



KYMA EMBARKS ON A NEW JOURNEY CELEBRATING TWO YEARS IN MUMBAI AND ANNOUNCING OUR ENTRANCE INTO PUNE

Pune (Voice news service):- Kyma, the epicurean haven in the heart of the city, proudly commemorates two years of navigating the culinary landscape in Mumbai and is excited to announce its expansion to Pune. Crafting an odyssey through a blend of Asian and Mediterranean flavours, Kyma stands as a symbol of refined dining, guided by the enduring support of our cherished patrons. Embarking on a delectable odyssey, Kyma has redefined the culinary cityscape with its fusion of Asian and Mediterranean flavours. At its helm is the vision of creating a haven where relaxation converges with all-day dining, offering a harmonious blend of diverse cuisines. Our flagship outlet in BKC received a warm welcome as it launched 2 years ago Mumbai and has grown to become a popular oasis for those seeking a taste of Mediterranean and the aromas of the Orient. Our private cabanas, the charming gazebo and the luxurious dining area have been witness to many a milestone celebration and numerous cherished memories. The outpour of love we have received from our patrons has been the wind in our sails, steering

Kyma towards new horizons in Pune. "As we commemorate two years of culinary excellence in Mumbai and embark on our journey to Pune, Kyma has proven to be a beacon of success in the fine dining realm. This expansion is not just a milestone but a testament to our commitment to delivering unparalleled dining experiences. Our vision extends far beyond – we aspire to navigate the Kyma brand across India, casting its distinctive maritime charm and culinary finesse to new shores. The overwhelming support from our patrons fuels our passion, and we are eager to continue creating moments of indulgence and sophistication as we chart this exciting course." - Mr. - Narayan Poojari, founder Shiv Sagar Group. "With Kyma, meaning 'wave,' we envisioned a relaxing, all-day dining bar that synergizes between Asian and Mediterranean cuisine. From the interiors, the food to the cocktails, everything about Kyma has been designed to make it an approachable and fun venue," says Nikhil Rochlani, Managing Partner, Kyma. Kyma's mission has always been to provide a welcoming and enjoyable ambience

where every detail, from the meticulously crafted interiors to the tantalizing food and artisanal cocktails, reflects the essence of indulgence. The richness of Asian and Mediterranean influences creates a culinary tapestry that caters to the discerning tastes of our guests. The special crafted menu for Pune will be an amalgam of the Kyma Classics and an innovating selection curated just for this new city. Guests are invited to relish new Mediterranean innovations including the delectable Prawns Rubiyani, Chicken Shish Tawook, Egyptian Koshari or our signature Classic Lebneh Shug Cottage Cheese Pockets. Our Asian culinary delights include the succulent Chin Chi Chu Cottage Cheese, the crispy and flavourful Kyma Special Asparagus Tempura Sushi, and the perfectly seasoned Truffle Edamame Dumpling. For a truly delicious experience, savour our Dynamite Prawns, Char Siu Pork Bao, Honey Sriracha Pork Ribs or the mouthwatering Salmon Guacamole Sushi. Kyma's extensive menu guarantees an unforgettable culinary adventure. To conclude your feast, relish the irresistible Baklava



Cheesecakes our signature Saffron Milk Cake or the unique Kunafa dessert that will leave a lasting impression on your palate. With a compass set for new adventures, Kyma is filled with gratitude for the unforgettable moments in Mumbai and is excited to share its culinary odyssey with Pune. The epicentre of indulgence, the vibrancy of the Asian and Mediterranean fusion and the commitment to excellence in hospitality continue to be the guiding stars of the Kyma experience. "As we embark on the exciting journey of expanding Kyma to Pune, I am filled with gratitude and pride reflecting on the remarkable two years of success at our flagship outlet in Mumbai. With the opening of our new venture in Pune, we aim to blend culinary excellence with the unique spirit of Kyma." - Nikita Poojari, Founder of Kyma. Nikita Poojari, Director of Kyma Ananta Poojari, Director of Kyma, shares her insights: "The journey of Kyma has been a blend of passion, dedication and a vision to create a space where people can indulge in exquisite flavours and a relaxed ambience. As we celebrate two successful years in Mumbai and expand to Pune, it's heartening to see our dream taking shape. Kyma is not just a restaurant; it's a culinary journey that reflects the warmth of Asian and Mediterranean hospitality. We look forward to welcoming Pune to the Kyma experience, where every moment is the creation of a magical memory."

'BAI-Padmashree B. G. Shirke Lifetime Achievement Award 2023'

Pune (Voice news service):- Builders Association of India Pune chapter in association with B. G. Shirke Construction Technology Pvt Ltd has organized a 'BAI-Shirke Well Built Structure Competition 2023' & 'BAI-Shirke WBSC Awards' ceremony recently. Industrialist and chairman of The Hindusthan Construction Ajit Gulabchand graced the award ceremony and honored various construction groups for their notable work. The BAI-Padmashree B. G. Shirke Lifetime Achievement Award' was presented to Jaiprakash Praveenchandra alias JP Shroff of Shroff Industries Group. The award consisted of a Pureri turban, a shawl, a badge of honor, a certificate of honor, and one lakh eleven thousand cash. The event takes place at Hotel Sheraton Grand, Pune Station, BG Shirke Construction Technology's Senior Chief Executive RB Suryawanshi, Vice President-Engineering Planning & Design, YP Kajale, Vice President-Contracts BP Kulkarni, BAI West's President Sunil Mundada, BAI Maharashtra President Sachin Deshmukh, WBSC President Harpreet Singh Anand, BAI Pune Center President D. S. Chaudhari, Vice President & WBSC Convenor Sunil Mate, Hon. Secretary Ajay Gujar, Treasurer Rajaram



Hajare were present on this occasion. On this occasion, the companies doing outstanding work in various sections of the construction sector were honored. Scon Project Pvt Ltd-Residential category, Rohan Builders Pvt Ltd and B. G. Shirke Construction Technology Pvt Ltd-Residential Housing Complex, Ratnarup Project Pvt Ltd-Commercial Buildings, Ratilal Bhagwandas Construction and Suraj Buildcon Pvt Ltd-Industrial Construction, T & T Infra Ltd and Ajwani Infrastructure Pvt Ltd-Infrastructure, B. G. Shirke Construction Technology Pvt Ltd and Shubham Epic Pvt Ltd-Government Projects, Millennium Engineers & Contractors Pvt Ltd-Work upto Bare Shell, Sugam Construction in the Landscape (Horticulture) category won the awards. The award was in the form of mementos, shawls, and certificates.

Ajit Gulabchand motivated the audience and said, The quality of construction has increased day by day due to the inclusion of technology and artistry in the construction sector. Due to the increasing demand for housing, commercial progress is accelerating. While achieving this progress, social responsibility should also be maintained. Social work and positive thinking should be added to create better cities. JP Shroff expressed his gratitude towards BAI & also put his journey in front of attendees. Sachin Deshmukh congratulated BAI Pune for their outstanding work. Sunil Mundada gave brief information about the BAI organization. DS Chaudhari gave presidential remarks. Harpreet Singh Yadav gave opening remarks. Prashant Deshmukh & Sanjay Apte compared the program. Ajay Gujar gave a vote of thanks.

Storytelling Masterclass by Renowned Audio Storyteller & Author Neelesh Misra Orchids The International School Pune Campus Ignites Young Minds

Pune (Voice news service):- Accelerating its focus on students' holistic development through its innovatively diverse curriculum, one of India's leading international K12 school chains, Orchids The International School, conducted an exclusive Masterclass with journalist, audio storyteller, and author Neelesh Misra, aimed at equipping young minds with the power to think beyond the obvious. About 300 students from across Pune participated in the masterclass session, which was held on the Orchids The International School's Manjri campus in Pune today. The masterclass series is an extension of the 'Power Up With Legends' initiative in which prominent personalities like Bhaichung Bhutia, Mary Kom, Shikhar Dhawan's Da One Sports Academy, Geeta Phogat, Ajantha Mendes, Shiv Aroor, and Tanu Shree Singh from sports, arts and music domains have conducted masterclasses with the



students in last six months across different campuses in India. The school chain aims to encourage students to look at education beyond the classroom, in terms of physical fitness, cultural expression, leadership, creativity and public speaking, thereby building life-long skills. During the interactive session, Neelesh Misra shared his vision of the nuances of storytelling, bringing to the students his wealth of experience as a journalist and author. He emphasized the importance of storytelling in communication and encouraged students to harness the power of the narrative to express their ideas effectively. Sharing his insights, Neelesh said, "Storytelling helps to build a vocabulary of imagi-



nation in children, as stories have the power to ignite creativity, instill values, and foster a deeper understanding of the world. It is the rocket fuel that will propel India's children to soar. Orchids The International School's commitment to providing diverse learning experiences, especially Public Speaking is commendable, and I'm honored to be part of their masterclass initiative." Speaking on the importance of storytelling in education, Sumitra Goswami, VP-Academics, Orchids The International School, Pune, said, "The engagement and enthusiasm displayed by the students during Neelesh Misra's masterclass emphasizes the pivotal role Orchids The International School plays in shaping future generations.



At Orchids, we believe in nurturing well-rounded individuals and igniting their curiosity through an expansive tapestry of learning experiences. This masterclass series is just a glimpse into the transformative power of our educational philosophy and preparing our students not just for exams, but for life's boundless possibilities." The resounding success of this masterclass shines a spotlight on Orchids The International School's unwavering commitment to shaping the next generation. Beyond academics, Orchids fosters holistic development through diverse learning experiences – from STEM innovation and athletic prowess to the magic of artistic expression and much more.

JCBL Agri Solutions Unveils Cutting-Edge Agricultural Implements at the Kisan Agri Show 2023

Pune (Voice news service):- JCBL Agri Solutions, a JCBL Group Company, has redefined agriculture with its innovative agricultural implements at the Kisan Agri Show. This flagship event, recognized as India's largest agricultural expo took place in Pune from December 13th to 17th 2023. The Kisan Agri Show serves as a platform for farmers, both in-person and through digital channels, providing an arena for agri-centric businesses to interact. It facilitates knowledge exchange and business collaborations in a dynamic setting. As a key player in the industry, JCBL Agri Solutions seeks to bring innovation in the agriculture sector through modern agriculture implements, enabling farmers across the country to create endless possibilities. The company is committed to fostering farmer growth through the integration of advanced mechanized farming methods. Their mission is centered around the de-



velopment of user-friendly and eco-friendly agricultural implements, reshaping traditional farming practices. With a wide range of products used for land preparation, seeding, and crop residue management, JCBL Agri Solutions showcased innovative agriculture equipment standing resolutely at the forefront of agricultural transformation. Some of the innovative products displayed by JCBL Agri Solutions at the Kisan Agri Show include: Rotavator- HD Series, Rotavator- Mini Series, Rotavator- Paddy Special (J type),

Super Seeder, Mulcher, MB Plough. Mr. Kapil Rai Virmani, Business Head at JCBL Agri Division said, "At JCBL Agri Solutions, we are driven by a passion for transforming agriculture through innovation. The Kisan Agri Show provided a unique opportunity to connect with farmers, understand their needs, and showcase our cutting-edge agricultural implements. This motivated us to stay committed to developing and boosting the agriculture industry's revenue through strategic management techniques." The company is poised to un-

veil a range of new products, tailored to meet the specific demands of the industry. With upcoming offerings designed for applications such as Threshers and Balers, and beyond, the company is set to diversify its portfolio, demonstrating a commitment to addressing a spectrum of agricultural needs. The company successfully showcased its innovative agricultural implements that resonate with the evolving needs of the farming community. The company's commitment to transformative solutions aligned seamlessly with the expo's spirit of progress and collaboration. As the event concluded, JCBL Agri Solutions remained dedicated to advancing agricultural practices, contributing to the growth of the industry, and fostering the prosperity of Indian farmers.



First time in India : Urokul Performs Prostate Gland Treatment Without Surgery

Pune (Voice news service):- "Urokul Hospital from Pune introduced Prostate gland Treatment technology without surgery called 'Rezum therapy' an unique procedure for Prostate Gland Treatment the first time in India. Rezum Therapy is 10-minute procedure than a conventional 2 hours operation, without any complications. This technology is now available at Baner-based Urokul-Kulkarni Uro Surgery Institute." Said Dr. Sanjay Kulkarni, renowned urologist and Founder of Urokul Hospital and President of Urological Society of India. Dr. Sanjay Kulkarni was addressing in a press conference at Urokul hospital on Thursday. The conference was witnessed by Indias first laparoscopy woman Dr. Jyotsna Kulkarni, President of Baner-Balewadi Medico's Association Dr. Rajesh Deshpande, Radiologist Dr. Saket Patwardhan, Chief Executive Officer of Urokul Dr. Abhay Chaudhary, Administrative Officer Dr. Pramod Bhawe. Dr. Kulkarni said, "Traditional surgery on the prostate gland is known as 'Transurethral Resection of the Prostate' (TURP). The patient has to stay for about two to three days in the hospital. The surgery lasts for an hour. Patients had to



bear unbearable pain during the treatment. Moreover, patient loses the ability to ejaculate after sexual intercourse. This conventional surgery costs about 2 to 2.5 lakh." Explaining the benefits of Rezum therapy, Dr. Kulkarni said, "As a solution to TURP, Urokul has come up with a revolutionary technology called 'Rezum Therapy'. In this procedure, we core the prostate gland by removing bits of prostatic tissues with Water Vapor Therapy. This procedure involves non-surgically dissolving the enlarged part of the prostate gland with the help of steam injections. This therapy is usually an outpatient procedure. It is done under local anaesthesia. The procedure lasts for about 10 minutes. Patient is discharged the same day after 2-4 hours. A small catheter is kept for 5-7

days. This procedure costs around 4 Lakh." Over a few weeks, patient's body's natural healing response absorbs the treated prostate tissue, shrinking the prostate. This improves the obstructive symptoms due to enlarged prostate tissue. Most patients begin to experience symptom relief in as soon as two weeks, and maximum benefit may occur within three months, he added. "Rezum has success rate over 80 percent. It can be used for treating all types of patients with various sizes of prostate gland. It can be used to treat patients with retention of urine due to prostate problems. The important advantage of Rezum is it preserves ejaculation. It is most beneficial for young and all patients who wish to preserve ejaculation," said Dr. Jyotsna Kulkarni.

Indo-Korean Center's King Sejong Institute Pune has celebrated 50 years of India & Korea Diplomatic Relations

Pune (Voice news service):- Korea-India bilateral relationship boasts of longstanding historical and cultural ties, spanning over two millennia. The two countries forged diplomatic relations in 1973, paving the way for a sound and steady development in bilateral relations across a wide range of areas, including politics, economy, and culture. Cultural exchanges between India and South Korea have strengthened over the years. Efforts to promote people-to-people contact and understanding have included events, festivals, and educational exchanges. Nami Island Arts & Education (NAE), situated on Nami Island, is a renowned destination with an abundance of natural flora and fauna in Korea, is known for hosting international cultural festivals and engaging in various international arts and cultural exchange activities with a wide network of institutions across different countries including India being a prominent partner. NAE is dedicated to offering experiences that enhance cultural sensitivity by fostering interactions with nature. To mark the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Korea and India, this year's Korea-India Artist Camp was held in September for ten days on Nami Island in Chuncheon, Gang-



won-do Province. Ten artists from both countries gathered in Nami Island, Korea, and stayed back to complete their paintings under the theme 'Tagore and Nature- A River' to promote bilateral cultural exchange and artistic collaboration. These paintings are now brought to Indo Korean center King Sejong Institute Pune (IKC KSI Pune), for the art exhibition. On that momentous occasion which had captivated art enthusiasts and cultural enthusiasts alike, the Indo-Korean Center (IKC) and NAE proudly announced a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony along with the opening of the art exhibition held on 16th December 2023. Adding a unique dimension to the event, talented dancers learning the Korean language from IKC KSI Pune graced the stage, breathing life into the paintings through an enchanting performance. Further enriching the experience, students from the IKC

KSI Pune took the stage with articulate presentations on the Korean language regarding 'Our role in the development of the Korea-India relationship'. Approximately 200 people attended the event held on 16th December. As the event continued on 17th December, students of IKC KSI Pune presented their dance performances against iconic backdrops of Shanwar Wada and also in vibrant Phoenix mall, Viman Nagar as an opening performance of the 'Eldorado' dance drama. The students showcased the rich tapestry of Indo-Korean cultural fusion through a series of captivating performances. The art exhibition shall remain open for the general people from 19th December to 22nd December 2023 between 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm at the Indo Korean Center, Pune, 1st Floor, Recreational Hall. The admission for the Korean Language and Culture will begin in January 2024.

22nd Pune International Film Festival to be held between 18-25 January

Pune (Voice news service):- The 22nd edition of the Pune International Film Festival (PIFF) will be held from January 18 to 25, 2024. The announcement was made by Dr. Jabbar Patel, the director of PIFF in a press conference. More than 140 films from 51 countries will be screened in this festival organised jointly by Pune Film Foundation and Government of Maharashtra. Ravi Gupta, Secretary of Pune Film Foundation, Samar Nakhate, Chairman of Film Selection Committee and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. The theme of this year's film festival is 'Cinema is a hope' and the symbol of the theme was also released on the occasion. 140 Films as part of the festival will be screened on 11 screens at PVR loon (6 screens) in Pavilion Mall on Senapati Bapat Road, Inox (3 screens) in Camp and Cinopolis cinema (2 screens) at Westend Mall in Aundh. "Considering the positive response received last year, we have added 2 more screens this year, to accommodate a larger audience," said Dr Patel. He further added that this year, 1186 films from 68 countries had sent entries to PIFF and more than 140 of them have been selected for the festival. The online registration process for the festival will start from Friday, December 23 on the official website of the fes-



tival www.piffindia.com and the spot registration process at theatres will start from January 5, 2024. The registration fee for the entire festival is just Rs. 800 for everyone. World Competition: A Sensitive Person - (Director: Tomáš Klein, Czech Republic), Slovak Republic), Blaga's Lessons- (Director: Stephan Komandarev, Bulgaria, Germany), Citizen Saint - (Director: Tinatin Kajrishvili, Georgia, Bulgaria, France), Fly On - (Director: Takuya Kato, Japan, France), Here - (Director: Bas Devos, Belgium), Oceans Are The Real Continents - (Director: Tommaso Santambrogio, Cuba, Italy), Puan - (Director: Maria Alché, Benjamin Naishtat, Argentina, Italy, France, Germany, Brazil), Schlammseel - (Director: Sylke Enders, Germany), Terrestrial Verses - (Director: Alireza Khatami, Ali Asgari, Iran), The Burdened - Director: Amr Gamal, Yemen, Sudan, Saudi Arabia), The Dreamer - (Director: Anaïs Tellenne, France), The Sentence - (Director: Fazil Razak, India), Toll - (Director: Carolina Markowicz, Brazil, Portugal), Tomorrow is a Long Time - (Director: Jow Zhi Wei, Singapore, Taiwan, France, Portugal).

'Reelstar' of grassroots artists making reels... The film's grand Muhurt...



Pune (Voice news service):- In the earlier era, cinema was shown on reels, but cinema has changed with time and today it is reaching the audience through the latest technology. Although the reel has disappeared from the cinema today, it is still present in our lives through 'reels'. The number of entertainers is increasing day by day by making small and big reels and conveying some message through them. The fad of reels has spread from the streets of the city to the mansions of the villages. The journey of the grassroots artists who make reels will be brought before the fans through the upcoming film

a reel star in today's age of smart phones doesn't require any special training, but the journey of reel stars is not as easy as it seems. The struggle they have to go through to become a reel star and the price they have to pay in pursuit of their dreams is what makes them 'reel stars' in the truest sense.

A similar plot will be seen in this film as well. Currently, the shooting of this film is going on in and around Ambernath. Director Simmy Joseph and Robin Varghese said that the film is a tribute to the art of the grassroots artists who make reels in real sense, saying that it tells the story of today's generation of artists. It has reviewed the mentality of today's artists while touching various issues in the society through art. Producer Jose Abraham expressed the feeling that the plot of this film titled 'Reelstar' is a real star and the actors are capable of doing justice to the plot. Bhushan Manjule, the brother of leading Marathi produc-

er-director-actor Nagraj Manjule, will be seen in an important role in the film, along with Urmila Jagtap, Prasad Oak, Ruchira Jadhav, Milind Shinde, Swapnil Rajashekhar, Shivaji Patne, Rajesh Malvanekar, Sarita Manjule, Mahendra Patil, Kalpana Rane, Deepak Pandey, Ganesh Revdekar, Abhinav Patekar and others are the actors. The pair will also get to see the acting of two child actors Arjun Gaikar and Tanishka Mhasade. DOP Shinob has done the cinematography while Sameer Chitnavis has done the art direction. Mahendra Patil is the creative producer of the film, Anirudh Dubhashi is the production manager, and Nandu Achrekar is the Chief associate director. Music composed by music composer Vinu Thomas, Lyrics by Guru Thakur, Mandar Cholkar and Prashant Jmdar. The costumes are done by Rani Wankhade and Makeup by Bhagwat Sonawane.

Seagram's Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films brings 'Select Films, Select Conversations' to Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- A pioneer in the short film format in India, Seagram's Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films presents Select Films, Select Conversations. The celebrated short film platform has always recognized and fostered a creative environment encouraging brilliance in short format film making. Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films over the years has won 6 Filmfare awards and Oscar qualifications which has made the platform the largest and most credible destination for short films in India. Through this interactive activation platform, the brand aims to foster a creative environment for artists in the industry in two unique and engaging formats with host Mandira Bedi.



The On-Ground format: This live format travelled to three hubs in India - Gurugram, Kolkata and Pune - bringing together some of the most dynamic and discerning film artists from Indian cinema for an evening of engaging discussions, interactive conversations, and screenings of some of the select movies from the celebrated short film platform, Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films. The On-Air format: A unique chat show concept spread across three episodes, where five prominent voices from the film industry - Jim Sarbh, Vijay Varma, Kalki Koechlin, Huma Qureshi and Sujoy Ghosh - discuss all things cinema with host Mandira Bedi. The On-Air Episodes will be launched with the brand's streaming partners, Jio Cinema. After two successful on-ground

events in Gurugram and Kolkata earlier this month, 'Select Films, Select Conversations' travelled to The Boat Club, Pune, on Saturday, December 16. During the evening, host Mandira Bedi held an engaging conversation with Jim Sarbh, Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia, Tigmanshu Dhulia and Swanand Kirkire. 'Cinema's Shapeshifters: Crossings And Transformations' being the theme of the evening, the discussions revolved around the evolution of Indian cinema, diversity of genres and the short film format. The conversation received immense engagement from the audience present at the event. This was followed by the screening of select Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films. Commenting on the ideology behind the activation platform, Kartik Mohindra, CMO, Pernod Ricard India, said, "Through the years, Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films has evolved, creating an ecosystem that brings world class storytelling to curious and discerning audiences, thus becoming 'the' destination for Indian short films. Select Films, Select Conversations, the brand's

interactive platform, is an embodiment of this ideology, where we seek to explore the originality and creativity of the short film format and set it in the context of cinema today." Speaking about her association with the platform as the host, actress Mandira Bedi said, "I am thrilled to be associated with Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films. Getting to interact with different storytellers, artistes and understanding their diverse perspectives on cinema is a wonderful opportunity. I'm looking forward to all the riveting conversations, behind the scenes stories about the short film universe and the interactions with #TheSelectOnes." Actor Jim Sarbh said, "I am glad to continue my association with Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films through 'Select Films, Select Conversations'. It feels great to be a part of this unique experience and partake in conversations around cinema with my contemporaries from the industry." Writer, Director Tigmanshu Dhulia spoke about the platform, sharing, "Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short

Films stands as a pioneer in championing the short film format within the Indian cinematic landscape. It's amazing to be associated with them and be here for Select Films, Select Conversations. It's such an enriching platform for lovers of Indian cinema, for both audiences and artists. I look forward to more such evenings in the future." Actor Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia shared, "I think this is a very inspirational platform to be a part of. It is an opportunity for artists and audiences to come together and talk about their love for Indian cinema. It's also a beautiful platform to discuss how our industry is evolving and know what the audience expects from us. Kudos to the team at Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films for creating something like this and including me in it." Lyricist and Actor Swanand Kirkire spoke about the platform, sharing, "The Indian film industry has evolved tremendously since the time I started my career. There are so many different kinds of films being made and appreciated today. When it comes to short films, Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films has been a real gamechanger. The platform brings out the brilliance of short films like nothing else. I am happy to be associated with them in their endeavor to foster a creative environment for artists in this industry." After successfully wrapping up all the on-ground events in Gurugram, Kolkata and Pune, Royal Stag Barrel Select Large Short Films 'Select Films, Select Conversations' will soon be released on-air.

SFA Championships 2023-2024 begins India's grassroots sporting revolution



Pune (Voice news service):- Sports For All (SFA), India's largest tech-enabled multi-sport school competition platform, has set a new benchmark in discovering and empowering young sporting talent, through SFA Championships. With a commitment to host Championships in 10 cities this year, SFA has successfully concluded 6 SFA Championships in 60 days in cities namely Indore, Dehradun, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Pune, and Mumbai. In just about two months, the SFA Championships inspired more than 80,000 athletes from over 3,000 schools, fueling their sporting ambitions and contributing to India's untapped sporting potential. True to the endeavor of giving youth inspiring and joyful sporting experiences, SFA Championships transformed iconic sporting venues in each city for school athletes to play. Stadiums like the Shree Shiv

Chhatrapati Sports Complex (in Balewadi) Pune, the Saiwasi Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur, the Gachibowli Sports Complex in Hyderabad, Abhay Prashal Sports Club and Basketball Complex, Indore, and Shahaji Raje Krida Sankul (Sports Complex) in Andheri fostered a conducive environment for sporting excellence. Bolstering the athlete's spirit to play in a professional environment, needs immense support of the local machinery to work seamlessly. Through this sporting platform the local economies have witnessed growth with SFA Championships, thus creating value for every stakeholder and leading towards capacity building for the cities and states to host reputable large-scale multi-sport events. Fostering collaboration with local coaches, academies, vendors, and other businesses, boosting the travel and hospitality industries, providing employment for residents, and opportunities for students, SFA Championships are on their way to strengthen the city's economic health, through sports. Its noteworthy to recall that on a single day in Octo-

ber, three cities hosted school sports competitions across eight venues, engaging 1242 workforce members, volunteers, and officials across 12 sporting disciplines. Inching closer to the milestone for 2023-2024, Rajas Joshi, COO & Championships Director, SFA, added, "Reflecting upon how SFA Championships has bought alive a revolution, it becomes apparent that sports transcend beyond a physical activity and is indeed an emotion. The unparalleled enthusiasm at the Championships reaffirms our belief that these young athletes only required a platform, to come play. With 80,000 school athletes playing within a span of 60 days, the 'Ab Jeeetega India' movement, through the SFA Championships, is a historic beginning for the nation to build a formidable grassroots sporting ecosystem. And a sustainable one that is now available on the screens of Viacom18". SFA Championships and Viacom18 have partnered to make school sports accessible to millions of sports fans, across the country. The Championships can now be



viewed on JioCinema (app), Sports18-2, and Sports18 Khel (tv channels). This further deepens with visibility of the Championships on DD Sports. As the SFA Championships concluded, parents, coaches and athletes celebrated a transformative event that went beyond traditional sports competitions. Each child's dream echoed aspirations of winning at the Olympics and representing the nation at the highest level. SFA's organizational prowess was evident in bringing together a myriad of sports on such a grand scale, creating a unique platform where several national and international-level players competed across diverse sporting disciplines. SFA Championships is poised to make sports accessible for young athletes across the country, thereby empowering today's talent to become the Champions of tomorrow.

Pune all set to host the first-ever EXSPO this Christmas weekend

Pune (Voice news service):- A large-format first-of-its-kind Sports + Fitness Exhibition cum Conclave to be hosted at Moshi by the Kisan Organizers from Saturday, 23rd to Monday, 25th Dec (10 am to 7 pm). Pune, often termed as a young Sports City, is adding another chapter in its famed sports book. The Kisan Organizers along with Asian Trade Fairs Pvt Ltd and Fit2Sport, a state-of-the-art Sports Clinic, promoted by the renowned Sports Dr. Ajit Mapari, have come together to conceive a first-of-its-kind exciting endeavor in the country - EXSPO. Besides showcasing new, upcoming sports like Pickleball and featuring various exhibitors in the sports & fitness sector, a distinct feature is the Conclave, entailing

Sports Science related Workshops and Conference too, aimed particularly towards the physio, sports coaches, trainers & the athletes community. Renowned UK Coach, Nino has already landed in the City and is looking forward to deliver two workshops for the first time in India - Sports Coaches Mastery and Warm-up & Agility. These workshops are meant for the Sports coaches, Physios, to equip themselves with the latest know-how and best practices currently being adopted by the best coaches and athletes in the World. Brimming with excitement, Nino said, "On the special request from my dear friend, Dr. Ajit, I am sacrificing my Christmas' Eve but I am really pleased to be here to impart my knowledge & insights,

derived from coaching the best in the World." Additionally, enriching presentations have been scheduled on related topics by the respective Subject Matter Experts and Panel Discussions as well, which will feature prominent Sports Industry Leaders and top Representatives from Government Organizations as well. Dr. Ajit Mapari of Fit2Sport says, "Having myself studied in UK with the best in the world of Sports Exercise & Medicine and being associated with the top athletes of our country, I know that we have a huge talent pool of coaches, physical trainers who can also match up to the best in the world. They just need the right exposure and direction and that's what we are looking to address with this



Conclave. I request my fellow sports fraternity to make use of this opportunity right here in our own City". Top Food brand, Suhana, has come forward to support the EXSPO Conclave as the Food Partner, while premier Sports Education Institution, IISM, is the Knowledge Partner and new-age leading customized shoe insole brand, Shapecrunch, is supporting the Running Gait Analysis workshop. Home-grown patented fitness testing App, Athlex, is the App Partner.

16 teams for 18th edition of Ankur Joglekar Memorial Inter IT Cricket Championship Cup 2023-24

Pune (Voice news service):- A total 16 teams from various leading IT companies of Pune and vicinity will be seen in action at 18th edition of 'Ankur Joglekar Memorial' Inter IT Cricket Championship Cup 2023-2024 which is being organized by Ankur Joglekar Memorial Foundation in association with IDEaS a SAS Company from 23rd December 2023. Wing Commander Uday Joglekar, President, Ankur Joglekar Memorial Foundation & Father of Ankur Joglekar and Mr. Vijay Joglekar, VP of Ankur Joglekar Memorial Foundation & Uncle of Ankur Joglekar said that, Ankur Joglekar lost his life in a fatal road accident in the year 2005, an employee of IDEaS company Ankur Joglekar was a good cricket player. He was a good all-rounder. He represented the State Squad for the Under-19 team and was on the probable list of the National Team of Vidharba. AJM Inter IT Cricket Tournament is just an initiative taken by IDEaS

a SAS Company for the last 18 years to keep the memories of Ankur Joglekar alive and also to raise awareness about Safe Driving of Vehicles, Road Safety & Traffic Disciplines of Pune. This will be the 18th year of the AJM Inter IT Cricket T-20 Tourney organized in fond memories of their employee ANKUR JOGLEKAR by 'IDEaS a sas Company'. Top IT companies of Pune and vicinity including INFOSYS (winners), TCS (runners-up), Tech Mahindra (semi-finalist), KPIT (semi-finalist), IDEaS, Dassault Systems, Cybage, Maersk, Yardi, Amdocs, Pubmatic, SS&C Advance, Mastercard, Veritas, Deutsche Bank and FIS Global. There will be 4 pools & in each pool, there will be 4 teams. Each team will be playing 3 League matches in the first round. The matches will be played on a League cum Knockout basis. The venue of the matches is PCMC VARROC VENGSAKAR GROUND, Thergoan, Pune & will be played only on Saturdays

& Sundays. 2 teams leading the points chart from each pool will qualify for the 'QUARTER FINAL Round' & then the 'SEMI Finals', the best 2 teams will play the 'GRAND FINALE' of the 'AJM 2023-24' on 3rd March 2024 Sunday. The tournament offer total prize money of Rs.1,00,000/- which consists of cash prizes to the Winners Rs.50,000/-, Runners-Up Rs.30,000/-, Man of The Series Rs.5,000/-, Best Batsman of the Tournament Rs.5,000/-, Best Bowler of the Tournament Rs.5,000/- for Men's. 16 ladies' teams will compete for the Championship Title of AJM 2024. The ladies' matches will be played on 6th, 7th, 13th & 14th January 2024 on PCMC VARROC VENGSAKAR GROUND, Thergoan, Pune. The Ladies' tournament has a total prize of Rs.24,000/- which consists of cash prizes to the Winners Rs.10,000/-, Runners Up Rs.5,000/-, Man of The Series Rs.5,000/-, Best Batsman of the Tournament Rs.2,000/-,

Best Bowler of the Tournament Rs.2,000/- for Men's. The tournament opening match will be played between INFOSYS and IDEaS a SAS Company on 23rd December 2023 (Saturday) at PCMC VARROC VENGSAKAR GROUND, Thergoan, Pune. The inauguration will be graced by the presence of Wing Commander Uday Joglekar, President, Ankur Joglekar Memorial Foundation & Father of Ankur Joglekar, Mr. Vijay Joglekar, Vice President, Ankur Joglekar Memorial Foundation & Uncle of Ankur Joglekar, Mr. K. S. Prashant, MD of IDEaS a SAS Company, Mallika James, Finance Head IDEaS India, Mr. Rajiv Nashikkar, Ex-MD & VP IDEaS India Operations, Wing Commander Vidyakar Kala, Ex-Director IDEaS a SAS Company. Cricket Tournament will act as a medium of activity for the employees of various organizations to come on the cricket field on their weekends & compete in the tournament to achieve the common goal of being the Champions for the year 2023-2024.

Go Nisha Go Wins 'Best Serious Game' at the Gala2023 Serious Games Competition

Pune (Voice news service):- Go Nisha Go, a mobile game designed with and for adolescent girls in India, was named "Best Serious Game" at the Gala2023 Serious Games competition in Dublin, Ireland. Led by Howard Delafelle International (HDI), it was created by the USAID-funded Game of Choice, Not Chance direct-to-consumer initiative giving players access to vital resources, products, and services right in the game. Through the power of play, they can discover more about relationships, consent, reproductive health, and personal agency. As girls guide their avatar, Nisha, through various life scenarios, they learn about the importance of choice-making and how the decisions they make shape their future. Adolescence can often be disrupted by early marriage, unwanted pregnancies, and lack of knowledge regarding contraceptives, compounded by a lack of access to credible resources as well as sanitation facilities and products. With the increase in mobile phone penetration across India, HDI recognized the

potential of mobile technology as a transformative tool for outreach and education. Apps and online gaming are increasingly becoming an efficient and practical way to reach youth, giving them direct access to the reliable information and vital products they need. Go Nisha Go is not just a game, it's an innovative tool designed to assist adolescent girls in navigating the unique challenges they commonly face in India during this formative period. By ensuring that girls have the confidence to negotiate relationships, access to reproductive health resources, prioritizing their education and career opportunities, and addressing the challenges of early marriage and pregnancy, they are less likely to drop out of school and are more inclined to pursue a career and education, gain financial independence, and contribute to a more dynamic, equitable society. Dr. Susan Howard, Co-founder of HDI and the visionary behind Go Nisha Go, shared what inspired her to bring the game to life: "I know first-hand that choices can change the trajectory of

one's life. My mom had very clear goals as a young woman. She had ambitions to not only finish school, but to move from India and study in the United States. She negotiated with her parents to delay marriage in pursuit of her education and compromised by marrying after she graduated. I think of her choices and about how her life may have turned out very differently if she hadn't followed her ambitions—and as a result, how my life might have turned out differently. Her story is very much reflected in the game and the avatar, Nisha, the dreamer, is a reflection of my mother. She would be proud to hear the game has been recognized for its creativity and precision, as am I." HDI continues to redefine how we approach education and social issues, demonstrating the profound impact that serious games can have on attitudes, behaviors, and knowledge dissemination. Having the ability to see real-life decisions play out encourages people to make smarter, more informed, and thoughtful decisions in the 'real world'. By creating games that not

only educate but inspire, people can envision and build a better future for themselves and their communities. Kavita Ayyagari, Country Director and India Team Lead, Game of Choice, Not Chance, said, "We are honored to be awarded 'Best Serious Game', it is a testament to HDI's innovative approach in leveraging gaming for educational and developmental impact. The game is a labor of love made with girls from lower-income groups based in Jaipur, Delhi, and Patna whose lives are impacted due to lack of agency and decision-making power." Since its launch in the Google Play Store in June 2022, Go Nisha Go has been downloaded 283,000 times and has earned a rating of 4.5, with positive reviews from both girls and boys. Not only was it recognized in the Academy category for Serious Games crafted and produced in a scientific environment aligned with this year's theme, 'Games for a Better World', Go Nisha Go was also named 'Best Learning Game' in the Games for Change festival earlier this year.

Lions lifts title at the PYC- Vijay Pusalkar PYC Premier League 2023

Pune (Voice news service):- Harsha Jain scored unbeaten 52 runs to help Lions registered a 7 wickets win over GM Typhoons to emerge winners at the 10th Edition of 'PYC- Vijay Pusalkar PYC Premier League 2023', which is being organized by PYC Hindu Gymkhana played on their ground. The winner Lions received a trophy. The prizes were given away at the hands of Mr. Kumar Tamhane, Hon. President, Mr. Sarang Lagu, Hon. Secretary of PYC Hindu Gymkhana, Mr. Rohan Pusalkar of Pusalkar Group,

Mr. Vinayak Dravid, Cricket Secretary, Mr. Abhijit Khanvilkar of Hodek, Mr. Sameer Belvalkar of Belvalkar Housing Limited, Mr. Shrinivas Chaphalkar of Chaphalkar Karandikar Developers, Mr. Ashish Desai of Sujani, Mr. Amir Ajaonkar of Supreme Infra, Mr. Venkatesh Kashiherkar of Navitas Senset Mr. Abhishek Tamhane and Mr. Manda Deogaonkar, Mr. Shirish Sathe, Mr. Siddharth Bhawe, Mr. Nandan Dongre, Mr. Shirish Apte, Mr. Sidharth Date were present on the occasion. Mr. Mahendra Gokhale welcomed the guest and pro-

posed a vote of thanks. Results: Final Round: GM Typhoons: 71/4 in 6Overs (Ashwin Shah 33(165.2x4.3x6), Nikhil Kanitkar 19(8.3x6), Aseem Deogaonkar 1-4, Monish Gokhale 1-8) lost to Lions: 75/1 in 5.3Overs (Harsha Jain not out 52(18.7x6), Ishant Rege 11, Krish Shah 1-15). MOM-Harsha Jain; Lions won by 7 wickets. Other Prizes: Best Batsman: Ishant Rege (320runs); Best Fielder: Dev Shewale; Best Wicketkeeper: Ashutosh Shah; Best Fielder Final Match: Monish Gokhale.



Pande (256 runs, 5wickets); Best Valuable Senior Player: Anil Chajed; Best Valuable Senior Player: Aseem Deogaonkar; Best Fielder: Dev Shewale; Best Wicketkeeper: Ashutosh Shah; Best Fielder Final Match: Monish Gokhale.

22nd Edition Guru Tegh Bahadur Gold Cup Football Tournament from December 24

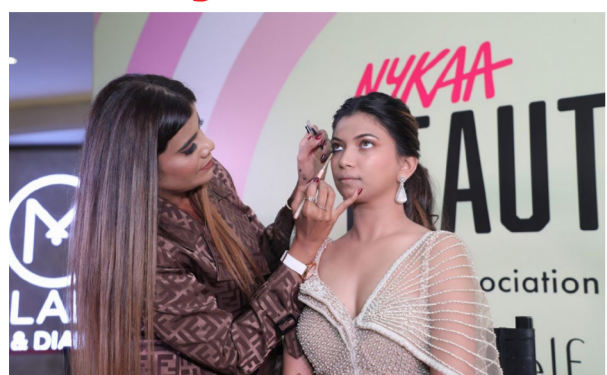
Pune (Voice news service):- After completing 21 glorious years of hosting Guru Tegh Bahadur Football Tournament, which has had received exemplary response from the football clubs across Pune, the Guru Tegh Bahadur Sports Foundation (GTBSF) has decided to upgrade city's one of the most popular football tournament, into gold cup to coincide with 348th martyrdom of Guru Shri Tegh Bahadur Sahib. The year 2023 marked 348 years since Guru Tegh Bahadur was killed. The tournament will be held from



December 24th to 31st, 2023 at its usual venue, the Range Hills Sports ground, Khadki Mr. S.S. Ahluwalia President of the GTBSF

said addressing a press conference on Saturday. The prestigious tournament will be open for teams from 2nd and 3rd divisions, senior and Super divisions. There will be a separate tournament for women's teams too. Besides handsome cash prizes, footballs, bags, medals to all winners and runners up teams, each participating player will be given a certificate of participation, said Mr. Ahluwalia. All those involved in the organising committee worked relentlessly as if it was seva for Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib."

Nykaa Brings Its Beauty Bar to Pune



Pune (Voice news service):- Nykaa, India's most preferred beauty and lifestyle destination, has brought back its hugely successful Beauty Bars with an exciting event at Trivandrum Lulu Mall. Over 100 beauty enthusiasts were treated to a masterclass with world-renowned makeup artist Bijal Gada, where they learned tips and tricks to create an ultra glamorous look, using some of the biggest brands such as e.l.f. cosmetics, Kay Beauty, Milani, Nykaa Cosmetics, Love Earth. Featuring makeovers with essential makeup, hair, and skincare products, Nykaa ensured that every attendee enjoyed the session and left looking and feeling fabulous. Pune's resident makeup artist Bijal Gada created a Holiday Glam look that can be easily taken from day to night. She started by prepping the model's skin with the Kay beauty priming oil coupled with the Nykaa prep me up primer, and the Nykaa cosmetics foundation for a flawless base. In the spirit of the festive season, she highlighted the cheeks

with Milani blush. She completed the look with glittery eyes using the Kay Beauty Eyeshadow Palette, mixed with the e.l.f. cosmetics liquid shimmer, and Kay beauty brown Kajal and Nykaa cosmetics sketchpen liner, adding a touch of sheen using the Love earth gloss. As a finishing touch to the look, Bijal used Nykaa cosmetics highlight on the model's skin. Speaking about this much-loved consumer focused property, the Nykaa Spokesperson said, "Nykaa has remained committed to bringing the best brands, products, and trends from the world of beauty, closer to consumers in new and interesting formats. Our Beauty Bars have gained much popularity and love over the years, and we are thrilled with all the love Pune has shown us. We will be hosting several such Beauty Bars throughout the year, across multiple cities, and look forward to creating memorable experiences for our consumers with some of the most sought-after brands, experts and offers in beauty."

3 foods Soha Ali Khan swears by for healthy skin during winter



Pune (Voice news service):- "Winter is here!" and it's that time of the year when most of us face skin woes. The season can wreak havoc on our skin — making it dry, itchy, and irritated. At this time, it becomes important to take extra care of our skin. There are many simple ways to combat the causes of dry winter skin and help keep your skin feeling moist and supple all season long, including some easy changes to your everyday diet. Read on to find 3 pro-tips by prominent Bollywood Actress Soha Ali Khan on the three foods she includes to take care of her skin during winter:

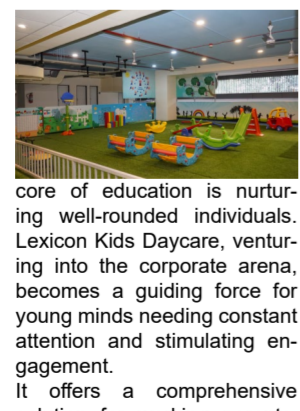
Almonds: You are what you eat is an adage I live by. My day starts with a handful of almonds, this is one habit I grew up with. Almonds help me maintain skin health as they contain healthy fats and vitamin E which have been shown to benefit the skin. Moreover, I also read that Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani texts say that

almonds are good for skin health and can enhance skin glow. I would recommend everyone to make the consumption of almonds a daily habit as part of their beauty regime. Whether at home, work, or while travelling, almonds can be eaten anytime. What's best about almonds is that they can also be consumed in the roasted or flavoured form! **Beetroot juice:** I especially like drinking beetroot juice during winter as it adds glow to my skin. Because of its anti-inflammatory properties, it also helps prevent acne and pimples. I prefer drinking cold-pressed beetroot juice as it helps retain the nutrients and fibers rather than eating it as a curry. As it's a powerful antioxidant, it helps in keeping my skin moisturized. Drinking beetroot juice and staying hydrated throughout the day aids in flushing out the toxins, making me feel rejuvenated.

Amla: Amla, which is also called Indian gooseberry, is one of my favourite foods to consume for better skin health. As Amla is enriched with Vitamin C it helps a lot with my skin woes such as dryness specifically during winter. As Amla is bitter, I cut them into small pieces, dip it in honey and eat or have it in the form of juice. Drinking Amla juice regularly really helps in skin exfoliation and helps remove pigmentation or blemishes from my skin as well.

Stepping into corporate landscape, Lexicon Kids Daycare broadens its horizons

Pune (Voice news service):- Lexicon Kids, a pioneer in preschool education for the past decade, is delighted to announce the inauguration of its new Daycare branch in Panchshil Business Park, Viman Nagar. This strategic expansion marks the entry into the corporate sector, emphasizing the commitment to supporting parents in ensuring the well-being of their children near their workplace. Lexicon Kids boasts 9 Preschool branches and 7 daycare branches.



core of education is nurturing well-rounded individuals. Lexicon Kids Daycare, venturing into the corporate arena, becomes a guiding force for young minds needing constant attention and stimulating engagement. It offers a comprehensive solution for working parents, allowing them to meet their corporate commitments while ensuring their children's overall development. Lexicon Kids opens its daycare facility to all, irrespective of employment at Panchshil. The Daycare is committed to providing a safe and encouraging environment where every child can learn, grow, innovate, and excel. Located at Level P1, Tower No. B, Survey No. 206/2, CTS No. 78 to 85, Viman Nagar, Pune.

CA's are playing a vital role in strengthening the economy

Pune (Voice news service):- Chartered Accountants (CA) is a confluence of knowledge and truth. CA's are the driving force behind the Indian economy and you all are playing a vital role in strengthening the economy, stated Dr. Ajit Ranade, Vice Chancellor of Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics. He also stressed that young demography, urbanization, use of renewable energy, digital economy, and infrastructure are the five key factors to achieve a five trillion dollar economy. Dr. Ajit Ranade inaugurated the two-day national conference for CA students organized by SSEB, Board of Studies (operations) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) in association with Pune branch of ICAI and the Pune branch of WICASA at Vardhman Sanskrutik Kendra, Bibewadi. 'Dnyangama', the theme of the conference, and more than 2000 CA students across the country in this conference. Dr. Ajit Ranade appreciated the CA profession. He said that we have to focus on the knowledge economy. You CA students are the future of the Indian economy. India became an exporter of



software technologies and remittances. Adopt new technology, and deep knowledge and be the pillar of the economy, he added. CA Chandrashekhar Chitale said ICAI is always on the front to guide the CA students. Along with the syllabus, many extracurricular activities have been organized throughout the year. CA's are the architecture of the Indian economy. CA Mangesh Kinare mentioned that CA is not a dis-

ance learning course. We have to learn from day-to-day experience. Students should adopt more knowledge and technological advancements. CA Dayaniwas Sharma appealed to students to live with self-motivation and confidence. CA Ruta Chitale stressed the importance of reusing, recycling, and reducing waste. She also appealed to avoid the use of plastic. CA Yashwant Kasar said that we have to always keep learning new things. CA Rajesh Agrawal briefed about the initiatives run by the ICAI Pune branch. CA Sachin Miniyar gave welcome speech. Sanchi Honrao & Abhishek Puranik compared the program. CA Amruta Kulkarni gave a vote of thanks.

'Suryadatta' is dedicated to raise the living standard of the disabled



Pune (Voice news service):- The 'Jalosh 2023' (Trio Celeb Fest 2023) organized by the Suryadatta Group of Institutes for children with disabilities has concluded marking fourteen world records. These records are confirmed and awarded by India Star Book of World Records, Guinness World Records, International World Records, etc. This thirteenth season of 'Jalosh' took place at Surya Bhawan in Bavdhan Campus of 'Suryadatta' featuring activities like magic experiments, dance performances, food distribution, balloon bursting and distribution of bicycles to students from remote areas. 1,200 students including 600 from 21 schools for disabled children and one school in tribal areas, and 600 from Suryadatta National School, gathered to celebrate the New Year and Christmas festival. This gathering full of activities for four consecutive hours set a world record. These include India Star Book of Records, India Star World Records, Republic World Records, Uttar Pradesh World Re-

ords, UK World Records, Guinness World Records, Women's World Records, International World Records, Indian Icon Records, International Women's World Records, Uttarakhand Book of Records, Hope International World Records, Assam Book of Records, Bengal Book of Records. This event has also been registered for the Limca Book of Records. Founder President of 'Suryadatta' Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordia, Vice President Sushama Chordia, Social Welfare Department Officer Praveen Korgantiwar, Sakal Social Foundation Rahul Garud, Lions Club Director (Disabled Welfare) Seema Dabke appreciated various activities of children. Dr. Sheetal Bagul, Madhuri Pandit, Trushali Jadhav from Shantidoot Parivar along with others were present. Marking the completion of 25 years of 'Suryadatta', 25 prominent people like headmasters, teachers, social workers, psychologists, caregivers working for the disabled were honored with 'Suryadatta Suryabharat Surya Gaurav Award 2023'.



Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordia said, "Jalosh 2023 has been organized on behalf of 'Suryadatta' to encourage and improve the living standards of disabled children, and efforts are being made by 'Suryadatta' to enable them with maximum facilities. This year 600 disabled students from 21 schools gathered together in one place to celebrate this occasion. Moreover, participation of 600 students from Suryadatta National School and 100 students - parents from tribal areas set a unique kind of world record." "I see God in the disabled students. They have immense energy. We should not see the disabled as unable, but as a gift from God. The living standards of the disabled should be raised, they should be encouraged, they should be provided with all facilities to lead a normal life. This is the first time that such an activity is being undertaken. The contribution of the participating institutions is commendable," said Prof. Dr. Sanjay Chordia mentioned. Praveen Korgantiwar said, "Pune district is proud to be a

leader in working for the disabled. There is a big difference between working through 'CSR' and heartfelt contribution. Mr. and Mrs. Chordia are working for the disabled as a mission. Other social institutions need to take their work as an example. Implementation of such activities for the disabled is the need of the hour." Rahul Garud said, "Sakal Social Foundation in collaboration with Suryadatta for innovative activities consistently. 25 to 30 bicycles were distributed to the students from remote and tribal areas every month. As Suryadatta completed 25 years, 25 students of Mhasal in Raigad district were provided with bicycles. This activity will be helpful in reducing their commuting time and sparing more time for study." Seema Dabke explained the background of the program. She said, "This year is the 13th year of the program, every year Suryadatta makes this program a success pouring out everything from the bottom of heart. It helps to boost the morale of disabled children. This motivates and empowers our students".

BGauss and TIES Group Join Forces to Transform Last-Mile Delivery in Pune with 500 Electric Vehicles

Pune (Voice news service):- In a move that resonates with the spirit of innovation and community in Pune, BGauss, a renowned electric vehicle manufacturer, and TIES Group, a pioneering startup in last-mile delivery solutions, both born and nurtured in the vibrant city of Pune, have joined forces. This strategic partnership is not just a leap in the electric vehicle (EV) sector, but a testament to Pune's emerging role as a hub for sustainable solutions. As two homegrown companies unite, they bring a shared dream to life - a vision of cleaner, greener streets and a brighter, more sustainable future for the city they call home. The collaboration unites the strengths of two industry vanguards, blending BGauss's prowess in crafting premium electric bikes with TIES Group's advancements in last mile delivery solutions. This synergy is set to fast-track the transition to electric mobility, offering customers enhanced access to cutting-edge, eco-friendly transportation solutions along with flexible

financing options. "TIES Group was founded with a deep-rooted commitment to societal change, especially focused on uplifting the lower economic strata. Selecting the last-mile delivery sector as our domain, we aim to create a significant impact. With technology, integrity, ethics, and sustainability as our core pillars, we found a shared vision with BGauss. This collaboration is a natural progression of our goals," states Ankur Jain, Founder, and CEO of TIES Group. Chandra Prakash, Head-Fleet Business at TIES Group, says "Our partnership with BGauss is a step towards achieving a carbon-negative fleet. The electric vehicles we have introduced not only offer lower running and maintenance costs but also ensure better performance and zero emissions. This initiative is a significant leap towards reducing urban pollution." Hrishabh Yadav, Head- Last Mile Solutions at TIES Group emphasized on the social benefits: "This initiative goes be-



yond just enhancing delivery efficiency. It's about empowering our delivery personnel, providing them with sustainable and economical vehicles. This approach not only improves their working conditions but also supports them in becoming more self-reliant. The flexibility and ease of use associated with these EVs are game-changers for them." Commenting on the partnership Mr. Hemant Kabra, Founder & MD, BG Electric Scooters & Director, RR Global said, our vision is to "Provide an Indigenous Electric Scooter with World Class Quality and Technology to not just End Consumers but also to fleet with partnerships across the Eco System for growth and sustainability. With this partnership with TIES, we want to display the direct advantage of adopting elec-

tric mobility in terms of the savings and contributing to a cleaner environment". At BG Electric Scooters, our focus is to deliver the best quality of Electric Scooters and after sales service to enrich the EV eco system and such B2B partnership will enable to scale up the last mile deliveries through zero emissions. BG Electric Scooters introduced BG D15, A Stylish, 16" Wheels metal body scooter fully made in India to cater to the growing demands of Indian Consumers who want to ride more with comfort and safety. It's a rugged, stylish and smart product, which blends with technology and superior riding experience to make it the Choice of every EV aspirant including the Last mile delivery partners.

FAST India to Hold India Science Festival 2024 at IISER Pune on January 20th and 21st, 2024

The Foundation for Advancing Science & Technology (FAST India) is excited to announce the India Science Festival (ISF) 2024, set to be hosted at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Pune on January 20th and 21st, 2024. FAST India, a non-profit organization co-founded by Ashish Dhawan (Founder, The Convergence Foundation) and Varun Aggarwal (Founder, Aspiring Minds and The Change

Engine), has a resolute mission to propel the frontiers of Science and Technology across India. In its pursuit of scientific advancement, FAST India has previously aligned with influential bodies such as the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA), Capacity Building Commission (CBC), Banaras Hindu University (BHU), and IIT Kanpur. One of its most celebrated initiatives, the India Science

Festival, stands as India's premier non-governmental platform that celebrates the essence of science. It is worth noting that the inaugural ISF 2020 was hosted at IISER Pune, bringing this collaboration full circle. The remarkable success of ISF 2023 in Hyderabad, which drew over 18,000 attendees, vividly demonstrates India's growing reverence for science and technology. ISF 2024 will host over 40

expert talks and panel discussions on important science and technology topics, featuring global eminent personalities such as Takashi Ikegami (University of Tokyo), Samir Mitragotri (Harvard University), Alan Harvey (University of Western Australia), Sampri Bhattacharya (Parikh, Navier), and Sudip Founder (CEO, AAAS), to name a few. The forum will also showcase multiple science-related exhibits and workshops.

Bhimthadi Jatra Unveils a Grand Celebration of Tradition, Elegance, and Empowerment



Pune (Voice news service):- Bhimthadi Jatra, the eagerly anticipated annual cultural and agricultural extravaganza, unfolded its grandeur from December 21st to December 25th at the sprawling Agricultural College Ground. The inaugural ceremony, held at 5:00 pm on December 21st, marked the commencement of a week-long celebration filled with cultural richness, empowerment, and a forward-thinking approach. Distinguished guests and community leaders graced the inauguration ceremony, led by the esteemed Mrs. Sunanda Tai Pawar. Mrs. Sunanda Tai Pawar, a beacon of wisdom and cultural preservation, remarked, "Bhimthadi Jatra echoes our rich heritage, resonating with the vibrant spirit of our communities. This event is not just a celebration but a testament to the resilience and enduring traditions that define us. Bhimthadi Jatra is a tapestry of stories woven by the hands of our talented artisans, showcasing the indomitable spirit of our self-help groups, and a commitment to sustainability. As we light the lamp of auspicious beginnings, let us embark on a journey of cultural immersion, empowerment, and environmental consciousness. Together, we

create more than an event; we cultivate an experience that transcends time, embracing tradition, elegance, and the promise of a brighter, sustainable future for all." The event was inaugurated by Vijayalakshmi Chhabra, Ashwini Narayan and Shwetashree Majumdar, through the lighting of the lamp, symbolising auspicious beginnings, created a captivating atmosphere, setting the stage for the festivities that followed. Bhimthadi Jatra proudly provides a platform for women's self-help groups to showcase their talents and entrepreneurial skills. These groups will be selling homemade items, offering a unique shopping experience for visitors while supporting local artisans and craftsmen. In its dedication to environmental responsibility, Bhimthadi Jatra is declared a no-plastic zone. The event actively promotes eco-friendly practices, encouraging visitors to embrace sustainable living. As part of this commitment, the festival showcases sustainable brands, fabrics, and much more, providing reusable alternatives and encouraging a waste-free environment. Event Details: Dates: Till December 25th, 2023, Venue: Agricultural College Ground, Pune

International Diabetes Federation Doctors applaud Pune Doctor!

Experts hail Dr. Pramod Tripathi's evidence based approach



Pune (Voice news service):- Renowned Experts of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Dr. Banshi Saboo (Diabetologist, Chair-Elect- IDF SE Asia Region), Dr. Peter Schwarz (President-Elect- International Diabetes Federation), and Padma Shri Dr. Shashank Joshi (Senior Endocrinologist & Diabetologist, Past Chair- IDF SE Asia Region) applauded Dr. Pramod Tripathi's Revolutionary Approach to Diabetes Remission and Prevention at Muktsav - The Festival of Freedom. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) is an umbrella organization of over 240 national diabetes associations in 160 countries and territories. Muktsav is an annual flagship festival of FFD which celebrates individuals who have undergone FFD's unique program and who have successfully passed the glucose tolerance test. The program primarily focuses on lifestyle and diet modifications. Dr. Pramod Tripathi, the founder of Freedom from Diabetes, was recently honored for his dedicated service toward the remission and prevention of diabetes. The accolade acknowledged a decade of unwavering commitment to transforming lives of diabetics and their family members. Over 15,000+ diabetics are free of insulin and/or medicines and it's a proud mo-

ment for Pune' that the recognition is coming not only from national bodies, but also internationally with the results published in international conferences like ADA (American Diabetes Association) and EASD (European Association for the Study of Diabetes) this year. Dr. Banshi Saboo expressed profound admiration for Tripathi's visionary idea of achieving "Freedom from Diabetes". Dr. Saboo underscored the significance of imparting education, which motivates and envisions a diabetes-free future for the upcoming generations. Addressing Dr. Pramod Tripathi as "Dr Roy Taylor of India," Dr. Shashank Joshi praised the FFD family, considering each participant who has cleared Glucose Tolerance Test as an ambassador in the global fight against diabetes. He hailed the diet and exercise methodology of FFD as unparalleled and labeled the organization as a true global game-changer. Joining the chorus of acclaim, Dr. Peter Schwarz applauded all achievers and stressed the importance of prevention of Diabetes. He lauded Dr. Pramod Tripathi's dedication to the cause. He supported FFD's emphasis on educating people about fasting and the right physical activity for managing diabetes, obesity, liver health and endocrine disorders.

Exhibits like Drone Interceptors, Autonomous Vehicles, DNA Isolation, Brain-Computer Interfaces, and Bionics will engage participants of all ages.

Varun Aggarwal, Co-Founder of FAST India, noted, "Our partnership with IISER Pune solidifies our dedication to India's Science and Technology ecosystem. The India Science Festival holds immense potential, and we're enthusiastic about harnessing it with IISER

Pune by our side." Prof. K. VijayRaghavan, former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India and advisory board member of FAST India, added, "This collaborative effort between FAST India and IISER Pune represents a significant milestone in India's Science and Technology evolution, promising to enlighten, educate, and connect the science and technology community with the wonders of science."

Wheebox Unveils India Skills Report 2024: "Impact of AI on the Future of Work, Skilling & Mobility"

Pune (Voice news service)-Wheebox, a leading firm in remote proctored assessments and consulting services, today released the 'India Skills Report 2024', spotlighting the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the nation's workforce under the theme, "Impact of AI on the Future of Work, Skilling & Mobility." This eleventh edition, based on the extensive Wheebox National Employability Test (WNET) with 3.88 lakh participants and insights from 152 corporations, unfolds key highlights that underscore India's leadership in the AI domain. The extensively insightful report reveals that India boasts a global leadership position in AI skill penetration and talent concentration, earning an impressive score of 3.09. With an installed talent base of 416K AI professionals as of August 2023, the nation is well-poised to meet the current demand of approximately 629K, a figure expected to surge to 1 million by 2026. The WNET employability survey in the India Skills Report 2024 reveals nuanced trends and demographic transformations among the nation's employable youth, offering profound insights into their evolving expectations. In India, the overall young employability has improved to 51.25% over the previous year.



Among states with large talent pools, Haryana, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, and Telangana have the highest concentration of highly employable youth. Specifically, Haryana leads with 76.47% of test takers scoring 60% and above on the WNET. In the age range of 22 to 25 years, Uttar Pradesh stands out with the highest talent concentration at 74.77%, followed closely by Maharashtra at 71.97%. Additionally, the overall employability rate within this age group across the top 10 cities is 63.58%. These findings underscore the regional variations and demographic factors influencing the employability landscape in India. According to Mr. Nirmal Singh, Chief Convener of India Skills Report, and Founder and CEO, Wheebox, "Today, as we unveil the India Skills Report 2024, I extend my deepest gratitude to all who contributed to this insightful exploration of our nation's AI landscape. India's

potential to lead the global AI revolution is evident in the significant strides we've made, coupled with the vibrant IT landscape that defines us. Navigating this transformative journey requires addressing challenges with a focus on inclusion. Collaborative efforts among government bodies, businesses, and educational institutions are paramount, as witnessed in successful youth upskilling initiatives and advancements in our digital infrastructure." He further added, "Investing in AI extends beyond technology; it signifies our commitment to a more inclusive and prosperous future. India's allure for foreign investments in IT and business catalyses our dreams of a digital tomorrow. The AI revolution is our call to shape a people-first economy, lead in innovation, and pioneer a future where technology and humanity harmoniously coexist. The government's commitment to AI-driven economic transforma-

tion is evident through proactive initiatives like the AI Task Force and NITI Aayog's 'National Strategy for AI.' With Technology evolving so rapidly, the true differentiator in learning science is how it is applied and amplified through personalization, analytics, intuitive interpretations, and actionable insights which cannot be achieved without AI. As the largest assessment organization globally, ETS is extremely excited with the focus on AI in the India Skills Report 2024" said Sachin Jain, Country Manager ETS India and South Asia. Talking on the launch, Devashish Sharma, founding member and CEO at Taggd, ISR's knowledge partner said, "Year 2024 will see more and more companies investing in their upskilling initiatives. With new roles across segments getting added to the hiring mandate across industries we will see companies investing in early careers programs. Almost one out of six hires will be in the early careers segment." ISR 2024 extends beyond skilling initiatives to assess the employability of India's youth, emphasizing industry readiness for an AI-powered future. Institutional leadership is categorized into focus areas, highlighting best practices for the next generation of professional development.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor launches Toyota Technical Training and STAR Scholarship Program for Rural Skill Enhancement in Varanasi

Pune (Voice news service)- Toyota Kirloskar Motor [TKM] announced the launch of the 64th T-TEP institute at Government Industrial Training Institute, Karaundi, Varanasi. The primary objective of this initiative is to enhance the skill set of students especially from rural areas, thereby enhancing their employability through the company's unique training initiative namely Toyota Technical Education Program (T-TEP). The program was launched by Mr. Arun Kumar Yadav, Principal, Government Industrial Training Institute, Karaundi, Varanasi, Mr. Vikram Gulati, Country Head and Executive Vice President, Mr. V. Wiseline Sigamani, General Manager, Strategic Business Unit, TKM, and Mr. Rahul Goenka, Dealer Principal, Rajendra Toyota. At TKM, we believe that our role in India goes beyond manufacturing and promoting environment-friendly cars. We are committed to create highly skilled and motivated individuals. For over a decade, Toyota Technical Training Institute (TTTI) and Toyota Technical Education Program (T-TEP) have been spearheading the skilling efforts for students from rural, economically challenged backgrounds, towards creation of world class skilled technicians, thus making a difference to the surrounding communities, and contributing to 'Skill India' mission. The company's efforts were acknowledged when one of its



skill champions from TTTI, Mr. Akhilesh Narasimhamurthy, a Mechatronics Bronze Medal Winner at the World Skill Contest 2022, had the opportunity to interact with the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi. T-TEP is a year-long program inclusive of On-the-Job Training (OJT), designed specifically for final-year ITI/Diploma students as a part of their curriculum. Key features of this program are specialized training for T-TEP's lead trainers of the Institute by Toyota, On-the-Job training (OJT) at Toyota dealership for practical skills towards better employability, and a curriculum designed to enhance knowledge of advanced technology to meet the Indian Auto industry requirements. Through T-TEP, thus far, TKM is associated with 64 ITI/Diploma institutes across 26 states. So far, over 12,000 students have been trained and more than 70% of the students are working in various automobile companies and their respec-

tive dealerships across the country. Talking about this partnership, Mr. Arun Kumar Yadav, Principal, Government Industrial Training Institute, Karaundi, Varanasi said, "With growing technology advancements in the auto industry and unprecedented growth in motorization, and customers expectation for best-in-class services, there is a need for highly skilled technicians, making it important for students at technical training centres to have access to advanced technologies and gain hands-on experience. With this collaboration, students at Government Industrial Training Institute, Karaundi, Varanasi will get an opportunity to understand Toyota's values, best practices, and advance technologies, thereby benefitting the students, the Indian auto industry, and contributing to Skill India Mission." Present at the Launch, Mr. Vikram Gulati, Country Head & Executive Vice President, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said,

"Since its inception in 2006, T-TEP has become a benchmark in providing advanced industry-oriented courses to develop talented youths and equip them with relevant skills and knowledge of latest automotive technologies meeting the needs of the rapidly growing Indian Auto industry. To further support needy students to pursue their studies, we announced Scholarship program for Technical education And Recognition (STAR) under T-TEP. This program is a distinct initiative, aimed to empower deserving students from financially challenging backgrounds to enhance their skills and livelihood opportunities. In addition, the collaboration with Government Industrial Training Institute, Karaundi, Varanasi will strengthen the talent pool from the grass root level with a special focus on rural areas." Talking about this initiative, Mr. Rahul Goenka, Dealer Principal, Rajendra Toyota said "As a part of this course, students will be exposed to the latest curriculum covering automobile fundamentals, Toyota values and basic soft skills. Rajendra Toyota is committed to supporting these students by providing on-job training and facilitating their skill development. Government Technical Training Institute, Karaundi, Varanasi which will enable the students to further enhance their skills and make them employable in the auto industry."

Amway India strengthens its premium skincare range

Pune (Voice news service)- In its quest to provide a visibly healthy beauty to meet the diverse needs of an ever-evolving consumer, Amway India, one of the leading FMCG direct-selling companies, strengthens its Artistry Skin Nutrition range with Artistry Skin Nutrition Vitamin C + HA3 Daily Serum. This daily 'hero serum' provides enhanced hydration for brighter, radiant skin and a visibly healthy, youthful glow. Universally safe with all skin types, the Artistry Skin Nutrition Vitamin C + HA3 Daily Serum seamlessly complements the Artistry Skin Nutrition range, encompassing Artistry Skin Nutrition Anti-aging, and Balancing & Hydrating ranges. Talking about the new launch, Ajay Khanna, CMO, Amway India said, "At Amway India, we are in a constant state of evolution, driven by the dynamic needs of our consumers. We are committed to providing need-based recommendations in skincare that seamlessly aligns with our consumer's aspirations, helping them achieve their skincare goals. Harnessing our extensive expertise in skin science, we developed Artistry Skin Nutrition Vitamin C + HA3 Daily Serum, a hero



serum that embodies the fusion of nature and scientific innovation. Artistry Vitamin C + HA3 Daily is a high-performance brightening Serum that works to visibly reduce lines and wrinkles and plump the appearance of skin with hydration. Concentrated with 2X Vitamin C, 2.4X antioxidants, and tri-action Hyaluronic Acid, Artistry Skin Nutrition Vitamin C + HA3 Daily Serum is a fresh-mix bottle that gives you a boost youthful radiance with every use. As per our consumer perception studies, 80% of users reported that it improved their skin's hydration and tone in less than a week. And, continued use over 4 weeks resulted in visibly brighter and more radiant skin. We are confident that Artistry Skin Nutrition Vitamin C + HA3 Daily Serum will be the most sought-after product, empowering consumers to embrace visibly healthy skin that radiates confidence."

Unlock the power of Vitamin C to amplify skin's youthful radiance and health while fortifying it against environmental aggressors

Kinetic Green aims big in electric scooters, with the launch of ZULU



Pune (Voice news service)- Kinetic Green, a leading manufacturer of electric vehicles in India, launched its highly anticipated, all-new electric scooter, ZULU, at an event in Mumbai. Kinetic Green also unveiled a new brand identity today along with a brand philosophy statement- "Planet at Our Heart". Speaking at the launch, Sulajja Firodia Motwani, Founder and CEO, of Kinetic Green, said, "This is a significant moment for the Kinetic Green family and the EV industry at large. Kinetic Group has been well known and loved by millions for its revolutionary two-wheelers like Kinetic Honda scooter and Kinetic Luna. With the launch of our e-scooter Zulu, Kinetic Green is excited to announce that we will be developing and bringing to our customers a range of 2-wheelers and 3-wheelers in the coming years and now in a "green" avatar. I am

blessed and proud to be able to carry ahead the great Kinetic legacy of innovation and service to society, and now adding a new chapter of "sustainable mobility" to it. Kinetic Green's electric two-wheelers will be zero-emission vehicles, thereby making our planet greener and air cleaner. They will also bring great value and savings to the customers, with very low running costs. We are indeed excited to re-begin the 2-wheeler journey in this new avatar! In addition, our rebranding marks a momentous milestone in our pursuit of innovative and sustainable mobility solutions for the masses." Available in six colours: Pixel White, Insta Orange, UTube Red, Black X, FB Blue and Cloud Grey, the Made-in-India Fame -II compliant high-speed electric scooter is available at an attractive introductory price starting from ₹94,990/- (ex-showroom, Mumbai).

Tata Motors charts a green course for the future of transportation

Pune (Voice news service)- In the midst of India's urbanisation and a growing focus on sustainable mobility, the shift towards cleaner transportation options has become crucial. With the country moving towards electric and hydrogen cell-based vehicles, there's a pressing need for an interim solution to reduce emissions. Natural gas, recognised as a 'transition fuel,' serves as an ideal bridge. Tata Motors, India's leading automobile company, is actively contributing to the development of natural gas-powered vehicles. Leveraging their expertise and commitment to innovation, Tata Motors is playing a pivotal role in shaping the transition to sustainable transportation in India. A Niti Aayog report projects a

fourfold increase in trucks on Indian roads by 2050, emphasising the need for a transition to natural gas-based fuels. This shift is critical for environmental, public health and economic sustainability in the Commercial Vehicle industry. India, dedicated to emission reduction and energy security, actively promotes Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). CNG offers economic advantages, potentially reducing India's crude oil import bill. Dedicated to innovation and sustainable transportation solutions, Tata Motors plays a crucial role in promoting the adoption of CNG in the commercial vehicle sector, in line with India's aspirations for a more environmentally friendly and efficient transportation system. As per reports, Maharashtra has more than 750

CNG stations, contributing to the widespread accessibility of cleaner fuel options. India strategically invests in its natural gas infrastructure to support this transition, with plans for 17,000 operational CNG stations by 2030. National initiatives like the gas grid, additional LNG terminals and the SATAT scheme for bio-CNG aim to broaden natural gas access. Incentives such as tax credits and subsidies encourage the adoption of gas-based vehicles. The Government's approval of a new natural gas pricing mechanism further enhances CNG affordability compared to petrol and diesel, marking a significant step in India's sustainable transportation journey. Mr. Rajesh Kaul, Vice President & Business Head -

Trucks, Tata Motors stated that "At Tata Motors, we are at the forefront of the transition to sustainable fuels. With our wide range of CNG-powered commercial vehicles and our commitment to achieving Net Zero Emissions by 2045, we are leading the charge in sustainable logistics. Our showcase of natural gas, electric and hydrogen options at Auto Expo 2023 demonstrates our dedication to shaping the future of transportation. As the demand for CNG-powered vehicles rises, driven by favorable operating economics and increasing availability, we are confident that natural gas will play a crucial role in the industry's journey towards zero-emission vehicles. Together, we are driving towards a greener and more efficient future."

THE LEELA PALACES, HOTELS AND RESORTS ANNOUNCED AS BEST HOTEL GROUP BY TRAVEL + LEISURE INDIA'S BEST AWARDS 2023

Pune (Voice news service)- The Leela Palaces, Hotels, and Resorts, India's foremost luxury hospitality brand, took centre stage at the 12th edition of India's Best Awards (IBA) by Travel + Leisure India and South Asia by securing four prestigious accolades across distinct categories. This year, yet again for the 4th consecutive year, The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts won the Best Hotel Group in India, and additionally also won Best Service along with its two other properties being recognized as the Best Bleisure Hotel and the Best Convention Centre in a Hotel. India's Best Awards, organised by Travel + Leisure India & South Asia, is an annual reader's choice award that celebrates the best in the hospitality industry. Through an audience-led format, Indian luxury travellers cast their votes over two months, recognising the best-in-class experiences across various categories from among destinations, hotels, airlines, airports, cruises, and lifestyle.

The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts winning the 'Best Hotel Group in India' for the fourth year in a row, is a testament to the brand's consistent efforts towards achieving excellence and its unwavering dedication to guest satisfaction across its various stunning properties. The brand was also awarded 'Best Service' for its signature personalised services and curated experiences, characterized by genuine warmth and meticulous attention to detail, allowing every guest to immerse themselves in a truly luxurious stay. In recognition of its bespoke business amenities and stunning leisure facilities, The Leela Bhartiya City Bengaluru was awarded 'Best Bleisure Hotel', and The Leela Gandhinagar's state-of-the-art convention centre was crowned the 'Best Convention Centre in a Hotel', offering unparalleled venues and meticulous service for unforgettable gatherings. The epitome of true Indian luxury, The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts provides exceptional hospital-

ity, unparalleled guest experiences and stunning designs that celebrate India's rich art, cuisine, and culture. On this extraordinary achievement, Mr. Anuraag Bhatnagar, Chief Executive Officer of The Leela Palaces, Hotels and Resorts said, "We are deeply honoured to be chosen by the readers of Travel + Leisure India and South Asia to receive multiple honours in the India's Best Awards 2023. This remarkable win is a testament of the passion, commitment, and dedication of our team to cater to the ever-evolving needs and expectations of our guests, curate meaningful and customized experiences and create new benchmarks in luxury hospitality industry. We are grateful to receive these awards and would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our valued patrons and guests for their continued appreciation and support." India's Best Awards is a renowned benchmark of excellence for travel and hospitality industry. It honours the finest travel experiences selected by Travel+Leisure's reader-



ship of discerning travellers who cast their votes for their favourite brands and recognize the best-in-class experiences. Readers rate their experiences and evaluate hotels based on characteristics such as rooms, location, food, amenities, value, and services. These accolades reaffirm and celebrate The Leela's thoughtful and customized services, exceptional experiences and solidifies the brand's position as a beacon of refined luxury, world-class service, and unmatched hospitality in India's travel landscape. Remaining steadfast in its commitment to bring the true Indian luxury hospitality experience to travellers around the world, the brand continues to evolve and curate one-of-a-kind experiences that delight guests while staying true to its brand philosophy of 'Atithi Devo Bhava'—Guest is God.

Localization of components will be key to create sustainable ecosystem - Experts

Pune (Voice news service)- Localization of components will be a key to reach affordable technology landscape and to create sustainable ecosystem for EV industry according to experts at a panel discussion on Electrifying Mobility: Conventional ICE vs EV Innovation, Adoption and Promotion - Strategies & Initiatives at CII Next Gen Expo at Deccan College Ground . The panel included Mr Arvind Goel, Chairman, CII WR Taskforce on Future Mobility & Chairman, Tata AutoComp Systems Ltd., Mr Anand Kulkarni, Chief Product Officer & Head HV Programs, Product Line - Electric Vehicles Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd, Dr Arup Basu Managing Director Greaves Cotton Ltd, Ms Sulajja Firodia Motwani Founder and CEO Kinetic Green Energy and Power Solutions Ltd., Mr Rajnikant Behera, Executive Director, RSB Transmissions (I), Mr Nitin Seth Chief Executive Officer - New Mobility, Reliance Industries and Mr Deepal Shah Country Manager, India, BRUGGCONNECT AG, Switzerland. Swati Khandedwal, Executive Editor , Zee Business moderated the session .



Mr Arvind Goel, Chairman, CII WR Taskforce on Future Mobility & Chairman, Tata AutoComp Systems Ltd., said that any disruption in technology takes time. We are on track, but there is a lot of scope to move faster. It is also how we localize our components. Each and every part should be localized to serve the purpose of the country. Export of components for electric vehicles would become far more important business in India. Ms Sulajja Firodia Motwani, Founder and CEO Kinetic Green Energy and Power Solutions Ltd., Mr Rajnikant Behera, Executive Director, RSB Transmissions (I), Mr Nitin Seth Chief Executive Officer - New Mobility, Reliance Industries and Mr Deepal Shah Country Manager, India, BRUGGCONNECT AG, Switzerland. Swati Khandedwal, Executive Editor , Zee Business moderated the session .

In next phase of policy government should continue with the incentives and industry has been requesting the government for fame 3 which will help customers to buy EVs at affordable price. Mr Nitin Seth, Chief Executive Officer New Mobility, Reliance Industries said that there are three aspects which include energy, energy to hardware and solutions. We need to address how we source the energy. The solution today is driven by subsidies which is not sustainable in the long run. OEMs and other stakeholders have to work together and localize. Dr Arup Basu, Managing Director Greaves Cotton Ltd, said that inflection point for us is where reach affordable technology landscape. At that point of time we don't need any external push because the demand for mobility will be well established. If we have large options available

there will be demand. In the next 3 to 4 years there will be significant shift. Mr Anand Kulkarni, Chief Product Officer & Head HV Programs, Product Line - Electric Vehicles Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd said that we are not too far away when Electric Vehicle to get to parity with ICE vehicles (in terms of range of 200km) . There is a high degree of innovation taking place and will drive down the costs and change the value price equation. Addressing the issue of charging infrastructure Mr Deepal Shah Country Manager, India BRUGGCONNECT AG, Switzerland said that instead of focussing on number of charging stations, we need to focus on achieving the objective with highest level of safety and reliability and accessible to everybody . We can lower down the numbers with fastDC charging infrastructure. We can be a leader in EV infrastructure. Mr Rajnikant Behera, Executive Director RSB Transmissions (I), said that the total cost of ownership is critical . Currently we are seeing a transition in the commercial vehicles, especially LCV.

Tata Motors' Vidyadham Initiative helps Raturaj break socioeconomic barriers to pursue his dreams

Pune (Voice news service)- In an interesting turn of events, Raturaj, the son of a humble vegetable vendor from Ghatale village, defied socioeconomic challenges to build a career in engineering and help get his family out of the vicious cycle of poverty. In this journey, Tata Motors held his hand to help him tread the path to success and transform his life forever. In a remarkable feat, Raturaj overcame financial constraints and societal expectations to aspire and achieve his dream career. His family was living hand to mouth with his father's meagre income that he generated by selling vegetables. In such circumstances, he was

not able to concentrate on his studies and was on the verge of giving up studies in class 9. Just then he got enrolled for remedial classes run by Tata Motors in his school which helped him come out with flying colours in class 10th board examinations. Enthused with this assistance, Raturaj consistently performed well in his studies and pursued a career in engineering. With his grit and determination, he completed his professional course in engineering and now works as an Assistant Civil Engineer with a prominent construction company in Chiplun. Commenting on Raturaj's journey, Vinod Kulkarni, CSR Head, Tata Motors said, "Ru-

turaj's success story establishes how access to education can serve as a powerful tool for social upliftment and help in transforming the lives of the people uplifting journey stands as a heartfelt testimony to the life-changing influence of education and opportunities. At Tata Motors, we are committed to empowering bright minds from underprivileged backgrounds, offering the essential resources for them to realise their dreams. Raturaj's success as he pursued his dream of becoming a civil engineer fills us with pride, and we aspire that his achievements will serve as inspiration for countless others to fearlessly pursue their aspirations."

Raturaj expresses his heartfelt gratitude to Tata Motors for their invaluable support in helping him achieve his aspirations. Through impactful initiatives like Tata Motors' Vidyadham program, the company remains a potent force for positive societal change. Since 2013, Tata Motors has reached out to over 200 Government run schools covering more than 20000 students with its remedial classes in government schools to help them improve their academic performance. Post Covid, Tata Motors is conducting these remedial classes via digital learning mode in over 90 schools wherein teachers visit students at regular intervals to resolve queries of the students.