

# Sunday

### **Odysse Electric Vehicle Announces Price Reduction up to Rs.10,000**

Pune: Odysse Electric Vehicles, India's fastest-growing premium electric vehicle manufacturer, announces a substantial price cut across its entire lineup of electric two-wheelers. Effective immediately, customers can eniov savings on every model. with prices slashed by upto Rs 10,000\*. This strategic move aims to democratize electric transportation and accelerate the adoption of sustainable mobility solutions making it even more attractive and affordable

In alignment with its vision of making eco-friendly transportation accessible to all, Odysse Electric Vehicle has implemented a significant price reduction across its entire range of electric two-wheelers which shall be valid upto 31st March,2024

Odysse attributes the price cut to the reduced battery cost, the benefit of which has been passed on to the consumer. With this price reduction, the company aims to empower more individuals to embrace electric mobility and

contribute to building a greener future

> Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Nemin Vora, CEO, Odvsse Electric Vehicles Pvt I td "We are excited to announce this comprehensive price reduction, which underscores our dedication to driving positive change in the mobility landscape. By offering this reduction we demonstrate our commitment to our vision of enhancing affordability along with sustainability to the prospective customers. By making our electric two-wheelers more affordable, we are not only enhancing accessibility but also catalyzing the tran-

sition towards cleaner and more sustainable transportation options." price reduction on This the entire range of electric

two-wheelers further solidifies Odysse Electric Vehicles' position in the electric mobility sector. The company remains committed to innovation, guality, and customer satisfaction, as it continues to spearhead the shift towards a cleaner and more sustainable future

**Center for Advancing Smart Access Solutions** Pune (Voice news service):- Chamberlain Group (CG), a global leader in smart access solutions and Blackstone portfolio company, is proud to announce the opening of its newest Engineering hub, the Chamberlain Group

Pune Innovation Center (CPIC). CG's innovative IoT products include garage door openers, gate operators, commercial door openers, and dock-level openers - powered by its mvQ technology.

CPIC will be the company's second largest Engineering development center, currently located within a 10,000 sq. feet space at the Amar Tech Centre, a new state-ofthe-art facility within Pune's Viman Nagar IT hub. There are already 50 engineers on board, with plans to have 150 engineers with expertise that covers Java, Middleware, Embedded Firmware & Hardware, web and mobile development, data engineering, cloud and DevOps, generative AI, and QE -- in the



**Chamberlain Group Unveils Pune Innovation** 

next two years. CG's decision to set up CPIC in Pune, India, aligns with its broader vision to augment its team's advanced digital engineering skills, as it transforms from a hardware company to a software-focused, IoT leader.

"We've been innovating new hardware products for over 50 years, and now we're shifting to also be a leader in SaaS. with our myQ Ecosystem at the core," said Dan Phillips, Chief Technology Officer at Chamberlain Group. "This new Innovation Center will

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play a major role in our transformation and our goal of

achieving engineering excellence.' CG partnered with R Systems, a Blackstone portfolio company and global leader in digital product engineering, to

help on this journey. "As Chamberlain's preferred partner, R Systems is committed to bringing the right blend of skills and cultural alignment to this strategic collaboration. We look forward to contrib-

uting our digital engineering

expertise and talent nurturing acumen to Chamberlain Group's vision of shaping the future of smart access solutions" said Nitesh Bansal, CEO and MD, R Systems International Limited.

R Systems has taken the responsibility of hiring, training, deploying, and transitioning talent for CPIC. R Systems' deep engineering and domain expertise, leadership commitment and their demonstrated ability to build culturally aligned teams were key differentiators that led to CG's decision to select R Systems as their preferred partner.

Jignesh Shah, Head - India Chamberlain Operations. Group, said, "The opening of CPIC, signifies a pivotal moment in our pursuit of innovation and global excellence in smart access solutions. India is one of the largest talent pools of diverse and skilled engineers for Chamberlain Group and together, we aim to redefine industry standards and bring cutting-edge technology to the forefront.

for Aspirational Consumers Pune (Voice news serwhich have stringent eligibility vice):- Kotak Mahindra Bank criteria, gold loan has a sim-Limited ("KMBL" / "Kotak") pler application & disbursal today announced the launch process. By utilising gold as a collateral borrowers can enof Smart Choice Gold Loan a smarter solution for Aspirajoy lower interest rates comtional customers. With 5 key pared to conventional credit, features, Kotak Smart Choice translating to savings during Gold Loans offer a compelling the course of the loan tenure. Shripad Jadhav, President alternative to conventional credit options. The key fea-Retail Agriculture and Gold tures include fixed monthly Loans, Kotak Mahindra Bank interest rate as low as 0.88%, said, "Gold loans are a versa-NIL processing fee\*, sametile financial product and cater day disbursement\*\*, flexible to a wide range of consumer repayment options, and minineeds.

**Kotak Launches** 

**'Smart Choice' Gold Loans** 

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mal documentation. According to a World Gold Council report, Indian households have 27,000 tonnes of gold. Further, CIBIL data from Dec '23 shows gold loan industry advances at Rs 7.15 lakh crore, which has grown at CAGR of 19% for the last 3 years. Soaring gold prices and easier availability of gold loan from banks and NBFCs have led to a growing number of consumers unlocking the value of their gold jewellery to meet their credit needs.

Kotak 'Smart Choice' Gold Loan was developed basis consumer research gathered by the Bank. It highlighted the need for a product that offers consumers the maximum value and flexibility to meet their credit needs.

bridge the gap between aspirations and reality." The product launch will be led by a new multimedia advertising campaign starting March 1st, 2024. In the first phase, the campaign will go live across TV. Digital and Social Media platforms in Maharashtra and Karnataka

Easy accessibility, same day

processing, attractive pricing,

and the security of gold iew-

ellery contribute to its appeal

among aspirational consum-

ers. As a result, an increas-

ing number of individuals are

considering gold loans as a

cost-effective option compa-

rable to other credit products,

indicating a shifting trend in

consumer financial behaviour.

Kotak 'Smart Choice' Gold

loans can serve as an easy

and reliable financial tool to

Unlike other credit products

Inaugurates first ICSI International ADR Centre at Noida



Pune: With the intent to facilitate Arbitration, Mediation and Conciliation at National and International level the Institute of Company Secretaries

of Mediation, Conciliation and Arbitration. Besides, assisting and educating the masses, the Centre will provide all kinds of ADR services including the training required for it'

Addressing the gathering on

the ocassion CS B Narasim-

han President The ICSI said

"Company Secretaries are at

the realm of laws governing

and ensuring good corporate

governance. Going a step

further in promoting amicable

dispute resolutions especially

in commercial contracts, the

ICSI decided to launch an

'ADR Centre' to facilitate Arbi-

tration Mediation and Concil-

India Inc.

## International Cooperation and better economic integration of South East Asian Nations key to mitigate GeoEconomic challenges in an era of flux

vice):- International Cooperation and better economic integration of South East Asian Nations key to mitigate geo-economic Challenges in an era of flux opined various experts at the inaugural session of the 8th Asia Economic Dialogue jointly organized by Ministry of External Affairs and Pune International Center here in Pune.

The inaugural session on the theme 'Promoting Economic Integration in South Asia' was chaired by Amb. Gautam Bambawale, Convenor, AED 2024, former Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan and former Ambassador to China and Bhutan. Panellists in this session included Amb. Vinay Mohan Kwatra, Foreign Secretary Government of India. along with Amb. Sewa Lamsal, Foreign Secretary, Nepal, and Amb. Masud Bin Momen, Foreign Secretary, Bangladesh.

Dr.S.Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, Government of India in a video address said

Pune (Voice news ser- three categories. One is the supply chain challenge created by the globalization era, the second is a technology challenge which grows by the day given our reliance on it for more aspects of our daily life and the third is the challenge of over concentrations stemming from the nature of globalization. These three phenomena are coming together particularly impact fully when we consider the evolution of critical and emerging technologies. To create a more safe, secure and cooperative world, we clearly need greater international cooperation.

He added that we must build deep national strengths during the Amrit Kaal that will drive the transition towards becoming a developed economy. This is the vision of the Modi Government and our initiatives and programs of the last decade are aimed to this verv end.

Amb. Vinay Mohan Kwatra Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India said that conflicts and associated disruptions require strong mitigation by each country. But Geo Economics in many ways also presents a set of opportunities specially



for India . When globally the countries are looking for reliable destinations for supply chains, market access, capital looking for destinations which can offer strong returns on equity, this has benefitted India

Post Covid growth patterns tell a story and it is not just of numbers . Combined them with crucial matrices and perception of India and how it translated into evidence and strongest evidence comes from FDI flows, a large chunk has come post covid. All this comes together in a package that presents a picture of strength,.hope and optimism,

picture of evidence based growth which is not only national but where the international business community land locked economy like Nepal . We had sluggish growth then but now our economy is gaining momentum due to reforms and stringent monetary policy. The energy sector , adriculture and tourism are in

focus . Also macro economic indicators are good and economy is in the right track . Amb. Masud Bin Momen, foreign secretary, Bangladesh said that intra regional trade in South Asia is one of the lowest around 5 percent . Improving connectivity not just physical but ancillary ser-

vices like customs and others and connecting the dots will create a lot of potential for regional cooperation. Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar. President PIC in his opening with Disabilities (PwDs) दिव्यांग सशक्तीकरण शिबिर

Pune (Voice news sercommunity, Project Saksham of SMF is impacting many vice):- Spark Minda Foundation (SMF), the Corporate lives. We thank our partners Social Responsibility (CSR) who have supported us during arm of the leading automotive this journey and will continue components manufacturer. to broaden the outreach and Spark Minda Group, orgawork towards transforming nized a 7-day Mega Camp more lives."

As per Census 2011, the for People with Disabilities (PwDs) in Pune, Maharashtra number of Persons with Disfrom February 21st to 27th, abilities in the country are 2.68 crore, which is 2.21 per-The camp successfully procent of the total population vided multifaceted support of the Country, Spark Minda to over 1000 PwDs, offering Foundation has impacted the

**Spark Minda Foundation** impacts 20,000+ People

that this edition of Asia Economic Dialogue focuses very appropriately on the Geoeconomic challenges of our times. Today these fall into

sees a lot of hope. Amb. Seva Lamsel foreign secretary, Nepal said that covid and conflicts posed difficult times and hampered

remarks said that this is the 8th Asia Economic Dialogue. PIC has become India's leading policy think tank with strong programs.

### Union Power Minister Sh. R K Singh in a statement commends IEEMA on the launch of ELECRAMA 2025 - the world's largest electrical show

Pune (Voice news service):- IEEMA. Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers' Association, the apex association of manufacturers of electrical and industrial electronics and allied equipment in India, formally announced the 16th edition of ELECRAMA, the world's largest electrical show.

Shri. R K Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Power New & Renewable Energy, Govt. Of India, in a statement commended IEEMA on the launch of the 16th edition of ELECRAMA 2025, "The government has transformed the power sector from power-deficient to power sufficient by adding about 200 GW of generation capacity in the past 9 years. We have connected the whole country with a unified grid, which is capable of transferring 1,16,000 MW from one part of the country to another. All these steps are powering the future of India. ELECRA-MA is a reflection of how we are powering the future. I am happy to see the new themes introduced for ELECRAMA 2025.

These themes directly support the government's longterm vision and initiatives with a focus on reimagining energy for sustainable future."

Speaking at the launch, Ghanshvam Prasad, Chairperson & Ex-Officio Secretary, Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, said "ELEC-RAMA is fully aligned with the industries, and I regard it as a futuristic one, because it comes at a time when we are embarking on a road of transitioning from conventional to non-conventional energy sources

including keeping the existing ones while also promoting and demonstrating the presence of new creative solutions and technologies "

Mr. Hamza Arsiwala, President IEEMA, highlighted the significance of ELECRAMA in shaping the industry's trajectory, emphasizing, "Today, India stands proudly self-reliant, poised to lead the global stage

ELECRAMA 2025 is set to propel our power sector towards an 'all-electric future.' Building on the resounding success of ELECRAMA 2023, we anticipate ELEC-RAMA 2025 to be even more substantial - Bigger. Better. Bolder."

Adding to this, Mr. Vikram Gandotra, Vice President, IEEMA stated that. "ELEC-RAMA - 2025 promises to And the industry is currently be a groundbreaking event, facing numerous challenges, showcasing an impressive ar-

ray of cutting-edge products and technologies in the realm of New Energies, including Green Hydrogen, Digital Energy, Renewables. EV Charging, Energy Storage, Fuel Cell, AI, and IoT. The 16th edition expects business enquiries worth \$20 billion. with participants from 100+ countries and 10+ dedicated country pavilions."

Deepak Sharma, Managing Director & CEO, Schneider Electric India Pvt. Ltd. said, "Congratulations to IEEMA team for lifting the curtains from Elecrama 2025, which is a powerful platform to bring Industry leaders and Policy makers together, fostering dialogues, showcasing innovative technologies, and enabling knowledge sharing. It was wonderful to hear the progressive views of industry peers and experts during the event today."

such as Artificial Limbs. Walkers, Crutches, Hand Sticks, and assistance in UDID Registration, Skilling, Employment, and Entrepreneurship. Launched in 2015, SMF's Saksham has empowered more than 20,000 People with Disabilities till date. An effort has been made to employ more than 1,000 PwDs across the Spark Minda Group. In the last eight years, the Group has organized camps across Indonesia, Vietnam, Uttar Pradesh Uttarakhand Maharashtra, and Jammu & Kashmir. By 2030, Spark Minda Foundation aims to impact more than 30,000 PwDs under their program Saksham -

accessible and assistive aids

2024.

Disabilities Sarika Minda, Chairperson, Spark Minda Foundation. said. "A collaborative effort with the intent of transforming lives always leads to great results. Dedicated to creating an inclusive and compassionate three years.

Empowerment of People with

lives of more than 20,000 PwDs so far.

Gracing the ceremony with his presence, Mr. Ashok Minda, Chairman, and Group Chief Executive Officer Spark Minda Group said, "Visual impairment does not negate one's capacity to have a vision. Spark Minda is truly committed to fostering diversity and inclusivity across the group." Spark Minda has also partnered with various organizations like CII-IBDN, ASSO-CHAM, Jaipur Foot (BMVSS), Sector Council for People with Disabilities, various other NGOs like Prahar, Sarthak, Youth 4 Jobs, Equitas, and many others. In Jammu & Kashmir, the team successfully organized camps for the people who were affected by landmines in collaboration with the Indian Army. Many people staving in the borderporated as a Section 8 Coming areas of India and Pakipany, the ICSI International stan were reached through ADR Centre has been set up these camps in the previous to promote Alternate Dispute

of India (ICSI) established its first ICSI International ADR Centre at Noida (U.P.). Hon'ble Mr Justice P Sathasivam, former Chief Justice of India and former Governor of Kerala inaugurated the ICSI International ADR Centre at ICSI House C-36 Institutional Area. Sector - 62. Noida (U.P.).

Mr. Justice P. Sathasivam, former Chief Justice of India and former Governor of Kerela appreciated the Institute for this initiative and said "Arbitration and mediation are prominent across the globe as methods of dispute resolution ADR methods are beneficial to the parties due to - low cost, time saving, autonomy of parties, comfortable environment and being non-adversarial in nature" He further added that Incor-

Resolution (ADR) methods

iation at National and International level. The Inauguration of the ICSI International ADR centre witnessed the presence of Ms. Bhamathi Balasubramaniam, (IAS Retd) and CS (Dr.) Pundla Bhaskara Mohan, former Judicial Member National Company Law Tribunal, Presently Advocate of High Court for the State of Telangana and Arbitrator and Conciliator, and other members of the Gov-

erning Council of ICSI ADR

Centre.

A silent 'White Revolution' led by Tata Motors' transforms lives in Gujarat

Pune (Voice news service):- In a remarkable collaboration, Tata Motors, the Ahmedabad District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Limited and the Gujarat Dairy Development Board, have ignited a new 'White Revolution' in and around Sanand. The initiative has catalysed a socio-economic transformation for the beneficiaries, enriching their lives with improved access to education and healthcare facilities, and elevating their status within the community. By leveraging technology and cooperatives, more than 1600 women from the distant regions of Sanand have brought about a remarkable change in the social and economic conditions of rural Guiarat. India, the world's largest milk

producer, has a low per capita yield. Dairy farming, traditionally led by women from the

chain,

sales



Bharwar and Koli Patel comfines of mere project execumunities in Sanand, serves tion. We see ourselves as as a supplementary income catalysts for enduring change source. These women, often and growth within the comgifted a cow or buffalo as a munities we are privileged to wedding present, handle the serve. entire dairy farming value Our dairy initiatives exemplify

from fodder to milk our unwavering commitment to fostering hope and trans-Mr. Vinod Kulkarni, CSR Head formation. We are dedicated to continually nurturing a posat Tata Motors. underscores. "Our mission at Tata Motors itive impact, empowering the transcends beyond the consociety at its core. Our strate-

gic partnership with Ahmedabad District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Limited and Gujarat Dairy Development Board is instrumental in propelling these transformative endeavours, empowering us to make a significant difference."

Mr. Hemant B Patel, Ahmedabad District Cooperative Milk Producers Union Limited, highlighted, "Tata Motors has been a cornerstone in our community.

Their unwavering commitment and cutting-edge technological advancements have not only boosted the local economy but also cultivated a spirit of collaboration. This partnership transcends the enhancement of the dairy industry; it actively generates sustainable opportunities for our communities, steering positive economic transformation in the region

# Nikon enters into a Space Act agreement with NASA for Artemis mission support with the Nikon Z 9 camera

Pune (Voice news service):- Pleased to announce that Nikon Inc. has entered into a Space Act agreement with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to support the agency's Artemis campaign with Handheld Universal Lunar Camera (HULC) development. The Nikon Z 9, Nikon's mirrorless full-frame flagship, as implemented in the HULC system, will be the handheld camera for the upcoming Artemis III mission which will be used by the crew

the Moon. The Artemis campaign is an ambitious and important undertaking for humanity. Artemis will return us to the Moon in order to establish a foundation for long-term scientific lunar research and exploration, eventually leading as a passageway for travel to Mars. Since humankind's first forays into space, handheld cameras have been used to document the journey, sending back iconic imagery, and for research. This Space Act agreement is a collab-

returning to the surface of oration between NASA and Nikon Inc. to ensure the current state-of-the-art fullframe camera can survive lunar environments while developing an efficient and optimal platform for image and video capture for the mission. The Artemis III mission is scheduled to launch NA-

SA's SLS (Space Launch System) rocket with the agency's Orion spacecraft in September 2026. The crew's historic expedition will be the first human landing on the lunar surface

since 1972, and this mission will also mark the first time a woman will walk on the Moon. During this 30-day mission, the crew will enter lunar orbit, after which two astronauts will land on the lunar surface in the lunar module (SpaceX's Starship Human Landing System). After spending approximately seven days on the lunar surface conducting research and multiple moonwalks, they will return to the Orion spacecraft to join the other two crew members and return to Earth



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hard work pays off. Many

problems come in life but we

should hold on to our purpose

and by fighting the problems

we can achieve our destina-

tion. "This film, made under

Aamir Khan Productions is

full of drama and comedy.

This film has been directed by

Kiran Rao. The producers of

the film are Jyoti Deshpande,

Kiran Rao and Aamir Khan.

Narendra Khatri's next film

'Goreva Live' Whose director

is Gabriel Vats.

31 to 45 Yrs Female: 1.Aasa

Nagpure(41:22:8sec), 3.Jyoti

46 to 55 Yrs Female: 1 Indu

Tandon(47:58:3sec), 2.Suchi-

ta Ajitsaria(48:41:5sec), 3.Su-

56 to 70 Yrs Female: 1.Durga

Sil(57:07:8sec), 2.Jyotipro-

18 to 30 Yrs Male: 1.Asif

Khan(30:45:6sec), 2.Saurav

meshwar Munjal(31:30:7sec);

31 to 45 Yrs Male: 1.Chandra-

kant Manwadkar(33:26:7sec),

wad(33:48:0sec), 3.Shivprat-

46 to 55 Yrs Male: 1.Gordhan

Meena(36:29:7sec), 2.RBS

56 to 70 Yrs Male: 1.Cha-

2.Mukesh Rana(40:48:9sec)

71 Yrs and above: Brig Harish

Israni(30:41:0sec), 2. Shivaii

12 Yrs and Below Female:

1.Aboli Waske(00:20:26sec),

de(00:22:29sec), 3.Aaradya

13 to 17 Yrs Female: 1.Sadha-

na Yadav(00:19:09sec), 2.Pri-

ya Gulave(00:19:38sec), 3.Ar-

1.Aniket

gle(00:17:11sec), 2.Meghraj

Hiremath(00:20:13sec);

and

shiya Pawar(00:21:04sec):

Singh(39:46:9sec),

ap Prajapati(35:37:0sec);

Kanbarkar(38:14:0sec);

Moni(37:09:8sec),

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gule(41:55:4sec);

Ghare(32:43:1sec)

Waske(00:23:33sec);

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mitra Joshi(52:29:1sec);

2.Nikita

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age(01:32:9sec);

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Tiwari(30:51:5sec),

2.Chintaman

Thakre(44:37:9sec);

# Kiran Rao's film Laapataa Ladies was released, Narendra Khatri played the role of Chutney Man many big films in the last 12

years. Have worked with big

stars Apart from PK Sultan

Tubelight, Kabad the Coin,

Mission Raniganj, he also did

many films. Along with films,

she has done more than 300

TV ads like Navratna Oil, Bi-

kaii Kaun Banega, Crorepati

Promo, and Kalvan Jewellers,

besides doing many ads with



Pune (Voice news service):- This film, directed by Kiran Rao, is getting very good response. Narendra Narendra Khatri has done

big stars. Narendra Khatri is a resident of Jaipur from Rajasthan and did MBM engineer-Khatri has played the role of Chutney Man (Rakesh) in ing from Jodhpur. Narendra this film. People liked it a lot. Khatri says that if you want to achieve your destination

### Marking the 5th anniversary of the Balakot airstrikes, JioCinema shares a preview of 'Ranneeti: Balakot & Beyond,' its upcoming war room drama

vice):- On this day, India made a significant decision that altered its defence strateqv. As the nation paid homage to the Pulwama martyrs, it united to honour the supreme sacrifice of these brave soldiers. With 2024 marking the fifth anniversary of the Balakot airstrikes, a pivotal moment showcasing the nation's resilience, JioCinema offered a sneak peek of its upcoming offering "Ranneeti: Balakot & Beyond," inspired by this defining chapter in India's history. For the first time, a web-series takes the audience behind the scenes of a large magnitude defence operation such as Balakot and

Pune (Voice news ser- the ensuing mission to bring hearts at Pulwama gave the back Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman. The fast-paced video offered

a glimpse into an incredible story that explores the intricacies of the Balakot operation. delving into lesser-known aspects, strategies, and challenges that shaped the trajectory of events. Directed by Santosh Singh, the series boasts of an immensely talented ensemble cast that includes industry stalwarts such as Ashutosh Rana, Ashish Vidyarthi, Jimmy Shergill, Lara Dutta, Prasanna, and many more. Commenting on the anniversary, actor Jimmy Shergill said, "5 years ago on 14th February, our brave to the sentiment and com-

mented on the premise and supreme sacrifice on the line themes of Ranneeti, "Coming of duty. While we will never from an army background. forget the sacrifice of our mar-I understand the bravery, tvrs, we couldn't stop beaming sacrifice, and love for counwith pride when for the first try firsthand. The martyrs of Pulwama made the ultimate we watched our country fight back! The Balakot airstrike, sacrifice 5 years ago, howwas a stern message that ever the Balakot air strike. stemmed from the resilience filled us with national pride. On the anniversary of this hisand courage of our nation toric defense operation, this and armed forces. India took a firm stand and this date will sneak peek aims to honour remain etched in the nation's every soldier, with or without heart forever- India will nevof uniform, who reshaped our er forget. Being a part of this nation's defence narrative." Stay tuned for Ranneeti: Balseries has only heightened akot & Bevond, the first-ever my respect for the jawans as gripping war room drama that I relived a defining moment in our country's history." unveils hidden aspects of Lara Dutta further added 2019 Balakot warfare, exclusively on JioCinema!

# Nutritionist reveals 3 foods diabetic patients must include in their daily diet

Pune: Type-2 diabetes is becoming a significant health concern in India due to factors such as genetic predisposition, changes in diet, and rapid lifestyle shifts. A study, published in The Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology journal suggests, by 2030 around 98 million people in India could have type-2 diabetes. With the abundance of information about food and nutrition. it's crucial to understand how each recommendation applies to you and which ones are truly advantageous. Here are three foods that can help improve diabetes management.

Almonds: Consuming a handful of almonds may benefit both short-term and longterm blood sugar control for individuals with uncomplicated type-2 diabetes. Including almonds in a meal can help prevent sudden spikes in blood sugar levels by slowing down the release of glucose into the bloodstream, thanks to their monounsaturated fatty acids content.

Almonds can also aid in ing green leafy vegetables can significantly decrease boosting metabolism in individuals managing type-2 the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, consequently facildiabetes. Examples of green itating faster calorie burning. leafy vegetables that can be This metabolic boost is atregularly included in one's diet tributed to almonds' nutritional include spinach, cabbage, profile, which includes fiber, drumstick leaves, mint leaves, essential vitamins like folate amaranth leaves, fenugreek and vitamin E, phytochemileaves, radish tops, among others. These vegetables are cals such as phytosterols and flavonoids, minerals like magabundant in fiber, vitamins, nesium, potassium, and caland minerals, and some also cium, as well as unsaturated contain omega-3 fatty acids in fatty acids. the alpha-linolenic form. There are various ways to

Additionally, people with type-2 diabetes face an increased risk of developing heart diseases. Almonds contain vitamin E and healthy fats that play a crucial role in averting heart complications. Research conducted by Harvard University suggests that incorporating almonds into the diet can reduce the risk of car diovascular disease among adults with type-2 diabetes. Green leafy vegetables: While many of us recognize the importance of incorporating greens into our diets, research indicates that consum-



gurt may decrease the risk of type 2 diabetes, especially in healthy and older adults with a high cardiovascular risk. The study found that there was a 14% lower risk of type 2 diabetes among those who consumed 80-125 grams of yogurt per day compared to those who consumed no yogurt at all.

leafy vegetables into your Yogurt can be particularly diet, such as adding them to soups, salads, or even conbeneficial for managing diabetes because it is low in carsuming them as a green juice. If you choose to cook them as bohydrates, high in protein, a curry, it's advisable to avoid and supportive of gut health. adding excess oil to maintain When purchasing vogurt, it's advisable to opt for the plain variant rather flavored than options. Plain yogurt allows for better control over added sugars. For added nutrients and flavor, consider topping your yogurt with healthy options such as sliced almonds or strawberries.

The event is executed by

### Lambkhane, Gawate, Singh, Bhalinge, Kamath, Wagh, Gaonkar, Kamble, Sharma Win at Pune City Marathon ta Godbole(37:09:8sec), 3.Jy-Pune (Voice news serin life then it is necessary to oti(38:04:6sec); vice):- Tejaswini Lambwork hard for it and one day

khane, Jyoti Gawate, Vandana Singh , Anjali Bhalinge, Sulatha Kamath , Kunal Wagh, Anant Gaonkar, Bhaskar Kamble Suresh Sharma won the 21 kms races in their categories at the Pune City Marathon in Pune Conceptualised by The Poona Club Ltd in association with HQ Southern Command.

In the race held today Tejaswini Lambkane(01:20:41sec) won the

8 to 30 Yrs Female, in the 31 to 45 Yrs Female Jyoti Gawate(01:30:26sec) won the race . Vandana Singh won the 46 to 55 Yrs Female category 01:53:03sec), while the 56 to 70 Yrs Female event was won by Anjali Bhalinge(01:56:14sec), Sulatha Kamath emerged winner in the 71 Yrs Female event completing the race in (03:02:35sec) In the Men's 21KM Category in the 18 to 30 Yrs event was won by Kunal Wagh(01:09:14sec) while the 31 to 45 Yrs tournament event was won by Anant Gaonkar(01:10:14sec),

Bhaskar Kamble won the 46 to 55 Yrs event completing the race in (01:18:21sec) while the 56 to 70 Yrs was won by Suresh Sharma(01:30:11sec), In the 10KM Category Sakshi Jadval , Aasa TP , Indu Tandon and Durga Sil won the events in their respective divisions

In the men's 10KM Category Asif Khan, Chandrakant Manwadkar, Gordhan Meena, Charan Singh and Brig Harish Isran won the races in their categories.

In the 5KM Category Aboli Waske and Sadhana Yadav, Aniket Jangle and Rohit Binnar won in their categories

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and Mr.Shailesh Ranka, Race Director. Dorabjee Charitable Trust Following are the detailed Reand endorsed by Pune Municipal Corporation and supportsults:

> voyages for all participants, enriching the motorcycling community with shared bonds and memories."

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General Aiav Kumar Singh

PVSM, AVSM, YSM,SM,

VSM, GOC in Southern Com-

Ranka, Race Director.

Mr.Sunil

BMW Motorrad India is enhancing the BMW riding experience with over 72 expeditions in 2024 through BMW Motorrad Safaris and



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3.Niranjan Markad(00:20:45sec); 13 to 17 Yrs Male: 1.Ro-Binnar(00:15:32sec), hit 2 Abhinandan Survavanshi(00:15:48sec); 3.Birudev Kolekar(00:16:26sec)

**BMW Motorrad India kickstarts** the 2024 edition of BMW Motorrad Safari Pune (Voice news ser-



**Yoghurt:** Homemade yogurt, known as "dahi," has been a staple in the Indian diet for centuries. In recent years, yogurt has gained popularity for its numerous health benefits. According to a Yogurt and Diabetes study, consuming yo-

incorporate these green

their nutritional benefits.

Mr. Vikram Pawah, President, BMW Group India, said, "Motorcycling transcends mere travel, offering a distinct pathway to explore personal passions, uncover untouched terrains, and embrace unparalleled freedom. BMW Motorrad unlocks an expansive universe of experiences, tailored to suit every rider's needs. BMW Motorrad Safari aims to unveil novel adventures, empowering riders to fully leverage the capabilities of their BMW bikes. The joy of riding is magnified when shared; thus. BMW Motorrad Safari is designed to forge unforgettable moments, narratives, and

Weekend Escapes. These exclusive safaris and riding experiences will be organized through BMW's extensive dealer network spread across India, offering an unparalleled opportunity for riders of BMW Motorrad motorcycles to embark on adventurous journevs. The locations for these safaris have been carefully selected to include some of the most scenic destinations around the globe as well as within India, ensuring a visually stunning backdrop for every ride. Each safari promises to be a tailor-made riding experience, catering to the diverse preferences and riding styles



of BMW riders, making each journey unique.

BMW Motorrad Safari embodies the essence of touring, spanning an immersive 5 to 7-day journey that begins and concludes at a singular locale. This meticulously curated expedition navigates through pre-selected scenic trails, offering participants a harmonious blend of accommodations, entertainment, and culinary delights. Detailed route maps are disseminated beforehand, ensuring riders are well-prepared for the adventure that lies ahead, with

perceiving challenging subjects

from different perspectives.

Through hands-on projects,

students explored creative

processes and utilized various

methods of inquiry and investi-

gation, cultivating a diverse set

Mr. Nasir Shaikh, Group Chief

Executive Officer, The Lexicon

Group of Institutes, EduCrack,

& EasyRecruit+, added,

"STEAM taps into children's

natural curiosity. If you've ever

tried to find answers to a long

series of questions asked by

a child, you know how inquis-

itive they are about the world

around them. STEAM lessons

of hard and soft skills.

BMW Motorrad marshals leading the way, providing expert guidance at every turn. The event is designed with flexibility in mind, allowing riders to traverse at their leisure, encouraging them to fully embrace and absorb the stunning landscapes and vistas encountered en route. Beyond the ride, BMW Motorrad Safari fosters a vibrant community atmosphere, facilitating connections among participants who share a common passion, thereby creating lasting friendships and unforgettable memories.

# The Lexicon Schools Host STEAM Fest, Promoting Interdisciplinary Learning and Empowering Tomorrow's Innovators

Pune (Voice news service):- The Lexicon Schools recently hosted STEAM Fest, a vibrant celebration of creativity, innovation, and interdisciplinary learning. The event showcased numerous projects and activities, embodying the school's commitment to providing a holistic education integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM)

STEAM education nurtures critical thinking and problem-solving skills essential for the 21st-century workforce. It promotes transparent evaluation and cultivates self-discovery, empowering children to create

tangible solutions and become lifelong learners. Reflecting on the success of the fest, Mr. Pankaj Sharma, President, The Lexicon Group of Institutes, Chairman & amp; MD, Pune Times Mirror, Civic Mirror, and MultiFit, remarked, "STEAM education is essential for preparing students for the challenges of the future.

With focus on not only the 'how' and 'what', but also the 'who' and 'why' the STEAM Fest is specifically designed to develop future innovators. At The Lexicon Schools, integratinaSTEAM into the curriculum fosters well-rounded individuals

equipped to tackle the dynamic, multifaceted challenges of the modern world, ensuring their education remains relevant and future-proof."

Participants engaged in different projects, exemplifying the fusion of art, science, technology, and engineering. The young minds delved into math-related activities and presented projects focused on cleanliness and hygiene. Primary students delved into robotics, and environmental sustainability at the fest.

Their projects on mechanical water pumps and balloon cars displayed their grasp of engineering principles, while the exploration of the water cycle and projects on thermal conductivity delved into scientific concepts. Moreover, an anatomical display of the human body provided valuable insights into biology, and the air quality monitoring project raised awareness about the pressing issue of air pollution.

Senior students engaged with advanced concepts, such as IoT and road safety. They also created kaleidoscopic displays, developed rainwater detection systems, and presented anatomical models. STEAM education, with its integrated and holistic approach, aids students in

focus on deep questioning and finding novel solutions rather than memorizing standard facts and figures that can easily be 'Gooaled'."

Education is not just about academic achievement: it's about cultivating a mindset of inquisitiveness. innovation. and collaboration. The Lexicon Schools exemplified this by providing a platform for students to showcase their talents, exchange ideas, and inspire one another. By integrating STEAM-based learning, The Lexicon Schools are shaping the leaders, and problem-solvers of tomorrow.

cessful conclusion of SciFest 2024, a two-day symposium that brought together over 50 schools from across Maharashtra, including constituent schools of MIT Art, Design and Technology University, Pune. Organized by the Office of Student Affairs in collaboration with the Ministry of Education's Institutions Innovation Council, SciFest 2024 was a dynamic demonstration of over 100 scientific projects. emphasizing innovations across various Technology and Manufacturing Readiness Levels. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Mangesh T.

Pune (Voice news ser-

vice):- MIT ADT University

proudly announces the suc-

Karad, Executive President and Vice-Chancellor of MIT ADT University, accompanied by Prof. Dr. Sunita Karad, Executive Director MITCOM and ICT, Dr. Anant Chakradeo,

glish Primary High School, Sadhana Vidyalaya, and Prithviraj Kapoor Memorial High School emerging as win-Pro Vice Chancellor, and a ners for their innovative projpanel of distinguished Deans ects. These projects ranged

MIT ADT University Hosts Successful SciFest 2024,

**Showcasing Innovations Across Maharashtra** 

and Directors namely Dr. Anand Belhe, Dr. Virendra Shete, Dr. Sudarshan Sanap, Dr. Virendra Bhojwani, Dr. Nachiket Thakur, Dr. Renu Vyas, Dr. Milind Dhobley, Dr. Ashwini Pethe, Prof. Tejas Karad, Dr. Atul Patil. Prof. Dr. Mangesh Karad, in his opening remarks, stated, "SciFest is a testament to the potential that resides within our students. It is a platform for them to not only showcase their innovations but also to learn and be inspired by the incredible work of their peers. The commitment to sustainability and the infusion of spirituality into scientific thought reflects the ethos of MIT ADT Univerby the student community. sity in nurturing well-rounded Club Catalyst served as a viindividuals." brant display of unity and di-The festival witnessed school versity at MIT ADT University,

students from MIT Vishpooling resources from variwashanti Gurukul School, ous clubs to create a serene Lady Zubeida Qurashie Enshowcase of talent under one



roof. Culminating in Spectra - Cultural Night, the evening featured captivating performances like Band Night, Singing, and Group Dance, creating an unforgettable night filled with music. dance.

from cutting-edge technology to sustainable solutions, and camaraderie. Spectra celebrated the university's showcasing the region's vibrant spirit of creativity and dedication to innovation and expression. advancement. The theme for Dr. Suraj Bhoyar, Convener of SciFest 2024 was Science, SciFest, expressed his delight Sustainability, and Spirituality. at the overwhelming response In addition to SciFest, MITand the high calibre of projects ADT University hosted Club presented. "SciFest exempli-Catalyst, where over 35 clubs fies the innovative spirit and engaged in friendly competition and collaboration, vying collaborative strength of our academic community. It not for the title of The Best Club of only fosters interdisciplinary Student Community Choice exchange but also reinforces Award. The highly sought-afour commitment to nurturing ter honour was ultimately awarded to the MIT ADTU future leaders in science and technology," he remarked. Adventures Club, showcasing their dedication and creativity acknowledged and voted on

The success of SciFest 2024 at MIT-ADT University marks a milestone in fostering a culture of scientific inquiry and innovation, encouraging young minds to explore and contribute to the fields of science and technology with a holistic approach.

# FIBA Asia Cup qualifiers: Spirited India go down against world No. 27 Iran

Pune: India put up a spirited fight against a much higher ranked Iran in their Group E clash of the 2025 FIBA Asia Cup qualifiers but ended up on the losing side of a 53-86 score-line at the KD Jadhav Indoor Hall, Indira Gandhi stadium in New Delhi on Mondav

Ranked 81st in the FIBA rankings, India were the underdogs

against 27th ranked Iran but the hosts started with a lot of gumption as the packed stadium cheered them through-out hour-long match.

Forward Pranav Prince impressed with the interceptions in the initial few minutes as the hosts took a two-point lead in the first minute

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# **Renuka has controlled** the powerplay

Pune (Voice news service):- Outlining role clarity for every player while also stressing adaptability is part of the RCB approach under coach Luke Williams. Renuka Singh Thakur's primary role is to swing the new ball upfront and provide breakthroughs, and she did exactly that on Tuesday night, striking twice early to set up the second win in two WPL games for RCB at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium against their Gujarat opponents

Sophie Molineux, who took three wickets herself after Renuka's new-ball burst, said that the India pacer had set the tone for RCB right from the start in both their matches so far. "Yeah, Renuka has been incredible both games and plaving against her for India, she's just so reliable and it's great to be on the same team as her.

"She swings the ball beautifully at the front and I think she's really set the tone for us in both games.

To be able to control the powerplay is a big thing in T20 cricket and she's done that twice now and I can see her continuing to do that," Molineux said Named the Player of the Match, Renuka said after the game that this spell of 2/14

had been her best since her comeback from injury. Exemplifying coach Williams' adaptability mantra, this was a different approach from RCB's first game, when they had used spin from one end in the powerplay. Speaking about RCB's flexibility, Molineux said, "Yeah, I feel like in T20 cricket as a bowler you need to be really clear

on what your strengths are and what you can bring to the team. And I think Luke and all the staff have been really clear with each bowler with what their roles are going to be and also at the same time be willing to adapt like we did today.

"We had a completely different look to our powerplay where we were really paceheavy. So yeah, I think that's all a part of T20 cricket, especially just being really clear on your own individual plans and where that fits in with the team and being able to change on the fly," Molineux said.

# Sonakshi Sinha and Srishti Raai **bring SOEZI to Pune**



Pune (Voice news seractive experiences and showvice):- SOEZI, the revolucases of SOEZI's innovative tionary premium press-on products. Attendees were nail brand co-founded by treated to live demonstrations Sonakshi Sinha and Srishti of SOEZI's premium press-Raai, proudly announced the on nails, expertly applied by launch of its first offline retail professional nail artists. The presence situated in the buskiosk's vibrant ambiance and tling yet vibrant city of Pune. engaging displays created The event brought together the perfect foundation for attop influencers like Rupali tendees to explore SOEZI's Hasija, Aashna Bhagwani, extensive range of nail tips, and Shaurya Sanadhya to available in a variety of colors celebrate the fusion of conveand designs.

> But this wasn't it - SOEZI also engaged in a fun trivia challenge that kept guests on their toes throughout. The brand designed delightful

booths featuring SOEZI's signature hot pink colored backdrops, encouraging guests to

take selfies. "With consistent and phenomenal online growth, we are excited to embark on our offline journey. This marks a new chapter for SOEZI, providing access to a fresh audience eager to experience our products. It's the beginning of our aggressive market penetration strategy with the goal of replicating such kiosks PAN India," express Sonakshi and Srishti. SOEZI plans to introduce exclusive collections curated for offline retail,

innovative collaborations in

With the launch of SOEZI's kiosk, customers can expect to find a wide range of nail tips, a set of 24 universally sized to fit all nail beds seamlessly, in unrestricted colour schemes and one-of-a-kind designs. The EZI DIY application and removal process ensures that customers can enjoy beautiful nails effortlessly, saving both time and money and leaving a lasting impression of convenience simplicity, and style synonymous with SOEZI

Talent development is a key priority for Indian companies in 2024: LinkedIn

of AI

Pune (Voice news service):- LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, has released its latest Workplace Learning Report which points out that 94% of companies in India plan to enhance their employees' skills and abilities this year, as AI continues to reshape the world of work. According to the report, upskilling employees, aligning learning programs to business goals, and creating a culture of learning are the top 3 focus areas for India's Learning & Development (L&D) professionals in 2024. Soft skills take centre stage as 9 in 10 L&D pros prioritise human skills

Amidst rapidly changing skill requirements due to AI and automation. 98% of employers in India note significant shifts in the skills they prioritise in job candidates. Companies now value candidates with not just AI expertise, but also soft skills and a capacity for learning. The report reveals that 91%

Ruchee Anand, Senior Director - Talent, Learning and Engagement Solutions, LinkedIn India, says, "Last year, we saw a 21x surge in job postings mentioning ChatGPT or GPT on LinkedIn, reflecting the growing demand for tech

the economy. 'Communica-

tion' has topped LinkedIn's

most in-demand skills list in

2024 across all countries in

APAC, including India. Our

research also shows that soft

skills like critical thinking and

problem-solving are amongst

the top five skills that hiring

managers in India consider

the most important in the era

of L&D professionals in India view human skills as increasingly competitive in age of Al."

skills as businesses explored Al. This year, we are seeing a pronounced shift towards skills - both technical and soft skills - to thrive in the era of AI. With skills for jobs globally expected to change 68% by 2030, we are seeing a greater emphasis on learning both technical and soft skills with a majority of employers surveyed agreeing that this balance will be critical for organisations to succeed in the

# **Indian Seed Congress 2024 held** at The Westin, Koregaon Park, Pune

alam.

Pune (Voice news service):- The National Seed Association of India, an apex body of Indian Seed Industry which is playing a leadership role for facilitating a favourable policy environment for the growth of Indian Seed industry, is organising its 12th edition of Indian Seed Congress (ISC) on the theme "Seeds for Sustainable Agriculture" at The Westin, Koregion Park Pune on 29th February and 1st March 2024. The ISC 2024 was inaugurated today 29th February 2024. the chief guest was Dr C D Mavee, former Chairman, Agricultural Scientist Recruitment Board and a renowned scientist in the field of Agriculture. The Guest of Honour was Dr A K Singh, Vice Chancellor of CSA University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh. Shree Aieet Mulay, Convener of National Organizing Committee of ISC 2024 welcome all the guest, other dignitaries and delegates He also gave a brief background of the deliberation which will take place



from green revolution to the present period of Amritkal. He lauded the role of seed industry in the development of Indian Agriculture and the Indian Economy

He indicated that with India setting itself to boost its economy to 7 trillion USD by 2030 and 10 trillion USD by 2034, the seed industry also has potential to grow to 7 billion USD, if we can focus and aim for 1 billion USD export. He also gave a perspective view of the future developments and emerging technologies which would need to be integrated with seed research its full potential. Dr Rao also



nience and style that SOEZI

brings to the world of nail

The launch event was a cap-

tivating affair, featuring inter-

and nutritional security and also tap the growing export market. Dr Singh was of the view that good quality seeds alone were capable of pio-

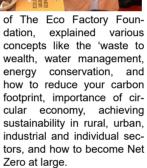
neering this transformation and hoped that the deliberations during the ISC will set a direction to this initiative. Chief Guest Dr C D mayee appreciated the visionary presentation by president NSAI and hoped that under his leadership the Seed industry was going to achieve the new heights in the days to come. Dr Mayee emphasized the and development to harness use of new technology to be used in the area where we tools and technologies for improvements in the production/ productivity of crops where we have shortages, particularly, the oilseed like mustard, soybean and groundnut and also a number of pulses. Shri Vaibhav R Kashikar, Treasurer NSAI summarized the 12 years journey of ISC which has made significant contribution towards giving shape to the Indian Seed In-

dustry and presented the vote of thanks to all distinguished guests, sponsors delegated and all others associated with organization with event. The ISC 2024 which will con-

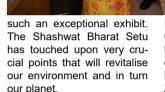
tinue on 29th February and 1st March 2024 has been organized into six Technical Sessions which address emerging topics having impact on Indian Seed industry to be discussed in detail by the best subject matter experts invited from national/ international institutions, pertaining to seeds. Exhibition stalls have also been set up to showcase latest technology and products by the seed companies and trading tables are facing constraint, particularly, with respect to the for providing a platform for increasing labour problems business negotiations and in agriculture which could be promotion of seed trade. The two-day event would tackled by the mechanization and adaptation of new enable comprehensive delibtechnology tools. Extensive erations and discussions on use of digital technologies in scientific, technological, regulatory, and business develagriculture has to be explored opments which are going to to address the difficult areas of agricultural development. be the core attraction of ISC Dr. Mayee suggested that we 2024.



vice):- The Honourable and Respected Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji inaugurated India's first Shashwat Bharat Setu - Winning Net Zero exhibit developed by The Eco Factory Foundation (TEFF), in Nagpur on Sunday. This Centre provides cutting-edge experience dedicated to showcasing sustainable lifestyles, solutions and practices right from people to the planet that can lead to achieving Net Zero India. Anand Chordia, the founder



While addressing the gathering, Gadkari Ji congratulated and praised the unique initiative, stating, "Many congratulations to The Eco Factory Foundation for putting up



The Shashwat Bharat Setu exemplifies the concept of 'waste to wealth,' providing sustainable solutions that not only benefit the environment but also create livelihood opportunities for communities." He further expressed his hope that the centre would inspire the nation to contribute to making India a Net Zero country.

Founder of TEFF, Anand Chordia, reflected on this historic moment, stating, "The development of Shashwat Bharat Setu - winning Net Zero Exhibit - was driven by our intention to create awareness and inspire everyone to adopt net zero and sustainable lifestyle with ease. I firmly believe that the Shashwat Bharat Setu is the true bridge that will guide India to achieve net zero. We hope that the centre reaches and inspires many to join us on this journey towards a sustainable future.'

### Inauguration of International Trainees Hostel "SANGAM"

near future.

2021.

Shri, B.L. Verma, Honor-

able Minister in his speech

mentioned that, recognizing

the need of the farmers and

cooperative sectors, Prime

Minister Shri, Narendra Modi

established the independent

Ministry of Cooperation in

After the formation of Ministry

of Cooperation, large scale

development activities have

been implemented through

various initiatives, like mod-

el bye-laws for PACS, com-

puterization of PACS. Com-

mon Service Centre (CSC),

opening of Petrol Pump, Gas

Agency, Jan Aushadhi Kendra

This will make PACS more

sustainable in the time. He

appreciated the role of VAM-

NICOM in conducting training

# along with virtual try-ons and

the future.

during the two days event. Dr B B Pattanaik, General Secretary NSAI briefly informed the audience on the various activities under taken by NSAI for supporting the Indian seed industry.

Dr M Prabhakar Rao, President NSAI made a detailed presentation on the present status and prospects of the Indian Seed industry starting

Pune (Voice news ser-

presented a matrix to set priority of seed sector for the new era

Guest of Honour, Dr AK Singh mentioned that the Indian Agriculture has gone through tremendous transformation exhibiting outstanding growth in a number of crops, particularly, the horticultural crops, Still there was huge potential to be tapped for boosting the

### Kinetic Green Bags "Dream Company to Work for" Award and "Most Iconic HR Leader" Award at the prestigious World HRD Congress 2024

vice):- Kinetic Green, a leading manufacturer of electric vehicles in India, has been honored with the "Dream Companies to Work for - Automotive Sector" award at the prestigious World HRD Congress. The company has been recognized for its progressive policies, work-life balance initiatives, collaborative environment, social responsibility, and continuous feedback, and open communication culture. In addition, Ranjit Kondeshan, CHRO, Kinetic Green Energy & Power Solutions Ltd., has been recoanized with the "Most Iconic

HR Leaders Award.' Ms. Sulajja Firodia Motwani, the Founder and CEO of Kinetic Green, expressed her delight at the awards, stating, "We are truly honored to be recognized as a Dream Company to Work for in the Automotive Sector. This award is a testament to our commitment to investing in our people and building a culture of inclusivity, innovation, and open communication. This recognition is a tremendous honor and a strong confirmation that our leadership and development programs are effectively aligned. It encourages us to formulate further initiatives aimed at creating a profound impact on workforce transformation.

Kinetic Green proudly stands out as an exemplary work-



plemented progressive pol-

icies, including an initiative

for an all-Saturday-off and

encouragement of regular

breaks, thereby creating a

positive and supportive work

atmosphere. The company's

proactive adaptation of leave

policies to align with changing

times demonstrates a com-

mitment to fostering a pro-

gressive work environment.

Additionally, the purpose of

existence was redesigned to

position Kinetic Green as an

"Employer at Heart," empha-

sizing the value and support

With a focus on fostering a

Collaborative Environment

Kinetic Green places its trust

(CFTs) such as "Project GO"

and "KG Warriors," showcas-

ing effective problem-solving

and teamwork. The founda-

tion of their healthy workplace

culture lies in Continuous

Feedback & Open Commu-

nication, evident through their

Cross-Functional Teams

provided to employees.

place, driven by its unwavering commitment to "doing good by being good": as a purpose driven organization deeply committed to social impact, passion and innovation are at the heart of Kinetic Green's vibrant culture. investing in its workforce and fostering a culture characterized by inclusivity, innovation, and open communication. The company has been a trailblazer in Diversity & Inclusion, nurturing an environment where prominent women leaders serve as inspirations, challenging stereotypes, and actively contributing to the organization's overall success. Kinetic Green's noteworthy pledge to maintain a 25% women workforce in the 2-wheeler assembly at its manufacturing facility near Pune underscores its steadfast dedication to gender diversity. Prioritizing Work-Life Balance & Fun at Work, the company has im-

Open Door Policy, Town Hall Meetings, digitization for peer feedback via HRMS, and innovative talent management initiatives. Together, these efforts contribute to an environment characterized by transparency, trust, and collaboration, ultimately ensuring enhanced performance and satisfaction among employees

Ranjit Kondeshan, CHRO, Kinetic Green Energy & Power Solutions Ltd., shared his thoughts on receiving the Most Iconic HR Leaders Award, "I am humbled to receive the prestigious 'Most Iconic HR Leaders Award. This recognition reflects the entire team's hard work and dedication to creating a positive, supportive, and diverse workplace. We strive to implement innovative HR practices that contribute to the overall success of our organization. This award motivates us to continue enhancing HR technology and best practices for the benefit of our employees and the industry."

The World HRD Congress is renowned for celebrating excellence in human resources development, bringing together the best minds and practices in the industry. The "Dream Companies to Work for - Automotive Sector" award recognizes organizations that go above and beyond to create an exceptional workplace culture

# at Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management

Pune (Voice news service):- Pune Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management, Pune, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, inaugurated its newly constructed International Trainees Hostel "SANGAM" by the hands of Shri. B. L. Verma, Honorable Minister of State for Cooperation and Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Dr. Manoj Nardevsing, Secretary, African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), New Delhi was the Guest of Honour and and (Dr.) Parag Kalkar Pro-Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Shri. Sanjay Shinde, IG of Police -CID, were Special Guest for this inauguration function.

The inauguration function began with an auspicious Lighting of Lamp and Ganesh Vandana followed by unveiling of the Plaque.

The guests were taken for tour of the International Trainees Hostel. After the inauguration of the International Trainees Hostel, the function was taken ahead in the Jubilee Hall. Dr. Hema Yadav, Director, VAM-NICOM & CICTAB delivered the welcomed address.

In her address she has mentioned that institute has trained more than 15000 participants of cooperatives across the country out of which 50% trainees are women from Dairy Cooperatives, Fishery Cooperatives and Cooperative Banks, etc.

The Institute is continuously giving training to women on financial inclusion, business plan development, governance and leadership etc. Under new education policy VAMNICOM has developed an incubation centre under which 20 startups has been registered. Under the CICT-AB, different training programmes are organized for SAARC countries.

The recent partnership between African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) and CICTAB has helped in reaching countries far and wide. Now the cooperative movement of India needs to be taken at International level and this International Trainee Hostel named as 'SANGAM' will play a key role showcasing success of Indian cooperative models at International level. Director, VAMNICOM expressed thanks MoC for grant financial support for developing infrastructure

(Dr.) Parag Kalkar Pro-Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), mentioned that VAMNICOM and Savitribai Phule Pune University has long relationship. Savitribai Phule Pune



University in is process of launching MBA in Cooperative Management in collaboration with VAMNICOM in

60,294 number of participants in last few years. Till date under Centre for

International Cooperation &Training in Agriculture Banking (CICTAB) conducted 211 training programmes for the SAARC countries. He appreciated VAMNICOM for developing infrastructure & has State of the Art facilities for Management education, training for cooperative sector in the Country. The Institute has achieved one more mile stone by constructing the International Trainees' Hostel "SANGAM" with a capacity of 50 rooms, Library, Classrooms and separate Mess Facility. This is a first international hostel in India for catering international training programmes for cooperative sectors

Shri. R. K. Menon, Associate Professor and Registrar of the Institute gave vote of thanks.

### Vitesco Technologies presents a wide range of innovative solutions at ACMA Global Summit and Exhibition for EVs – Transforming Mobility

etc.

Pune (Voice news service):- Vitesco Technologies, a leading international provider of modern drive technologies and solutions for e-mobility, presented a range its innovative electrification and powertrain solutions for different segments in the two-wheeler market at ACMA Global Summit and Exhibition for EVs - Transforming Mobility held on February 26th and 27th, 2024 at Manekshaw

The EV market in India is witnessing a steady growth for the past two years, with over a 100% growth registered in FY 22-23 with the sale of 1.5 million EVs. As this momentum continues, it presents an immense opportunity for component manufacturers in EV

industry and charging industry to support the growth. There is a significant oppor-

tunity for Indian components manufacturers for export in this segment as well With this context, the focus of the 4th edition of this Global Summit and Exhibition on EVs was to showcase India as the Global Manufacturing Hub for EV Components.

Electrification products on display were for example the EMR4, a highly scalable axle drive consisting of a permanent-magnet synchronous machine, an inverter and reducer.

Over 100 EV component manufacturers for all vehicle segments showcased their products and technologies at ACMA EV Expo 2024.

Center, Delhi,



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**KONE India Delivers First Escalator from** 

# **LTIMindtree Joins Forces with IBM to** Advance the Quantum Innovation Ecosystem

nounced that LTIMIndtree, a global technology consulting and digital solutions company, has joined the IBM Quantum Network to explore quantum computing innovation for the benefit of its global clientele across multiple industries. LTIMindtree is the first Indian Global System Integrator (GSI) to join the IBM Quantum Network.

As part of the IBM Quantum Network, LTIMindtree expands on its platinum partner status with IBM and joins a global community of Fortune 500 companies, top universities, research labs, and start-

LTIMindtree will have access to IBM resources, including

Pune: IBM (NYSE: IBM) an- IBM's global fleet of quantum computing systems over the cloud, software, and associated expertise.

This move is a strategic step toward LTIMindtree helping their customers benefit from the transformative value of quantum computing technologies LTIMindtree will also collab-

orate with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, which is also an IBM Quantum Innovation Center, on joint quantum research and workforce development. Aan Chauhan. Chief Technol-

ogy Officer, LTIMindtree, said, "We are thrilled to embark on this journey with IBM and IIT Madras, India. These collaborations are more than an

innovation milestone; they're an important step towards a future where quantum computing could help solve more complex problems faster and more efficiently. Importantly, it positions us

to expedite our customers' journey towards realizing the immense value of quantum computing, readying them to leverage these advanced technologies for transformative solutions '

Scott Crowder, Vice President of IBM Quantum Adoption and Business Development, said. "We are excited to welto nurture a new generation come I TIMindtree into the of quantum computing pro-IBM Quantum Network and to help them explore the ben-

efits of quantum computing, tainable and innovative ecoboth for their internal teams svstem.

vation Center in India.

LTIMindtree, creating a sus-

its State-of-the-art Manufacturing Facility and in solutions for their cli-Pune: KONE Elevators India, ents. We are also looking fora fully owned subsidiary of ward to providing technology KONE Corporation, is proud support for LTIMindtree's joint to announce the successful research and educational endelivery of its first escalator gagements with IIT Madras, from its state-of-the-art manuour first IBM Quantum Innofacturing facility in India. The move underscores KONE's Looking ahead, LTIMindtree's commitment to the 'Make in plans across these collab-India' movement and its enorations are to establish a deavor to deliver world-class series of long-term projects, solutions from its manufacturincluding applied research ing unit in India toward business and societal problems, quantum comput-

vice):-

Having delivered the first escalator, KONE India intends ing workshops, and research to build on the momentum by grants. These initiatives aim delivering customized product range that is with world class quality standards. In order fessionals and researchers at to do so, the firm is eager to leverage its Indian manufacturing unit, which is India and Southeast Asia's largest elevator manufacturing facility.

### On the occasion, Mr. Amit Gossain. Managing Director of KONE India said. "We are delighted to announce the successful delivery of our first escalator from our world class manufacturing facility in India. This achievement reflects our ongoing commitment to the 'Make in India' initiative and our resolve to continually provide innovative solutions that meet the evolving needs of

our customers. We are grateful for the trust and support from F5 Realtors - one of the leading real-estate companies in Pune, this partnership has been instrumental in shaping a new design and functionality of our products. With the delivery of the 1st Escalator, we are confident that we would be able to offer a world-class



product range that aligns with our commitment to delivering quality, safety and reliability". KONE India's delivery of its first set of escalators and the recent launch of its Test Tower in Sriperumbudur, Chennai marks significant milestones in the company's substantial investment in India's verti-

cal transportation manufacturing sector. By leveraging advanced technology and employing skilled local talent. KONE aims to continue offering innovative and premium world class full range of elevators and escalators that cater to the diverse needs of its customers.

# EaseMyTrip.com continues its strong financial performance

Pune (Voice news ser**vice):-** EaseMyTrip.com, a leading online travel platform in India, continues its strong financial performance, reporting INR 1,607.9 million in revenue for Q3FY24, marking an 18.1% year-on-year increase. EBITDA reached INR 653.7 million, up by 10.9% year-onyear, with a Profit After Tax of INR 456.6 million, reflecting a 9.5% year-on-year growth. Gross Booking Revenue (GBR) for Q3FY24 stands at 20.260.7 million.

Following a successful quarter, EaseMyTrip acquired a stake of approximately 13% in ECO Hotels and Resorts. diversifying its portfolio beyond online travel services. This move aligns with the company's commitment towards organic and in-organic growth and sustainability by promoting environmentally friendly practices within the travel and hospitality sector. In a significant milestone, EaseMyTrip and the Government of Uttarakhand have signed a landmark Memo-

randum of Understanding (MOU) during the Global Investors Summit in London. This partnership aims to elevate Uttarakhand's global tourism appeal. The MOU includes joint marketing campaigns targeting key markets like the UK/Europe, Middle East, Asia, USA/Canada, leveraging EaseMyTrip's global reach to bolster Uttarakhand's tourism sector. Demonstrating its dedication

to offering tailored services. EaseMyTrip introduces Easy-Darshan, providing curated pilgrimage packages across India.

These packages offer hassle-free journeys, encompassing transportation, accommodation, guided tours. and special pujas, prioritizing safety and convenience. Additionally, the launch of "Explore Bharat - Discover the Soul of India" showcases the nation's rich heritage, culture, and landscapes, targeting overseas travellers. These initiatives underscore the company's continuous ex-

pansion of services, catering to niche customer segments. Furthermore. EaseMvTrip introduces an exclusive subscription program, the Ease-MyTrip Platinum, Gold, and Silver Cards, offering luxury travel experiences to High-Net-Worth Individuals (HNI). These cards feature specialized services, benefits, and privileges, enhancing the travel experience for subscribers.

EaseMyTrip has been actively cultivating partnerships with various entities to bolster its marketing and collaboration efforts. Alongside becoming the Principal Sponsors of UP Yoddhas in Kabaddi, the company has extended its

reach to the world of tennis as the Official Associate Partner of World Tennis League Season 2. Additionally, Ease-MyTrip has entered into a significant collaboration with Vi to extend exclusive propositions related to travel and international roaming, further enhancing its range of services for customers.

Highlighting financial performance, for 9MFY24, the Revenue from Operations was INR 4,265.3, growth of 28.4% Y-o-Y. The EBITDA stood at INR 1,705.2 million, a 17.9% of Y-o-Y growth and the reported Profit After Tax of INR 1,188.6 million, growth of 15.3% Y-o-Y. This strong performance underscores Ease-MyTrip's continued momentum and further strengthens its position as one of the few profitable new-age tech companies in the industry.

Additionally, the company recorded a GBR of INR 64,226.0 million in 9MFY24, further strengthening its market position.

The total number of air bookings (net of cancellations) in Q3FY24 reached 22.6 Lacs. Similarly, hotel night bookings and the other bookings were 91,915 and 2.7 Lacs, respectively. For 9MFY24, air ticket sales (net of cancellations) were 83.7 Lacs. Furthermore, there were 3.8 Lacs hotel night bookings and 7.7 Lacs in the other bookings.

### models, saving a whopping 124,360 tons of Carbon Dioxide emissions collectively in the last 12 months. These startups are part of the Marico Innovation Foundation (MIF)'s plastics portfolio that were featured in the 'Innovation in Plastics: The Potential and Possibilities' playbook, in January 2023 MIF released this and other

Program Roundup 2023-24. In this context, it is notable how MIF-supported startups have made significant strides in developing innovative solutions to address the challenge of plastic waste.

For instance, Ibanss and Dharaksha have effectively managed 60 tons of agricultural waste using biocraft innovation technology and mycelium respectively. Other startups, including Ishitva, Ibanss, Ricron, Padcare, Bintix, Dharaksha, and Angirus have collectively saved 124,360 tons of CO2 emissions, validating MIF's focus



on innovations that create social, economic, and environmental impact

Then, there are others in the portfolio like Padcare which has recycled 37 tons of sanitary pads, preserving 74,000 km of landfill area. Ishitva Robotics' Al-based sorting machine has sorted 100.000 tons of plastic waste, significantly impacting energy conservation by saving 265,000 tons of oil barrels. Innovators like Ricron Panels and Angirus have recycled 1,338 tons of plastic waste through innovative construction products. Bintix, which focuses on household waste management, has collected 360 tons of plastic waste, contributing to biodiversity conservation and waste reduction while

Plastics Program has supported innovative solutions poised to revolutionize the waste management sector. As consumerism continues to surge, there is immense scope for innovations to address challenges across the value chain." He added, "MIF is proud to support the journey of disruptive innovators and contribute to ecosystem building for sustainable innovations. Suranjana Ghosh, Head of

Marico Innovation Founda-

preserving 8,300 trees. Harsh Mariwala, Founder, Marico Innovation Foundation, highlighted MIF's instrution, said, "MIF is at the foremental role in nurturing infront of the innovation journey novators in the plastic waste in plastic waste management. management sector. "Since Our commitment to innovation is what drives us to identithe launch of the playbook, MIF has taken the lead in folfy and address challenges for lowing its recommendations, the short, mid, and long term. prioritizing the support, and This initiative can be a nurturing of startups. This game-changer for India as we commitment has led to signifimove ahead in addressing cant strides, with our interventhe plastics problem. In fact, tions resulting in multi-crore I believe that by providing a deal orders alongside other nurturing environment that goes beyond capital, we can value-driven initiatives for entrepreneurs. build a prototype for plastic waste management for the These endeavors underscore rest of the world to deploy." our dedication to driving tan-Amit Chandra, Honorary

gible outcomes and fostering a thriving ecosystem for sus-Chairperson of the Governtainable innovation," she reing Council of Marico Innovation Foundation, added, "Our marked.

# change geopolitical dynamics'

Pune (Voice news service):-The potential impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on GDP will be US \$2.5 to 2.6 trillion. AI will change geopolitical dynamics. Al is changing the nature of jobs as business models are changing. 3.5 million jobs are available in cyber security. Women rejoining the workforce after a career break can be trained to join in cyber security

stand humans. He said the potential impact of AI on GDP will be 2.5 to 2.6 trillion.

Mashelkar says.

"dangerous optimists, as Dr. R A becomes an equaliser and facilitator of a level-playing field. Other-Panellist Rajesh Nambiar, Execwise, some will disproportionately utive Vice President, Chairman benefit from it. He said there is and Managing Director, Cognizant scope for changes in governance India said there is a role reversal frameworks and these need to be so far as humans were trying to designed with customer protection understand computers but now at the centre. Jeff Walters, Managing Director computers are trying to under-

and Senior Partner, The Boston Consulting Group, said one characteristic of companies using Al

US-India Cyber Security Initiative to strengthen IT connections between the two countries and lead Pune city to become a cybersecurity hub. He said India's soft power was previously in yoga, ayurveda, Bollywood, etcetera, and now digital technology will get added.

The session on the topic 'The Third Globalisation' was chaired by Prof. Jvoti Chandiramani Director, Symbiosis School of

the area of carbon emission regulations.

The session on 'The Future Automobile and Future Fuels' was chaired by Amit Paranjape, Co-founder of ReliScore The panellists were Ramkripa Ananthan, Head of Design of Ola Electric; C V Raman, Chief Technology Officer, Suzuki India; and Yogesh Umbarkar. Vice President. Business

charging. Space for parking also plays a crucial role. He said "60% of India doesn't have parking space". He said hybrid vehicles present a better solution for the future of mobility and reduce C02 emissions. He said renewable energy in the energy mix needs to increase. He said all fuels will have a space in the future of automobiles and that hybrids will be

and post-Covid has shifted to au

by Anish Michael, Lead, Centre for

Future Mobility, OMI Foundation,

The panellists were Mark Yong,

Co-founder and CEO of Garuda

Robotics; Aniruddh Gupte, Found-

the 13th Finance Commission

# **Tovota Kirloskar Motor Posts Consecutive Record Wholesales** Growth: Sells 25,220 units in February'2024

Pune (Voice news hicle that fits their lifestyle service):- Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) reported its highest wholesale of 25,220 units in the month look forward to adding valof February'2024, reflect- ue and ensuring sustained ing sustained growth and market performance by

and needs We have begun the year with high optimism, we

# data points at the Plastics

roles. Al is a challenge at present and the IT industry will overcome

These were some of the key points that emerged out of deliberations on the second day of the Asia Economic Dialogue (AED), the annual three-day geoeconomics conference organised jointly by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Pune International Centre (PIC). from February 29, 2024.

The theme is 'Geo-economic Challenges in an Era of Flux'. Other points that emerged at the conference included: \* India's soft power was previously in yoga, avurveda, Bollywood, etcetera and now digital technology will get added. IT industry in India expected to double in size by 2030 to \$5bn and projected to become 10% of GDP. Winners of the Third Globalisation are the developed countries.

With 46 speakers from 11 countries participating in the 12 sessions over three days at the international conference, day two witnessed insightful discussions on pressing economic matters facing Asia and the world at large. Sessions on 'Generative AI: Im pact on Organisations and Society'; a conversation on 'India's Role in Information Technology and Digital Diplomacy'; 'The Third Globalisation'; 'The Future Auto mobile and Future Fuels'; 'Drones: Revolutionising the Future?; and India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor' were held on Friday.

The session on 'Generative AI: Impact on Organisations and Society' was chaired by Dr. Ganesh Natarajan, Executive Chairman and Founder, 5F World. The panellists were Rajesh Nambiar, Executive Vice President, Chairman and Managing Director, Cognizant India; Dr. Rohini Srivathsa, Chief Technology Officer, Microsoft India and South Asia; Nitin Chugh Deputy Managing Director and Head of Digital Banking and Transformation; and Jeff Walters, Managing Director and Senior Partner, The Boston Consulting Group

Dr. Natarajan predicted new multimodal chatbots, a whole lot of startups, multitasking for robots, text to video, and AI film festival. He said Al videos are here whether for good or for bad and people like him were optimists, or

Al, he said, is an equaliser as its benefits are higher where the capabilities are lower, and can lead to higher productivity. He said that in the short run, the impact of generative AI is overhyped, but in the long run it is under-hyped. He said it can impact white collar jobs, particularly where people use brains. such as statisticians and in equity calculations.

Chief Technology Officer, Microsoft India and South Asia, highlighted key aspects of generative Al's impact on organisations and society.

work after the pandemic, where paradigms of work and personal lives have changed, as dimensions of time and space regarding work have undergone a shift and Al has introduced a third dimension. Second, with respect to previous tech innovations, AI is not new; generative AI is just one new technology and it's not going to be the last innovation.

ing the functions of an intelligent agent and a reasoning agent to effectively function as a co-pilot. She said AI needs to be assessed in three orders - first is assistive: second is augmentation such as where AI can help a school teach. er create interesting lesson plans; and third is autonomous.

She said AI is changing the nature

Nitin Chugh, Deputy Managing Director and Head of Digital Banking and Transformation, said by nature generative AI is transformational and will change geopolitical dynamics. It holds the potential to cause a divide of data haves and have-nots. The West, he said, has more availability of public data, whereas India has a mix of personal and public data. The financial services and banking sector has advantages and challenges for adoption of generative Al. However, there is a need for bringing about an ethical and responsible framework for adoption of AI. One of the most crucial aspects regarding generative AI, he

Panellist Dr. Rohini Srivathsa,

One is the changing nature of Third, generative AI is combin-

of jobs as business models are changing for effective adoption of AI and creating new revenue streams. She said AI has impacts on education, healthcare and judiciary

said, is to make it inclusive so it

is that leaders are using it faster. He said the function of AI is like a "co-pilot" and it can be used to reshape business such as through better customer engagement. A conversation on 'India's Role Information Technology and

Digital Diplomacy' featured Kiran Karnik, Chairman, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, and Dinanath Kholkar, Independent Advisor and Former

Senior Vice President and Global Head of Partner Ecosystems and Alliances of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). Dinanath Kholkar, Independent

Advisor and Former Senior Vice President and Global Head of Partner Ecosystems and Alliances of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), said there is a mismatch in demand and supply for jobs in cyber security and at present 3.5 million jobs are available in cyber security even as there are concerns regarding cyber security with a rise in cybercrimes. He said women reioining the workforce after a career break can be trained to join in cyber security roles. Technological opportunities, he said, will

create more jobs. Kholkar said the IT industry in India is expected to double in size by 2030 to \$5 billion and projected to become 10% of GDP

On the success of India's IT industry, Kiran Karnik said India's IT sector started late but the pioneers wanted to compete globally. Young Indians took it up as a challenge and worked on innovation in business models; and the government played a crucial role in supporting and creating a con-

ducive ecosystem through policy frameworks. He said AI is a challenge at present and in the future and the IT industry will overcome it. He observed that the industry has a key role to play in the de velopment of the education and IT industry, especially in R&D.

Kholkar said the banking sector has seen phenomenal payback with application of AI. Technological advancements need to be supported with favourable ecosystem and policy implementation can enable faster adoption of tech innovations, he added. Data privacy, he observed, is crucial. He said MCCIA's cyber security initiative in collaboration with the United States Consulate is the first-ever

Economics, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Symbiosis International University The panellists were Anniken Huitfeldt, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Norway; Rahul Bajoria, Chief Economist, Asia Pacific, Barclays Bank; Dr. Fahmida Khatun Executive Director of Centre for Policy Dialogue. Bangladesh and Non-resident Fellow at Atlantic Council; and Prof. Lars-Hendrik Röller, Professor at the European School of Management and Technology, Berlin, and former Chief economic advisor to German Federal Chancellor Merkel, and former G7 and G20 Sherpa.

'The Third Globalisation' session focused on the geo-economics paradox of the third globalisation, where the winners are the developed countries and losers are the under-developed countries.

Rahul Baioria said globalisation is a "normative" perspective and not an "idealistic" perspective. This makes developing countries like India to go for FTAs and to abolish trade protectionist policies. He said the future of Indian industrialisation depends on where it invests.

Prof. Jvothi said that in the third globalisation, there has been a geo-economic flux and a shift from the plurilateral regime to the multilateral regime.

Anniken Huitfeldt, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Norway, said that third globalisation and the SDGs are more about security

Dr. Fahmida Khatun, said the current world is at the end of the third globalisation and the beginning of the fourth. She said globalisation is a means to progress, not automatic, and should be more focused on the accumulation of wealth, advancement of technology, trade and simplified financial transaction. She said challenges to alobalization included inequality, and disparities between countries are growing rapidly. She said this will hurt developing countries in the long run. She said issues faced by the underdeveloped countries are that there is east transfer of technology to the UDCs, and there is lack of financial outsourcing and investments. Prof. Lars-Hendrik Röller said the government must work together in

Development, Valtech Mobility On data protection, Amit Paranjape said data that cars capture is so a geopolitical issue. At a nation level, it raises concerns regarding national security and at a personal level it raises issues with regards to privacy. Increasingly, there are challenges regarding hacking of cars.

'personal' Ramkripa Ananthan suggested India is somewhere between making EV in the price of IC ve-"least autonomous" and fully auhicles. She said the weightage of tonomous. He said that with inbattery cost is the highest in the crease of digital connectivity and overall cost of the car. She said adoption of 5G networks, 'personthe solution to reduce these costs alized and connected' features are are in promoting in-house technolbecoming prominent in vehicles. A ogies, selecting the right technolvehicle is getting transformed into ogies, and improving efficiency of a smart phone on four wheels. the battery to reduce costs. There Increasingly, the experience of is a need to increase software to home, office and lifestyle is getting reduce dependence on hardware. connected with the vehicle. These she said. She said long-haul veaspects are shaping business hicles require a mix of three solumodels as well. However these tions-- battery swapping, portable are also raising issues of data privacy and protection batteries, and behaviour change, Ramkripa said there was need for The session on 'Drones: Revolutionising the Future?' was chaired

talent in future technology at designing, manufacturing and so on; not just knowledge but application of that knowledge; and also road safety. C V Raman said there is a con-

nection between economic deer and CEO of Podrones Logistics; and Sunil Jha of ideaForge. velopment and mobility. He said sustainable mobility, energy secu-Mark Yong: Constraints - autonrity and society are the three key omy, energy, safety; Drones have aspects for determining the future to take care of themselves once of automobiles and fuels in India. they are out of sight from pilot's Sustainable mobility, he said, will require customer focus, infrastructure development and digitisation. With expected increase in per capita incomes, passenger vehicles are expected to grow at a rate of 5-6%, he said. He said energy security at present in India is debe the future. pendent on fossil fuel imports, and as fossil fuel dominant energy grid has adverse impacts on the environment. He said there is a need to reduce emissions and achieve carbon neutrality by 2070. He said solutions to boost the economy. the question to be addressed for the future of mobility is "how can we move a billion people?" He listed solutions such as electric mobility, alternate fuels, gas-based mobility, waste-to-fuels, ethanol blending and enhanced electrification. He said EVs are significantly heavier than their IC counterparts. There is a need to change the material in EVs. He said key as-

pects for increased uptake of EVs

is developing avenues for home

a first vehicle and EVs will be second vehicle. Yogesh Umbarkar said the future of cars can be understood as pre-

product acceptance by the customers from across the country. Covid and post-Covid. Pre-Covid This also represents a suswas focused on autonomous

tained growth of 61% over connected, electric and 'shared'; the same period last year, tonomous, connected, electric and where the company sold 15,685 units in February 2023. While domestic sales stood at 23.300 units, the company's exports stood at 1,920 units in the month. In the preceding month of January 2024, the company recorded its highest-ever monthly wholesales in India with 24,609 units.

Reflecting on the month's achievement, Mr. Sabari Manohar - Vice President. Sales-Service-Used Car Business, Toyota Kirloskar Motor said, "Our commitment towards delivering 'Mass Happiness to All' and maintaining a customer-first approach has been instrumental in ensuring steady month-on-month growth.

With this month recording eyes; Today everything is based on batteries hence energy storage the highest monthly sales, is important; Multiple level of safewe continue to witness risty system is required; Airspace ing demand coupled with utilization - integrated national air space - unaccrued instead of ungood customer enquiries manned: Commercial drones can from across the regions. Notably, the SUV and MUV Aniruddha Gupte: Drones will models are at the forefront replace some human in delivery business; Policy suggestion for of this demand surge, with government - encourage drone the Innova Crysta, Innoengineers; embrace technological va Hycross, Fortuner, and Legender maintaining their Day 3 will have sessions on 'Reimagining and Revitalising the leadership positions and World Trade Organization': 'Critsignificantly contributing to ical and Emerging Technologies our growth story. Recently, (CET): Securing our Future'; and Expanding Regional Connectivity: Innova HyCross set a re-Towards a More Integrated South markable milestone clock-Asia'. The Chief Guest at the Valeing sales of over 50,000 dictory Session will be R K Singh, units since its launch in No-Minister for Power, New and Re newable Energy, Gol. It will be vember 2022, underscorchaired by Dr. Vijay Kelkar, Vice ing our focus on offering President, PIC, and Chairman of customers a choice of ve-

fulfilling customer expectations with high-quality vehicles to meet the dynamic needs and evolving preferences of our customers. Continuing the momentum, we are confident that this trend will persist throughout the year propelled by the growing demand from tier 2 and tier 3 markets and ever-growing infrastructure which is creating newer opportunities.'

In addition to the sales achievements, TKM also unveiled the "Awesome New Car Delivery Solution," a testament to enhancing the buying experience through innovative value-added services.

This industry-first initiative, was rolled out by TKM's authorized dealers, revolutionizes the way new vehicles are delivered to customers. By utilizing flatbed trucks for the transportation of new vehicles from dealer stockyards directly to sales outlets, the cars arrive in pristine condition, untouched by road travel. This approach not only elevates the customer's unboxing experience but also addresses the logistical challenges in rural and semi-urban areas.

Another thrilling 'Great 4X4 Expedition by Toyota' has gained lot of popularity and is set to offer another adventurous off roading experience to the 4X4 fraternity in Northeast region during March 2024. This will be the fifth in the series that aspires to connect 4X4 participants with their spirit of adventure.

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