art, craft, and heritage. Enthusiasts can indulge in the superlative Himali collection and immerse themselves in a world where nature, culture and functionality blend effortlessly. Connoisseurs can now indulge in the timeless allure of Himachal with this exquisite serve ware collection available at JAYPORE's exclusive brand outlets and website.

## Multispecialty team of doctors perform lifesaving surgeries on a young 30 year old road accident victim admitted with broken bones and brain haemorrhage

**Pune (Voice news service):-** In a medical marvel, a 30-year-old male who suffered a major road accident was successfully treated by the doctors at Manipal Hospital, Baner. The patient was brought to the emergency department at midnight in critical condition after a road accident. He had a completely broken right leg, multiple spine injuries, a fracture on the left shoulder, and a head injury. Due to the accident, the patient suffered from brain haemorrhage and a 6 cm deep cut in the liver that caused internal bleeding. One thing that was holding his right leg was just a single nerve which was making his condition more critical. Looking at the urgency of the case, Dr. Vinayak Ghanate and his team immediately decided to take the patient for an emergency surgical procedure to save his life. The patient was immediately rushed to the operating room where the doctor stabilised his leg to prevent further injury. He was kept on a 72-hour Damage Control Orthopaedics (DOC) in ICU to allow his body to recover due to the accident and first surgery. After the bleeding in the



brain and liver stopped, he was then taken for the second surgery, where the doctors fixed the broken bone with screws and plates. Moreover, the doctors carefully fixed the tendons and nerves with the help of the plastic surgery team. Highlighting the complications of this case, Dr. Vinayak Ghanate, Consultant Orthopaedics, Manipal Hospital, Baner, Pune, said, "The patient was brought to the hospital in a very critical condition in an unconscious state, and the main challenge for us was to not only save his life but to also reconstruct his leg that got completely separated from his body. Hence, waiting was not an option for us, and we immediately decided to intervene. Apart from that, he also suffered multiple spine injuries and a brain

haemorrhage. As it was a major challenge for us to restore movement in his right leg, we decided to carry out his surgery in three stages. Thankfully, the patient responded well and timely treatment not only saved his life but also ensured a good quality of life for the future as the patient is getting back on his feet" Dr. Sandeep Naphade, Consultant, Plastic Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, Baner, Pune, said, "This was a very critical case where the main challenge was not only to fix the patient's leg but to also restore movement and sensation of the limb. The first surgery was an immediate intervention to stabilize the patient and save the limb for further operations. We temporarily fixed the structure of the broken bones and ensured normal blood

circulation to the limb. In the second and third surgeries, we focused on grafting and restoring every muscle and nerve of his leg and providing adequate skin cover to the fractured bone by flap surgery. We were able to restore movement in his leg after the final surgery, and he responded well to the treatment. The patient is undergoing physiotherapy and is now able to walk again." "Mr. Raman Bhaskar, Cluster Director, Manipal Hospitals Pune, said, "Such cases are extremely critical and require an experienced hand and highly equipped and comprehensive medical care. We were able to successfully save the life of this patient because of the skills and proficiency displayed by Dr. Vinayak Ghanate, Dr. Sandeep Naphade, and their teams. Our hospital is one of the very few hospitals to have a 24 X7 vascular surgeons available at the hospital. Just being a year-old facility in Baner, we have successfully treated some of the most complex cases in the city, and this is yet another milestone in our journey of clinical excellence."

## Pune Citizens' Wishlist for Hon'ble Prime Minister to Dr. Sudhir Mehta's Tweet

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Dr. Sudhir Mehta, a serial entrepreneur, policy analyst, and columnist based in Pune, recently took to Twitter to gather the wishes and aspirations of Pune citizens for their Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, following his upcoming visit to the city on 1st August 2023. The response from the citizens of Pune has been nothing short of extraordinary, with an outpouring of heartfelt requests and suggestions flooding the popular social media platform. Dr. Sudhir Mehta initiated the dialogue using his Twitter handle @sudhirmehtapune. The tweet asked Pune residents to express a single request they would like to make to

the Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to the city. The Tweet swiftly gained momentum and continues to gather traction, with 525+ responses, 220+ likes, and an approximate reach of 90k+ (still trending). Citizens from all walks of life, including industry leaders, students, professionals, entrepreneurs, senior citizens, and public figures, actively participated. Their responses reflected the vibrant diversity and collective spirit of Pune, encompassing a broad spectrum of pressing issues and developmental aspirations. Some of the common themes that emerged from the citizens' wishes included infrastructural de-

velopment (roads, metro, last mile connectivity), improved water supply, measures to reduce traffic congestion, removal of illegal hoardings, initiatives for the betterment of domestic & international airport facilities & connectivity, and cleanliness. Speaking about the tremendous response to his tweet, Dr. Sudhir Mehta expressed his gratitude to the citizens of Pune for their enthusiasm and proactive engagement in shaping the city's future. He said, "Pune's never disappoint and it is heartening to witness the passion and desire of the people to see their city progress and prosper. I am confident that the Hon'ble Prime Minister, along with all responsible Govern-

ment offices, representatives, and administration will take cognizance of these wishes and work towards fulfilling them for the betterment of Pune and its citizens. It's our diverse yet cohesive, polarized yet collaborative spirit that sets Pune apart and makes it the envy of every other city in the country. Together in our uniqueness, we achieve great things!" As the city eagerly awaits the Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit on 1st August, the power of collective voices demonstrated through this social media conversation undoubtedly serves as a testament to the spirit of Pune's residents and their commitment to contributing to the nation's progress.

## Team India's FIFA star Charanjot Singh conquers Asian Games 2022 seeding event



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Leading the charge for Team India, star FIFA athlete Charanjot Singh showcased his dominance at the South Asia seeding event and recorded stellar victories against Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka to secure favorable seeding for the country at the upcoming Asian Games 2022 in Hangzhou. By displaying a combination of precision and strategy, Charanjot outclassed his opponents in remarkable fashion in the best-of-three matches. The Chandigarh-born athlete got off to the best possible start with successive triumphs against Sameer

Gurung of Nepal and Dishan Sheruban Nithianathan of Sri Lanka with identical 2:1 scorelines. He then prevailed against Oytijho Al Aff Tajwar Majumder of Bangladesh by a 2:0 scoreline to ensure an unbeaten run at the seeding event. Sharing his feelings on the results, Charanjot Singh expressed, "Reflecting on the results, I feel proud to have got the opportunity to showcase my skills and gain a favorable seeding for India. I had put in long hours of practice and strategizing in order to prepare for my opponents and I am glad that it all worked to perfection. The level of competition at the Asian Games will be fierce, but I have full faith in my abilities. I will be giving my all to bring home a medal." Karman Singh, another distinguished FIFA athlete who will be representing the country at the prestigious tournament in Hangzhou secured fifth po-

sition at the seeding event. Both athletes made their way to the Asian Games by prevailing in the National Esports Championships (NESCC) organized by the Esports Federation of India (ESFI). "The exceptional performances of our talented athletes in the FIFA seeding event are a testament to our country's Esports prowess. We are confident that both Charanjot and Karman will replicate their performances at the Asian Games and prove their mettle against the top teams from the continent. The Esports Federation of India is fully committed to supporting our athletes as they prepare to compete on the grand stage and bring laurels to the country," said Mr. Vinod Tiwari, President, Esports Federation of India. A total of 21 leading FIFA teams from the continent will lock horns at the Asian Games 2022 in what is Esports' debut as an official medal event at

the tournament. India will be participating in four titles at the tournament - League of Legends, FIFA Online 4, Street Fighter V: Champion Edition, and DOTA 2. One of the country's top sports & esports communication agencies, ArtSmith-Concepts & Visions, will continue its support to the Esports Federation of India as their official communication partner. While India's League of Legends team secured favorable seeding by going unbeaten against Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan at their LAN seeding event in Macau, the nation's DOTA 2 team came second in their seeding group, finishing in the top eight in the overall event that was conducted online. The country's ace Street Fighter V athletes Ayan Biswas and Mayank Prajapati secured fifth and sixth place respectively in their seeding event.

## KAYAK reveals that offbeat destinations are on trend for the Independence Day Long Weekend



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Independence Day is around the corner, and fortuitously, Indian travellers will get a long weekend to enjoy a much-needed getaway. Flight search data from the world's leading travel search engine KAYAK, reveals that top trending destinations for this period, as well as noteworthy flight search trends compared to last year.

"Our data reveals that Indian travellers are keen to immerse themselves in new experiences in destinations like Madurai, Varanasi, and Bhubaneswar. Many Indians are also looking at overseas sojourns to Colombo, Auckland, Jeddah, and Toronto. Some of the top trending destinations, both domestic and international, have seen a considerable drop in prices, further enticing Indian travellers.



## Charity fashion show of doctors held successfully in city

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Kashish Social Foundation had organised a different charity show of doctors to create awareness about women's health on Sunday (July 30). More than 100 doctors from different parts of the state took part in the event and did ramp walk in the event which had been organised as a part of social responsibility. The charity show took place at Drome Arena, Mayfield Estate, Kharadi. From the funds collected through the fashion show, women staying in remote areas will be provided 1 lakh sanitary napkins and HPV vaccination will also be carried out. The doctors responded in an enthusiastic manner for this programme organised by Kashish Social Foundation. Former chief of BJP's city unit Jagdish Mulik, President of Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Chitrapat Mahamandal Meghraj Rajehosale, world renowned urologist Dr Sanjay Kulkarni, world renowned laparoscopic surgeon Dr Jyotsna



Kulkarni, Pratima Satej Patil, former chief of IMA Dr Avinash Bhondwe, Asst to commissioner of police, PCMC Sunil Hirurkar, Aba Nikam, former corporator Surendra Pathare, Dr Ritu Dave, Dr Parimal Sawant, Rupesh Dagar, life coach trainer Pankaj Bhadage, Rashmi Kalsekar of Lai Bhari Puneri, senior actor Sunil Godbole and President of Kashish Social Foundation Yogesh Pawar were present. More than 300 doctors from various parts of the state took part in the event. There were two rounds of ramp walk in the show. The first round was of designer dress and the

second round (social work round) was of white apron. Speaking about the fashion show, Yogesh Pawar said, "Through Kashish Social Foundation, we are creating awareness about menstruation which is an important and delicate issue. As a part of this initiative, till date, 40,000 sanitary napkins have been distributed in remote areas of Pune and Satara districts. The remaining 60,000 napkins will be distributed after the show. In recent times, many women have developed cancer of the uterus. As a preventive measure, HPV vaccination will be carried out. Through the Pink Revolu-

tion, HPV vaccination of girls in remote areas will be carried out free of cost through Dr Shraddha Javanjal. The registration for this has started." Mumbai Oncocare Centre, Krsnaa Diagnostics Ltd, life coach trainer Pankaj Bhadage and VNW (Bobby Karmani) provided special help in conducting the event. Dr Shraddha Javanjal, Dr Rajeshree Thoke, Dr Ritu Lokhande, Dr Varsha Kurhade, Dr Kavita Londhe Kamble, Dr Kedar Tambe, Dr Vaishnavi Shete, Dr Jui Gijre contributed to the show as advisory board members. Dr Sarika Ingole, Dr Gourav Pavle, Dr Samta Chowdhary, Dr Archana Pande, Dr Neha Sawant, Dr Reshma Mirghe, Dr Snehal Kohle, Dr Pradnya Bhalerao and Dr Priyanka Bendale contributed to the programme as core committee members. Anjali Wagh, Pooja Wagh and Priyanka Misal helped in organising the show. The anchoring for this programme was done by RJ Bandya and Mahesh Soni.

## Dr. Jyoti Borse wins the title Mrs. Diva 2023



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Mrs. Diva 2023, a beauty pageant for married women was recently organised by Jazzmataz at Club Orila in

Pune. In this competition Dr. Jyoti Borse became the title winner of Mrs. Diva 2023 and Seema Roy became the first runner-up. Sajid Shaikh, the pioneer

of beauty and personality related events and pageants in Pune for the last 31 years had organised the Mrs. Diva pageant. Sajid gave detailed information in the press conference organised in this regard. At this time both the winners were present. Sajid mentioned that these competitions are organised with the intention of giving women some time for themselves from their usual busy routines. He said, recently, the number of women contestants

coming not only from the city but also from the rural areas for such a competition. Harshali Kolte, Sarika Chauhan, Pallavi Kaushik, Meenakshi Naidu and Swati Pisal have also won the title of Mrs. Diva. The 20 finalists of the Mrs. Diva 2023 pageant were choreographed by celebrity choreographer Chaitanya Gokhale. Beautiful costumes for the contestants were designed by Namrata Kale while Meenakshi Naidu handled the Make-up and Hair styles.

## Actor Teetu Verma attends 3rd anniversary of Amitta Psychology in Jaipur

**Pune (Voice news service):-** On the auspicious occasion of the third anniversary of Amitta Psychology, the Winners of Life Award ceremony was also organized in which 37 youths participated. Amitta Shringi, Psychologist and Hypnotherapist. Amitta Shringi was selected the anxiety of many people without using medicine. In this special camp, the youth learned to express emotions and happiness through various mediums like theatre, music and dance. Hemjit Maloo (Director, Veena Music) and Push-



pendra Bhardwaj (State Secretary PCC) were the chief guests of the function. Both the chief guests rewarded these youths and encouraged them with their words. He also said that taking care of mental health is extremely important especially for today's youth.

On this occasion, Bollywood actor "Teetu Verma" was specially invited from Mumbai for Acting Workshop in this Happiness Camp. Teetu Verma told that due to some reasons the young children who have become victims of mental depression, depression, OCD and over thinking

etc. can be given a new positive thinking and energy through activities like theater to a large extent so that such People can be easily overcome from their mental illness. This was Teetu Verma's second workshop in Jaipur after the first one was successful. Through Imagination, Story Telling, Improvisation, Dream Telling, and Thought Writing in the workshop, positive changes start taking place in these types of children, which prove to be effective in ending their depression forever.

## "Unleashing Extraordinary Feats: Remarkable Sports Record Holders of Limca Book of Records!"

**Pune (Voice news service):-** The Limca Book of Records for 2023 presents a collection of remarkable stories featuring champions from diverse backgrounds. Commemorating 75 years of independence through the special 'Rukkmatt' edition, the record holders' achievements have made a profound impact on the hearts and minds of the readers. From pioneering new human endeavours and making significant strides in environmental conservation to pushing the boundaries in adventure sports and constructing large structures, these individuals have turned the unimaginable into reality. Whether it's Radha Shankararayanan who created largest mandala artwork or Neeraj Chopra, first Indian Olympic gold medalist in athletics, the book is a testimony of such record holders' unwavering determination, unmatched perseverance, and unquenchable thirst for victory. Out of the impressive and inspiring list of feats, here is a closer look at some of

the noteworthy records from the year 2022 in the field of sports-  
1. Shooting by the stars - India's young sharp shooting champion 18 years old, Rudranksh Patil became the world champion in men's air rifle in the World Championship in Cairo, Egypt, in October 2022. He shot a world-record 633.9 in first stage of qualification. He became the second Indian to become world champion in air rifle after Abhinav Bindra in 2006  
2. Old and Gold - 105-Year-Old Wonder Woman breaks Sprinting Records! 'Rambal, at 105 years, wonderfully young at heart and body, won gold in the 100 m race at the National Open master's Athletics Championships, an annual event for athletics enthusiasts aged 35 years and above, where they come and compete with their peers in various Track & Field events as per their respective age categories.  
3. Age is just a number... ..the adage needed reiter-

ation! At a glorious 94 years young, Bhagwati Devi sprinted her way into the record books, becoming the oldest person to clinch a gold medal in the fiercely competitive 100m sprint at the prestigious World master's Athletic Championship held on July 11, 2022.  
4. Golden Triumph at the Thomas Cup India got its first gold in Thomas cup - men - team championship defeating 14-time champion Indonesia. Thomas cup, sometimes called the World Men's Team Championships, is an international badminton competition among teams representing member nations of the Badminton World Federation, the sport's global governing body. The stellar team that claimed the coveted title included: World Championships medalist Lakshya Sen. K. Srikanth and the current world no. 8 doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy.  
5. The Architect of Records - reaching new heights in Women's Cricket

Mithali Raj has etched her name in the history of women's cricket with a staggering score of 7,805 runs in 232 matches. She became the only woman cricketer to surpass the benchmark of 7000 runs!  
6. Defying Gravity: one leap at a time At 36th National Games, Rosy Meena Paulraj took the athletics world by storm by clearing a height of 4.20m to break an eight-year-old record of V.S Surekha in women's pole vault in National games 2022. The pole vault is a jumping event in track and field athletics in which an athlete jumps over a high bar using a pole. A week later, soaring higher, she stunned everyone by surpassing her own record by vaulting an astounding 4.21m at National Open Athletics Championship.  
7. Race walk at light speed Ram Baboo clocked 2.36.34 to break the previous national record in men's 35km race walk (2.40.16) by nearly four minutes in the 36th National Games in 2022

## Royal Challengers Bangalore announces Andy Flower as the Head Coach for the upcoming season

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) has announced Andy Flower as the Head Coach. Andy has coached the International and franchise cricket teams for over a decade and in that time has won PSL, The Hundred, ILT20, T10. He went onto be a hugely successful coach for England, winning home and away Ashes campaigns as well as the T20 World Cup in 2010 taking England test team to No1 in the world. He

is also the first player from Zimbabwe to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame. On the occasion, Prathmesh Mishra, Chief Commercial Officer, Diageo India, and Chairman of RCB, said, "We would like to thank Mike Hesson and Sanjay Bangar for their excellent work in the past four seasons culminating in three play-offs. Their professionalism and work ethics have always been held in high regard. "I am really proud to be join-

ing RCB. I'm truly honoured to represent a franchise of their size, reputation and standing. RCB have an unrivalled fan following and I can't wait to fully experience the atmosphere in the Chinnaswamy next season. I recognise the work put in by Mike Hesson and Sanjay Bangar, who are two coaches I respect, and I look forward to the challenge of taking RCB to new heights. I'm particularly excited to be reunited with Faf. We have worked very well together in

the past and I look forward to forging our partnership and relationship into something bigger and better. We have an exciting roster of players to work with, and I recognise and will relish both the amazing opportunity with RCB but also the responsibility that comes with the role. It is a great challenge, and I can't wait to get started.", said Andy Flower, the newly appointed Head Coach of RCB. "I would like to thank the RCB management, players

## Malaika Arora Bedazzles Pune at the Relaunch of PNG Jewellers store in Aundh



**Pune (Voice news service):-** India's most trusted jewellery brand PNG Jewellers inaugurated its store at ITI road, Aundh, Pune. The inauguration of the store was done by the Stunning Fashion Icon Malaika Arora in the presence of Dr. Saurabh Gadgil, Chairman and Managing Director, PNG Jewellers, Mr. Parag Gadgil and members of PNG Jewellers family. The new store will offer a wide range of PNG's signature gold, silver and natural diamond jewellery in a 5000 sq.

ft. state of the art store built to provide a one-of-a-kind jewellery buying experience to customers. The spacious store offers some of the most classic yet contemporary jewellery designs for new age women that value traditions. Strategically located in the urban suburb of Aundh, the store will ensure that the brand is able to cater to the growing diaspora of this metropolitan suburb and its people. The store will have the same look and feel as other PNG Jewellers stores globally and will uphold the same high

standards of service, wide variety of designs and customer friendly policies that the brand stands for. The store was previously 2500 sq ft and has now doubled in size in the same location. The store launch will also be accompanied by new store launch offers by PNG Jewellers on both gold and diamond jewellery. During this launch period, customers shopping at the new store will enjoy 50% off on making charges for diamond mangalsutras and 25% off on gold mangalsutras! On this occasion, PNG Jewellers Chairman and Managing Director, "Dr. Saurabh Gadgil said, "The existing Aundh store has been witnessing great demand over the last few seasons and we needed to cater to their needs better. We realized that we would be able to serve our customers better with a larger format store that could house more inventory, exceptional new designs and a lot of variety across all product categories. Hence, the decision was taken to revamp the existing store while doubling the space! The growing diaspora in this

area values quality and legacy as well as rewards trustworthiness and good designs! We are delighted to start operations at the cusp of the festive season! Today also marks a special occasion for all of us as we collaborate with Fashion Icon Malaika Arora to launch this store for the people of Aundh! "Malaika Arora said, "I am absolutely delighted to be here today, celebrating the grand opening of PNG Jewellers' latest showroom and having the pleasure of meeting my fans in Pune! This momentous occasion holds a special place in my heart, as PNG Jewellers stands as a brand built upon the foundations of trust, transparency, and an unwavering commitment to customer satisfaction. I am confident that you will be captivated by the splendid array of jewellery designs and the unparalleled customer experience that PNG Jewellers has to offer. The passion and dedication behind this brand are evident in every exquisite piece, and I am certain that you will find something truly special to cherish here in this newly done up store!"

## Introducing ROOM by Filament, Baner A Luxurious Haven for Connoisseurs



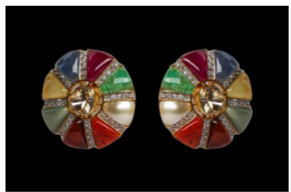
**Pune (Voice news service):-** The wait is finally over for all the aficionados of luxury with the grand opening of Room by Filament which launched with a fun Whiskey & Cigar Lounge night. The lounge is Baner's latest sensation and promises an unparalleled fusion of indulgence and flavour. ROOM by Filament gives an exquisite experience, combining a curated selection of premium whiskeys and cigars with a delectable culinary journey

that melds the flavours of the Mediterranean and Pan-Asian cuisines. The moment you step inside, you are transported to a world of timeless elegance and refinement. The opulent ambience, meticulously crafted to cater to the liquor connoisseurs, speaks volumes about the dedication and passion that have gone into creating this haven for whiskey and cigar enthusiasts. Rustic yet contemporary furniture and

architecture which brings a very intimate vibe with wooden and brown leather. Whiskey enthusiasts are in for a delightful experience, journeying through the depths of the world's most sophisticated spirits. The lounge features an impressive selection of premium whiskeys sourced from renowned distilleries worldwide. From smooth Scotch to bold bourbon and refined Japanese whiskey, the curated collection caters to every discerning palate. The bar section extends to a display wall where the customers can see the premium liquor they are being served. But that's not all that awaits the patrons of ROOM by Filament. For those who enjoy the timeless pleasure of a well-crafted cigar, the lounge offers an impeccable assortment of the finest cigars sourced from around the world. Each cigar has been carefully handpicked

to complement the flavours of the whiskeys, creating a harmonious pairing that elevates the tasting experience to new heights. ROOM by Filament, Baner also provides delectable treats like Iskender-style chicken kebab, Turkish Gozleme, and Turkish Pide, as well as Prawns Tempura, Toast topped with Goat cheese, Avocado, and Arugula, a variety of Sushi, Ramen Bowls and numerous other delightful dishes. Beyond the impressive array of libations and cigars, ROOM by Filament has become a thriving hub for like-minded individuals to connect and bond over their shared passion for luxury indulgences. Location: Filament Bar, Baner, 1st Floor, Rajwada chowk, Baner, Main, Baner Road, Pune, Maharashtra 411045. Time: 11 AM to 1 AM, For Reservation: +91 88288 38825

## Rare Jewels - A Ranka Legacy launches "Rarely Ordinary" Pret Collection: Embrace the Extraordinary



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Rare Jewels - A Ranka Legacy, the eminent brand founded by Sheetal & Vastupal Ranka, proudly announces the launch of its latest Pret Collection, "Rarely Ordinary." This innovative and vibrant collection is designed to cater to daily wear, young audiences and those seeking fashion pieces with a touch of playful elegance. Inspired by the vibrant shades of the rainbow, the Rarely Ordinary collection celebrates the extraordinary in every moment. It's a perfect amalgamation of the legendary craftsmanship of the Ranka brand, combined with modern, deli-

cate designs that are sure to captivate. Vastupal Ranka, renowned for his originality, hospitality and quality, leads the brand with a vision that has created a legacy in Maharashtra. His insights into crafting stunning pieces bring a fresh, unique perspective to jewellery. This new collection is an extension of that vision, taking it to new horizons. Sheetal Ranka, with her fine knowledge of trends and styling, has curated this collection to be one of the most exquisite selections. Her eye for beauty and contemporary fashion ensures that the Rarely Ordinary collection res-

onates with the present generation. Here's what you can expect from the Rarely Ordinary collection:  
• Elevate Your Style: Whether you are a fashion enthusiast or someone seeking to elevate everyday style, this collection brings a touch of playful elegance that's both extraordinary and accessible.  
• Youthful Appeal: Designed to resonate with the young audience, the collection features trendy, chic designs that are perfect for daily wear.  
• Rainbow-inspired Pieces: The vibrant hues of the rainbow inspire the collection, reflecting optimism, joy and a celebration of

individuality.  
• Quality and Craftsmanship: Living up to the brand promise of Ranka, the collection is crafted using the finest materials, maintaining the regal and exquisite standards synonymous with the name. The Rarely Ordinary collection is now available at the Rare Jewels - A Ranka Legacy store at their Karve Road branch in Pune. Designed for a personalized shopping experience, this collection symbolizes a new era in premium jewellery.  
Embrace the extraordinary with Rare Jewels - A Ranka Legacy and make every moment sparkle with the Rarely Ordinary collection.



## Ajeenkya DY Patil University hosts Youth Festival

**Pune (Voice news service):-** At a time, when India is becoming the fulcrum of global growth, youth should seize the opportunities and collaborate on a global scale to bring peace and prosperity to the world, opined various dignitaries at the Youth festival.

Ajeenkya DY Patil University (ADYPU) in association with Youth20 (an official engagement of G20) hosted its Youth Festival in Pune at the lush-green University recently. The event highlighted one of the most relevant themes of 'Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century Skills'. The deliberations emphasized the increasing need for innovation as a critical factor in contributing towards the future of work.

Dr Ajeenkya DY Patil, President ADYPU, said that youth today are in a connected world and there is an opportunity to collaborate on a larger global scale.

Time has come to combine our wisdom and resources and work towards development of greater peace and planet.

Technologies will truly enable us to take us into a future we only envisage in science fiction. In fact, today science fiction has be-



come science fact. Apart from education, skills will be crucial to shape our future.

In his inaugural address, Dr Anirban Ganguly, Chairman & Trustee--Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation said that this G20 is special as India on its 75th year of Independence has got the opportunity to lead the G20. India's rise is driven by the sense of one earth, one future, and one family. Dr Ganguly hailed ADYPU's efforts in putting together the Youth Festival with a fascinating array of subjects in an imaginative and inspiring way led by Dr Ajeenkya DY Patil. He said that ADYPU is an educational institution rooted in society and has a vision for national growth and progress.

Dr Sudhir Mehta, Chairman & Managing Direc-

tor-Pinnacle Industries, said there is not a better time to be a youth today considering the opportunities that are there for us. Youth must take advantage of the changes that are happening including innovative technologies as India becomes the fulcrum of world growth. We have a unique opportunity to show a new wave of growth which is inclusive and makes the world a better place.

Prof Hridaysh Deshpande, Vice Chancellor ADYPU said that the festival encourages youth to raise awareness on global issues, exchange ideas, debate, negotiate and reach consensus. The festival suggests possibilities, opportunities, creativity and colorfulness of the youth. Such programs allow us to think beyond our daily spheres of influ-

ence and think of the world beyond our immediate surroundings. It expands our minds and enables us to push ourselves to new standards of excellence. Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for Culture in India, in a video address said that youth have a crucial role to play during the G20 Presidency. Youth is amongst the pillars that is building India's present and future. This Youth Festival shall empower young individuals to contribute towards nation-building. The three-day event included deliberations on important topics including Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Nurturing Start-up and Scale Up, Transformational Role of Universities in shaping the future of work, Women in Entrepreneurship, among others.

During the Youth Festival, innovative workshops like upcycling your living space, clay modelling, augmented and virtual reality, visual effects, Vedic mathematics, 3D printing technology, Industry 4.0, which was participated by students from various colleges and universities. Fireside chat with eminent Scientist Dr Raghunath Mashelkar on 'Innovation in Education' was the highlight of the event.

## Lactation Clinic inaugurated at KEM Hospital Pune

**Pune (Voice news service):-** KEM Hospital Pune today inaugurated Lactation Clinic at the hands of well-known actress Vibhawari Deshpande in presence of Dr. Vishwanath Yemul, Medical Administrator KEM Hospital, Pune, renowned neonatologist and HOD of KEM NICU, Dr. Umesh Vaidya, Dr. Ashish Bavdekar, Acting Director, Pediatrics and Incharge, Child Development Center, Sanjay Saxena, President, Rotary Club of Poona Airport and Dr. Anil Parmar, Past Governor Rotary District 3131. The lactation clinic will have two dedicated lactation experts Dr. Rani Balgude and Dr. Janvi Shah ably supported the state-of-the-art human milk bank at KEM Hospital Pune. The dedicated lactation consultants are specialized in caring for, newly delivered mothers,

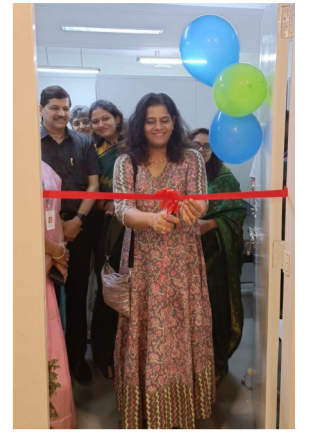
newborns and their lactation needs.

Dr Umesh vaidya, HOD-NICU and consultant neonatology, KEM Hospital Pune said the OPD services will encompass consultation regarding preparing for Breastfeeding, common mother's issues like engorgement, latch issues etc, baby's issues like cleft palate, cleft lips, tongue tie etc and even Relactation or induced Lactation. The problems are addressed by these dedicated consultants with proper solutions and training. This kind of consultation and supervision requires expertise and time and therefore a dedicated lactation clinic was the need of the hour.

He added that with lactation science globally evolving in last decade, formally trained lactation consultants with the help of technology and lactation aids can help new mothers

throughout their breastfeeding experience. What is required is not only right guidance but also encouragement and that is where lactation consultants are of great value. Today lactation consultants are present right from labour room and operation theatres. Lactation Science has brought a lot of benefits for mothers and new born babies.

Sharing some of her personal experiences Chief Guest and well-known actress Dr. Vibhawari Deshpande said that a young new mother has a roller-coaster of emotions. It is very important to know that breastfeeding is a priority for the child as well as mother. In today's age there is so much overload of information. We need to get right guidance at the right time. Therefore this Lactation Clinic, where the entire staff is caring for the new mother is a very



important and meaningful initiative in this direction.

In his welcome address Dr. Ashish Bavdekar said that the breastfeeding week is an occasion not only for creating awareness, but also galvanizing some action and creating a strong support system so that more mothers breast feed.

The inauguration program included a talk by Dr. Umesh Vaidya on importance of breastmilk in infants

## Brillio Expands Digital Shaala Initiative to 50 Municipal Corporation Schools in Pune

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Brillio, a leading digital transformation services and solutions provider, today announced that it has expanded its Digital Shaala initiative to 50 Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) schools in Pune, impacting over 18,500 students. Being run in partnership with PMC and implementation partner, Muskaan Dreams, a non-profit organisation, the initiative involves setting up Digital Learning Centres to make learning more interactive, engaging and fun for children, while empowering teachers with advanced teaching tools.

As part of the Digital Shaala initiative started in 2022, Brillio is equipping several schools with e-learning/digital classrooms that have access to internet facilities and e-content aligned with the syllabus. These comprehensive kits also include cutting-edge tools such as smart TV and tablets, enhancing the learning experience through digital education. In addition, students will have the unique opportunity to interact with Brillio employees and participate in half-day workshops either at their schools or during visits to Brillio of-



These workshops will provide real-world insights into technology and science, allowing children to explore the latest advancements in exciting technologies such as wearables, virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR), artificial intelligence (AI), and mobile apps. Moreover, the science workshops conducted by Brillio volunteers will enable hands-on experimentation to complement their education.

This initiative forms a part of Brillio's "Bringing Smiles" programme, which aims to make a difference to 10 lakh underserved students worldwide by 2030. Launched in 2015, the programme has already made a positive impact on more than 1 lakh students across more than 800 schools in differ-

ent countries. It combines financial help from Brillio with the volunteering efforts of the company's nearly 6,000 employees to support students through partnerships with schools and non-profit organisations.

In India, the programme focuses on preparing children aged 10 to 16 for the digital-first, entrepreneurial, and disruptive world they will face. In the U.S., it is focused on mental wellness initiatives.

Sanjaykumar Rathod, Administrative Officer for Primary Education in Pune Municipal Corporation, said, "On behalf of the Pune Municipal Corporation's education department, I wish to thank Brillio for setting up Digital Learning Centres at PMC schools and unlocking the power of technology

to facilitate quality education. This initiative marks an important step towards empowering teachers and students to realise a better future for individuals as well as communities."

Abhishek Ranjan, Senior Director and Global Head of Sustainability at Brillio, said, "Brillio is committed to the cause of quality education as a means to enable children to reach their full potential and become effective contributors to social progress. I am pleased to announce that by the end of next year, we plan to expand our CSR initiatives to 100 schools in Pune."

Leveraging its expertise and resources in technology, Brillio is committed to effecting tangible changes in education, bolstering the growth and success of the future generation. The company encourages its employees to engage in meaningful interactions and mentorship opportunities, enabling the sharing of knowledge and expertise with the students. Furthermore, Brillio plans to implement academic support programs to address students' learning needs, enhance their performance, and improve their overall learning abilities.

## Chartered Accountants to play vital role for five trillion economy, Cabinet Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Maharashtra contributes nearly 20 percent of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection. Annually, GST amounting to 2 lakh 17 thousand crores is paid from Maharashtra. Therefore, Maharashtra is truly the engine of the Indian economy. We are moving towards a five trillion economy and chartered accountants to play a vital role to achieve it. By taking the initiative to collect maximum GST, Chartered Accountants are fulfilling their responsibility to empower the Indian economy," says Sudhir Mungantiwar, Cabinet Minister for Forests, Cultural Affairs and Fisheries in Maharashtra Government.

He was addressing the CA's gathered for two days national conference on Goods and Service Tax organized by GST & Indirect Taxes Committee of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and hosted by



ICAI Pune Branch. More than 450 chartered accountants participated in it. Vice-Chairman of GST & Indirect Taxes Committee CA Umesh Sharma, Central Council Member CA Chandrashekhar Chitale, Regional Council Member CA Ruta Chitale, CA Yashwant Kasar, Chairman of ICAI Pune branch CA Rajesh Agrawal, Vice-Chairperson CA Amruta Kulkarni, Secretary CA Ajinkya Randive, Committee members CA Pranav Apte, CA Mausami Shah, CA Sachin Miniyar, CA Kashinath Pathare and many others were present on the occasion.

Sudhir Mungantiwar said, "The GST Act was imple-

mented from July 2017 under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi under 'One Nation One Tax' to bring simplicity and ease in the tax system. Chartered Accountants have contributed significantly to the implementation and streamlining of this Act since its inception. Many reforms have been made in the last 50 meetings of the GST Council. After GST, the income of every state has increased, the growth rate has gone up to 14 percent. The economic condition of the states has improved. A large amount of funds have been made available for the construction of infrastructure."

"The economy of the country is progressing through the combined efforts of taxpayers, chartered accountants and the government.

We have overtaken Britain and will soon fulfill our dream of becoming the third largest economy. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has praised that chartered accountants who contribute to the country and contribute to economic development are the backbone of the Indian economy. So we should continue to contribute in making the tax system more easy and simple," he added.

CA Umesh Sharma guided on 'New reforms in GST law'. Experts in various subjects guided in this two days conference. CA Rajesh Agrawal gave an opening remark. CA Chandrashekhar Chitale briefed about the conference. CA Mausami Shah compared the function. CA Yashwant Kasar gave vote of thanks.

## Bank of Baroda announces Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June 2023

**Key Highlights** Bank of Baroda (BOB) quarterly Net profit higher by 87.7% YoY at INR 4,070 crore in Q1FY24.

BOB has delivered ROA of more than 1% and ROE around 20%, consistently for last 4 quarters. This robust growth in profitability was supported by healthy Operating Income growth of 42.9% YoY in Q1FY24.

Operating income growth was driven by strong Net Interest Income (NII) growth of 24.4% YoY in Q1FY24 coupled with robust growth in Non-Interest Income which grew

2.8x YoY. Sustained NII growth is attributable to growth in advances of 18.0% (YoY) coupled with traction in Net Interest Margins (NIM), which grew 25 bps YoY at 3.27%.

Strong growth in Income coupled with subdued increase in Opex has resulted in robust Operating profit growth of 73% YoY for Q1FY24.

The Bank has been able to effect a reduction in the Cost to Income ratio (excluding Revaluation of Investment) by 166 bps YoY to 47.43% for Q1FY24. BOB has witnessed sig-

nificant improvement in its Asset quality with reduction in GNPA by 275 bps YoY to 3.51%.

Bank's NNPA improved to 0.78% with a reduction of 80 bps YoY. BOB's balance sheet remained robust with healthy Provision Coverage Ratio (PCR) of 93.23% with TWC & at 78.52% without TWC.

This strong and sustainable improvement in asset quality has resulted in 5 bps YoY decline in Credit Cost at 70bps for Q1FY24.

Excluding prudential provisions credit cost would

have been 44 bps in Q1FY24.

BOB's Global Advances registered a strong YoY growth of 18.0% in Q1FY24 led by robust retail loan book growth. Bank's organic Retail Advances grew by 24.8%, driven by growth in high focus areas such as Auto Loan (22.1%), Home Loan (18.4%), Personal Loan (82.9%), Mortgage Loan (15.8%), Education Loan (20.8%).

Bank achieved a total business of INR 21,90,896 crore as of 30th June 2023, registering a growth of 17.0% YoY.

## An ode to the past: Pune 14 by Hyatt Regency Pune announces 10 day exquisite culinary trail celebrating the rich colonial era

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Pune 14 by Hyatt Regency Pune, the culinary haven renowned for rich food cuisines from across the globe is inviting food connoisseurs from across the city for Colonial Flavors over a 10-day culinary trail, celebrating the distinct delicacies from the different parts of India from the British rule.

Woven around the stories of Indian Independence, this trail promises to transport guests to a bygone era, where the delightful blend of British and Indian culinary traditions created an extraordinary gastronomic heritage. The menu for the meticulously crafted gala food ensemble will be a flavorful ode to the past, especially curated to

showcase the amalgamation of tastes and ingredients that defined Anglo-Indian cuisine. The rich Indian past deserves to be celebrated and revered to behold India's historical heritage forever in our hearts. We have chalked out a unique 10 gastronomic journey for guests to revisit the glory of India before Independence.



## Afghan Students Seek ICCR Support for Scholarships, Visa Extensions, Exit Permit Resolution, Equal Educational Opportunities, and Compassionate Treatment



**Pune (Voice news service):-** The Afghan Students Association in India, a voice of hope for Afghan scholars, urgently appeals to the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) for the immediate release of scholarships for the academic year 2023-24.

In light of the ongoing turmoil, Afghan students are also earnestly requesting an extension of visas, along with a resolution to the impending exit permit issue. Furthermore, we urgently address a disturbing concern - the denial of educational opportunities faced by Afghan students due to external influences. Compounding this, some students have received distressing emails from the Foreigner Regional Registration Office (FRRO) demanding Bonafide certificates or departure from India, despite the absence of admissions and scholarships, leading to shattered dreams and a future in limbo. Expressing Gratitude: Our heartfelt gratitude extends to

the Government of India, the citizens of India, and the dedicated ICCR personnel who have steadfastly supported Afghan students. Your unwavering commitment embodies the spirit of solidarity and compassion.

**Critical Financial Pressure:** Afghan students in India are grappling with severe financial strain due to the persistent instability in Afghanistan. The specter of uncertain futures underscores the urgency of their appeal for financial assistance.

**Humanitarian Obligation:** As a beacon of humanitarian values, ICCR is implored to recognize the ethical responsibility of helping Afghan students facing financial hardship and an uncertain destiny. Historical Support: Building upon a legacy of support, the Government of India's commitment to Afghan scholars has enabled education and healthcare access. With a modest number of applicants, the impact

of extending scholarships is substantial.

**Virtual Family of Support:** ICCR and India have become a nurturing family for Afghan students, providing emotional and mental stability under challenging circumstances. This support is integral to enabling academic pursuits and future aspirations.

**Global Image of India:** Failing to offer support would not only impact the lives of vulnerable students but also cast a shadow over India's humanitarian standing, contrary to its ethos of compassion and aid.

**Initiating Action:** Afghan Students in India have actively conveyed their concerns to ICCR officials through the Afghanistan Embassy in Delhi. This collective appeal highlights the ongoing challenges Afghan students face due to the prevailing situation.

**Visa Extensions:** In addition to scholarships, Afghan students also urgently appeal for visa extensions. The complex circumstances in Afghanistan necessitate compassionate consideration for their extended stay in India.

**Exit Permit Resolution:** Many students are at risk of overstay, which could lead to exit permit complications. We urge ICCR and the Ministry of External Affairs to promptly approve scholarships, extend

students' visas, and provide a clear resolution to exit permit concerns.

**Equal Educational Opportunities:** Disturbingly, some universities have reportedly ceased admitting Afghan students under external influences. We appeal for equal educational opportunities for Afghan scholars, unhindered by political considerations.

**FRRO Emails:** The distressing emails from FRRO, demanding bonafide certificates or departure, further exacerbate the challenges faced by Afghan students. Leaving them with shattered dreams and a future in limbo, these actions must be reconsidered with compassion.

**Number of Students in Crisis:** Presently, the number of students with an uncertain future and recent graduates' totals approximately 1000, of which 200 are female. Their educational aspirations hang in the balance, necessitating immediate assistance.

The Afghan Students Association in India urgently calls upon ICCR to respond swiftly to their multi-faceted appeal, encompassing scholarships, visa extensions, exit permit resolution, equal educational opportunities, and compassionate treatment. By doing so, ICCR will not only empower individual lives but also reinforce the enduring bond of friendship between us.



## Airtel launches Airtel IQ Reach – India's first-of-its-kind self-serve marketing communications platform

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Bharti Airtel ("Airtel"), one of India's leading telecommunications service providers, today, announced the launch of Airtel IQ Reach, a first-of-its-kind self-serve marketing communications platform, which will enable brands/companies to drive targeted customer engagements through personalised communications. Launched under Airtel IQ, the world's first network-embedded Communications Platform as a Service (CPaaS), Airtel IQ Reach is an intuitive platform that will enable small and medium businesses to make the most of their marketing investments as they engage with target customers in a cost-effective manner with prepaid

pay-as-you-go plans. This self-serve portal will be a one-stop destination to empower businesses, especially emerging businesses, to have full control of their campaign execution, by simply logging on to a single portal for designing customised messages, uploading or selecting their target audiences, scheduling their messages and, finally, tracking campaign effectiveness, all in just a few clicks. Abhishek Biswal, Head – Digital Products & Services, Airtel Business, said, "Our customers are at the heart of everything we do. We have designed Airtel IQ Reach especially for the SMB segment to enable them to elevate their customer communi-

cation. The platform leverages cutting-edge technology along with Airtel's strengths of infrastructure, data and engineering expertise to facilitate enterprises in targeted customer communications. Our customers can now capitalise on the platform for their business growth even as they reduce their customer acquisition costs and target the right audience at the right time with the right personalised communication through our innovative solution." The platform will also offer real time insights and comprehensive analytics on a centralised dashboard with the aim of enabling businesses to measure their campaign effectiveness. Airtel IQ Reach will help SMBs solve key

challenges when planning marketing campaigns – like identifying the right audience, tracking campaign effectiveness, managing multiple channels to reach their audience, amongst others. The Airtel IQ Reach portal is now live for communications via WhatsApp and will be rolled out on SMS, voice and other channels shortly. Airtel IQ is an omni-channel cloud communications platform that unifies cloud communication and customer experience management to enable brands to engage with their customers across voice, SMS and WhatsApp channels. Airtel is the first telecom company in the world that serves as a Business Service Provider (BSP) for WhatsApp.

## With no compromise on boot space, Tata Motors revolutionizes the CNG market with its refreshed iCNG portfolio

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Riding on the success of its twin cylinder technology, Tata Motors, India's leading automobile manufacturer, today brought joy to its CNG customers by not only refreshing its existing CNG line up with the upgraded Tiago and Tigor iCNG but also launching the brand new Punch iCNG with this revolutionary technology. The twin-cylinder technology that debuted with the Altroz iCNG in May this year, has received an astounding response for the disruption it has created in the segment – enabling CNG vehicles to provide



their customers with a non-compromised boot space, best-in-class features and a superior drive experience. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Vinay Pant, Head-Marketing, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd., said: "Building further on our success with the

Altroz iCNG, and to make the CNG segment even more hotly contested, we are excited to introduce the twin cylinder technology in not just one but three products today – the Tiago, Tigor and the much awaited and loved sub compact SUV, the Tata Punch. Since its debut at

the Auto Expo 2023, the Punch iCNG has been one of the most awaited products in this segment. With its uncompromised boot space and high end feature upgrades, the Punch iCNG demonstrates the go anywhere attitude of an SUV, which is engineered to meet the constantly evolving requirements of customers, who are tech savvy and demand best in class features along with an environment friendly and economical product. I am confident that these introductions put together will make our CNG line up appealing, holistic and stronger than ever."

## Set to power the nation, Sterling and Wilson Renewable Energy Limited wins orders worth INR 826 crore

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Sterling and Wilson Renewable Energy Limited (SWRE) (BSE Scrip Code: 542760; NSE Symbol: SWSOLAR), a leading home-grown renewable EPC, announced that it has won orders worth INR 826 crore in the first four months of FY 2023-24. The orders aggregate to around 1 GWp and include projects in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. Scope of work for all projects include design, construction and commis-

sioning. The projects will create hundreds of construction jobs, thus benefiting the local community. Mr. Amit Jain - Global CEO, Sterling and Wilson Renewable Energy Group said, "Renewable sector plays a vital role in India's journey towards clean energy. For us at SWRE, India continues to be a key market and we have been working together with different stakeholders, towards boosting renewable capacity in the region. All orders clocked in these

four months are from our recurring partners and is a testament of our expertise in the industry. Our partnerships hold immense value for us, and we are grateful for their continued trust and confidence in us." "This accomplishment reflects upon our team's dedication and hard work. Over the past decade, we have been a dominant player in the domestic market and are poised to delivering high-quality renewable solutions that drive sustainability and



make a positive impact on the world and look forward to spearheading the journey with continuous growth and innovation", he added.

## SANY India delivers 8 Units of SCC7500A, one of the biggest Crawler Cranes in India, to Sanghvi Movers Limited

**Pune (Voice news service):-** SANY India, a leading manufacturer of construction equipment, reached a significant milestone by delivering 8 units of the SANY SCC7500A 750 Ton crawler cranes, in the first quarter of financial year 2023-24, to Sanghvi Movers Limited, (SML) one of the largest crane rental company in India and 6th largest globally in terms of its fleet size. With delivery of these 8 Units of Sany SCC7500A, 750 Ton Crawler Cranes, SML now owns 10 Units of these cranes which is the largest fleet of Sany Cranes owned by any company across world. A formal function was held on 8th July 2023 at The Ritz Carlton, Pune where senior executives from SANY India and Sanghvi Movers Limited were present. The keys for SANY SCC7500A 750 Ton crawler cranes were handed over to Sanghvi Movers Ltd. The event was attended by Mr. Deepak Garg, Managing Director, SANY India & South Asia, Mr. Dawson Zhu, Executive Director, Mr. Dheeraj



Panda, Chief Operating Officer (Sales, Marketing & Customer Support) at SANY India & South Asia, and Mr. Rishi Sanghvi, Managing Director, Mr. Sham Kajale, Joint Managing Director & CFO, Mrs. Mina Sanghvi, SML group promoter, and Mrs. Maithili Sanghvi, Non-executive Women Director from Sanghvi Movers Limited. In his statement at the event, Mr Deepak Garg, Managing Director, SANY India & South Asia, said, "Our association with Sanghvi Movers has come a long way. Earlier in 2022, we delivered 4 units of the SCC8000A, India's Largest Crawler crane of 800-tonne, to Sanghvi Movers Limited, and continuing

their trust in us this year, we are delivering 8 more units of the SANY SCC7500A, a 750-tonne crawler crane. We are honoured to be their trusted partners and stand committed to delivering them top-quality equipment that ensures exceptional safety, reliability, and durability under the most challenging conditions found at different working sites. He further added, "We cherish this association and look forward to further strengthening our partnership in the years to come. Together, we are determined to surpass expectations, drive innovation, and set new benchmarks in the realm of construction equipment. Our shared goal

is to empower India's infrastructure growth and make a lasting impact on the nation's progress."

Mr. Rishi Sanghvi, Managing Director, Sanghvi Movers Limited, said, "We are immensely grateful to SANY India and Mr. Deepak Garg & his team for their unwavering support and trust in Sanghvi Movers. Sanghvi Movers is the leading hoisting champion in India for the last 34 years. Therefore, at Sanghvi Movers, credibility, reliability, durability and safety are paramount. These new crawler cranes will enable us to excel even in the most challenging working conditions and fulfil the diversified demands of our customers. Our cherished association with SANY India is a testament to our shared dedication to driving innovation and setting new industry benchmarks. Together, we are steadfast in our commitment to empowering India's infrastructure growth and contributing to the nation's progress." Currently, the crane is deployed at a wind power project in Jamnagar, Gujarat.

## Honda Cars India begins production of its mid-size SUV Honda Elevate



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Honda Cars India Ltd. (HCIL), a leading manufacturer of premium cars in India, today started the production of its new mid-size SUV, Honda Elevate. The production roll-out of the car at the company's state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Tapukara, Rajasthan marked India as the first country to produce this global SUV. Reaffirming Honda's commitment to making in India, the Elevate has a localization of more than 90%. The launch of the all-new Honda Elevate is scheduled in September 2023 along

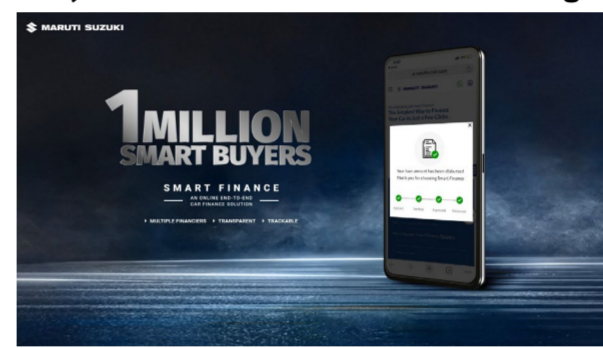
with start of deliveries. The company has already commenced the pre-launch bookings of the Elevate. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Takuya Tsumura, President & CEO, Honda Cars India Ltd. said "Today is a significant milestone in our SUV endeavor as we commence production of our hugely anticipated Honda Elevate at our Tapukara facility in India. Ever since its global unveiling, the Elevate has received an overwhelming response from customers nationwide. We are extremely proud to be the first country to start the mass production of Elevate and are confident

that it will quickly become an important pillar of our business, fostering stronger connections with customers and attracting new members to our Honda family. We are excited about the prospects that lie ahead and the impact this model will have on our brand." The Elevate is Honda's latest offering in mid-size SUV segment that features a Bold and Masculine exterior design with striking front face, sharp character lines and unique rear design to create a vehicle with strong road presence. Based on Honda's design ethos of Man Maximum Machine Minimum, the ELEVATE offers an incredibly spacious interior cabin with top-class wheelbase, spacious headroom, knee room, legroom and a generous cargo space of 458L. The Elevate is powered by 1.5L i-VTEC DOHC petrol engine with VTC mated to a 6 speed MT and a Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) and produce power of 89 kW (121 PS) and max-

imum torque of 145 Nm at 4300 rpm. As part of Honda's unwavering commitment to safety, the ELEVATE boasts an extensive array of active and passive safety technologies, including the application of Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) of Honda SENSING. The Elevate is equipped with the features of Honda Connect, a connected car experience that allows the users to control the car remotely and get up to date with important notifications for an enhanced convenience. The Elevate will be offered in a wide variety of colors, including single-tone and dual-tone variants, to accommodate consumers' different preferences and interests. These options include Phoenix Orange Pearl (new color), Obsidian Blue Pearl, Radiant Red Metallic, Platinum White Pearl, Golden Brown Metallic, Lunar Silver Metallic, and Meteoroid Gray Metallic, resulting in visually striking appearance that command attention on the road.

## Maruti Suzuki Smart Finance Achieves Milestone; Enables 1 million customers with INR 64,000 crore worth of loans through its finance partners

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Empowering customers with convenient car financing solutions, Maruti Suzuki Smart Finance (MSSF) online platform achieves a landmark milestone of facilitating one million car loans through its 23 finance partners, within a short span of three years. Since its inception in 2020, collaborating with its finance partners, MSSF has enabled hassle-free loans worth over INR 64,000 crores to customers across NEXA and Arena channels. MSSF is a cutting-edge AI-driven, end-to-end digitised platform that facilitates and enables customers to avail car finance in a convenient and transparent way. Commenting on this milestone, Mr. Shashank Srivastava, Senior Executive Officer, Marketing & Sales, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, "Back in 2020,



Maruti Suzuki was the first automobile company to introduce a multi-financier, end-to-end, digitised car financing online solution with Maruti Suzuki Smart Finance. In the last three years, this online platform has redefined the modern car-buying experience and currently about 35% of Maruti Suzuki customers avail car loans through Maruti Suzuki Smart Finance Portal, across Arena and NEXA channels. Customers are delighted by the 'anytime-anywhere' convenience of

MSSF. Crossing over one million loan milestone, amounting to more than INR 64,000 crore through finance partners, is a testament towards our efforts to enhance the overall customer experience with new and innovative digital solutions." He added, "We are thankful to our 23 finance partners who have helped us provide hassle-free financing solutions all over the country. This momentous customer centric journey is indeed a result of their unwavering support and

partnership with our Smart Finance platform." With MSSF, Maruti Suzuki has simplified the car financing journey, making it more transparent by enabling customers to design their own customised loan plans and selecting the best suited finance partner from a range of financing options. The platform offers a line-up of industry-first features like On-Road Price Configuration, Credit Score-Based Interest Rates, Pre-approved, Customised Loan offers for Salaried and Self-employed where the customers can compare and choose from multiple financiers, Digital Document Update, Digital Sanction Letter and Real-Time Loan Status Tracking. MSSF is also the only one-stop platform offering customers the choice of availing loans from any of the 23 financiers.

## AIC Pinnacle Unveils "Evolve"- A 10-Month Incubation Program Empowering Startups to Commercialise Innovative Ideas



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Atal Incubation Centre (AIC) - Pinnacle Entrepreneurship Forum is delighted to announce the launch of its highly anticipated "Evolve" Incubation Program, a transformative 10-month initiative aimed at nurturing innovative ideas and fostering profitable ventures for startups. Supported by Atal Innovation Mission and Niti Aayog, Evolve Program equips participants with essential tools, guidance, and resources required to thrive in today's fiercely competitive business landscape. Designed with an unwavering commitment to support and empower entrepreneurs, Evolve offers eligible startups the opportunity to acquire a seed fund of upto Rs. 25 lakhs, which includes AIM seed fund support and also the co-investment from non-government sources through angel investors via Arthayan, an accelerator platform. The program embraces a sector-agnostic approach, welcoming startups in the

opportunities. Join us in revolutionizing the entrepreneurial landscape, leaving a lasting mark on the business world. Let's shape a limitless future together!" To maximize accessibility and effectiveness, the Evolve program adopts a hybrid approach, seamlessly blending online and offline elements. The initial three months encompass a series of enriching sessions aimed at laying a strong foundation for startup success. Through the Evolve program, AIC Pinnacle pledges unwavering support, offering a wide array of services to participating startups, including prototyping assistance, access to cutting-edge software and tools, tailored testing and lab support, certification guidance, mentorship from a distinguished panel of experts, state-of-the-art infrastructure, legal and IP support, extensive networking opportunities, business planning expertise, access to a vibrant startup community, seed funding support from various government and non-government agencies, go-to-market strategy assistance, and an exclusive Investor Demo Day for invaluable exposure to angel investors and venture capital firms. The Evolve Incubation Program is thoughtfully structured into four modules, each strategically curated to address vital entrepreneur-

ial aspects. The first module, "Product Development," guides startups from ideation to crafting a compelling Minimum Viable Product (MVP) and prototyping, all while benefiting from expert mentorship. The second module, "IP & Legal," offers comprehensive assistance in company formation, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), and other legal aspects, establishing a strong foundation for growth. The third module, "Business Planning & Funding," provides participants with expert guidance in preparing compelling pitch presentations and gaining access to vital seed funding support. Lastly, the "Networking and Go-to-Market" module helps startups establish valuable connections with potential clients and investors, offering specialized B2B, B2G, and B2C support, result-oriented digital marketing strategies, and unparalleled networking opportunities. Applications for the Evolve Incubation Program are now open and will be accepted until 10th August 2023. The much-anticipated cohort is set to commence on 2nd September 2023. This groundbreaking opportunity is poised to revolutionize the entrepreneurial landscape, empowering startups to elevate their ventures to unparalleled heights and leave an indelible mark on the business world.

## Sustaining and Scaling New Heights

**Pune:** Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Ltd. [BSE: 542904; NSE: UJJIVANSFB], today announced its financial performance for the quarter ended June 30, 2023. Summary of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Business Performance – Q1FY24

**Assets:** Disbursements were at ₹5,284 crore in Q1FY24 up 22% Y-o-Y. Continued strong quarterly disbursement in Housing and FIG; disbursed ₹418 crore/ ₹320 crore respectively – highest ever for both the segments. Gross loan book at ₹25,326\* crore up 30%/5% Y-o-Y/Q-o-Q. Collection and Asset Quality

Continued traction on Collections with ~99% efficiency in Jun'23; NDA collection consistently at ~100%. Portfolio at risk at stable at 3.8% as of Jun'23\* GNPA declined to 2.4% as of Jun'23 vs 2.6% as of Mar'23; NNPA continues to be negligible at 0.06% as on Jun'23. Total of ₹ 60 crore written-off in Q1FY24; Provision coverage ratio as on Jun'23 is 97.6%# Deposits Deposits at ₹26,660 crore as of Jun'23 up by 45%/4% Y-o-Y/Q-o-Q. Retail TD grew 71%/8% Q-o-Q/Y-o-Y. CASA grew 27% Y-o-Y taking CASA ratio at 24.6% as on

Jun'23 Healthy retail liability customer acquisition Financials Q1FY24 NII of ₹793 crores up 32% Y-o-Y; NIM at 9.2%\* for Q1FY24 Cost to Income ratio at 52.8% in Q1FY24 vs 58.5% for Q1FY23 Q1FY24 PPOp at ₹458 crore up 52% Y-o-Y; PAT of ₹324 crore up 60% Y-o-Y Capital and Liquidity Capital adequacy ratio at 26.7% with Tier-1 capital at 23.7% Provisional LCR at 189% as of Jun'23 Mr. Ittira Davis, MD & CEO, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank said, "FY24 has started on

a very strong note as we hit another highest ever profit figure. The growth has come on the strong platform built during FY23. Our disbursement has been strong, despite Q1 being seasonally weakest quarter, taking our loan book past ₹25,000 crore mark. Among secured assets, Affordable Housing and FIG continues to show strong growth, while other products will start picking-up towards latter half of the year. During the quarter, we consciously reduced the excess liquidity which was driving negative carry and pulling our NIMs down. Deposits were up 45% Y-o-Y/4% Q-o-Q driven by retail focus.