



## Daikin Expands Office Operations in Pune

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Daikin Airconditioning India Pvt. Ltd. is thrilled to announce a significant milestone in our journey of innovation and service excellence. Daikin Airconditioning India Pvt. Ltd. (DAIPL), the fully owned subsidiary of Daikin Industries Ltd., Japan & the market leader in the air-conditioning market in India today inaugurated its new office at 704 & 705A, 7th Floor, Orville Business Port, West Avenue Road, Opposite Konark Epitome Viman Nagar, Pune. This new office space mirrors our commitment to the potential of Maharashtra & its discerning customers. With gaining Daikin confidence across Maharashtra, it is imperative that we reflect the commitment of quality & elegance in our operations. This new premises will house departments such as – all product Sales, Service, Technical Support & other Support functions, that will act as an enabler for both channel partners & customers. We see Maharashtra as our top potential market, so we will continue to invest in developing the market with a view



to dominate the overall AC market. Today, the Daikin products bring with them with strong technology from Daikin Global that offers lower cost of ownership and topped with unmatched quality and durability. On this occasion, Mr. Kanwal Jeet Jawa, Chairman & Managing Director, Daikin India said, "As we celebrate this remarkable centenary, we reflect with pride on Daikin's journey from its inception in 1924 to becoming a global leader in the HVAC industry. This milestone is not just a testament to our pioneering spirit and technological advancements but also to the

unwavering trust and support of our esteemed customers, partners, and dedicated employees." "In India, Daikin has established itself as a household name synonymous with quality and innovation. Our journey in India has been marked by significant achievements, including the establishment of state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities, introduction of cutting-edge products, and a steadfast commitment to sustainability." "As we commemorate 100 years of excellence, we reaffirm our commitment to driving innovation and sustainability in the HVAC industry.

Our future initiatives will focus on enhancing energy efficiency, reducing our environmental impact, and leveraging advanced technologies to meet the evolving needs of our customers in India." "With India demonstrating a robust upward growth & business trajectory, we have plans to get aggressive in our approach across Maharashtra and the new products remain a key step towards strengthening Daikin's endeavour to capture significant market share." With this new office, we are committed to provide unmatched consumer experience with network of highly

trained sales, service and maintenance through our strong dealer network & employees. Daikin India has grown over 28 % in the last year, and it aims to reach a revenue of INR 16,000 crores by 2025, prompting us to launch a host of new products & increase our dealer network extensively. With robust infrastructure & housing development, we are witnessing a high demand for smart & energy efficient air-conditioning solutions. We are planning to invest in heavy marketing & promotions across Maharashtra to secure 30 % market share end of FY 24-25." Daikin India operationalised its new facility at Sri City, Andhra Pradesh, spread across 75.5 acres to reaffirm its commitment for excellence and innovation; positioned to cater the increasing demand for air conditioning products manufactured in India, for domestic and international consumption. Daikin as the principal investor in the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) program in the AC category, implemented by the government to encourage domestic production of air conditioners.

## 2 Students of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) from Pune Achieve Top Ranks in JEE Advanced 2024

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, proudly announces the outstanding achievement of 2 of its students from Pune who became top scorers in the prestigious JEE Advanced 2024 examination. This remarkable feat is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the high-quality coaching provided by AESL. The results were released today by IIT Madras. Notable students are Swara Takale who secured AIR 595 and Akshat Bazal secured AIR 983. The students enrolled in AESL's classroom program to prepare for JEE Advanced, widely regarded as one of the toughest entrance exams globally. They attribute their remarkable success to their rigorous understanding of concepts and strict adherence to a disciplined study schedule. "We are grateful that Aakash has helped us with both. But for the content



and coaching from AESL, we would not have grasped many concepts in different subjects in a short period of time," the students expressed. Congratulating the students on their extraordinary achievement, Mr. Amit Singh Rathore, Chief Academic & Business Head, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), said, "We congratulate the students for their exemplary feat. Their achievement speaks volumes of their hard work and dedication as well as the support of their parents. We wish our students all the best in their future endeavors." JEE Advanced is conducted

annually for students who have qualified JEE Mains organized by one of the IITs yearly. While JEE Main is for admission to several National Institute of Technologies (NITs) and other center-aided engineering colleges in India, JEE Advanced is considered as the sole prerequisite for admission to the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). However, Students must appear for JEE Main to sit for JEE Advanced. A total number of 180,200 candidates appeared in both papers 1 and 2 in JEE (Advanced) 2024. A total of 48,248 candidates have qualified JEE (Advanced) 2024.

## Revolutionary TAVI Procedure at DPU Super Specialty Hospital Pimpri, Pune Valve Replacement without Open Surgery Marks Hospital's First

**Pune (Voice news service):-** In an inspiring blend of advanced technology and compassionate healthcare, DPU Super Specialty Hospital, Pimpri, Pune, has successfully performed its first Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) procedure on an 83-year-old male patient, marking a significant milestone in the hospital's history and the launch of its new dedicated Valve Specialty Clinic in partnership with Dr. Anmol Sonawane, Director - TAVI & Structural Heart Specialist. This clinic promises advanced cardiac care every Monday, enhancing access to cutting-edge treatments for the residents of Pune and beyond. TAVI, a groundbreaking heart valve replacement method, involves no open-heart surgery, incisions, general anesthesia, or ventilators, allowing patients to be discharged as early as 1-2 days. The procedure performed on June 7 saved the life of the elderly patient who had struggled with severe symptoms like heart failure, leg swelling, and breathlessness for over six months. After thorough evaluations and considering the patient's frail condition and the risks associated with traditional surgery, Dr. Sonawane recommended TAVI. This less invasive technique involves inserting a new valve via a catheter through the femoral artery in the leg, reaching the heart and deploying the new valve without the need for a major surgical incision. Dr. Anmol Sonawane, a leading pioneer in TAVI and valve replacement, has successfully performed over 1500 surgeries across India and in

36 countries, aiding in the development of TAVR programs worldwide. This technique offers a new hope for elderly patients. A specialist in TAVI and Structural Heart specialist, Dr. Sonawane is collaborating with DPU Super Specialty Hospital, Pimpri, to launch a specialized Valve Clinic. TAVI is primarily utilized for patients who suffer from Aortic Stenosis—a condition where the aortic valve narrows, hindering blood flow from the heart to the rest of the body. As patients age, valves may calcify and degenerate, significantly impacting their quality of life. Traditional surgery to replace these valves involves open-heart surgery, which poses significant risks, especially for elderly patients or those with multiple health issues. The successful implementation of TAVI at DPU Super Specialty Hospital highlights the significant advancements in interventional cardiology, spearheaded by Dr. Sonawane's expertise. Dr. P. D. Patil, Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pimpri, Pune, expressed his pride in the hospital's commitment to top-tier patient-centric care. "Our focus has always been on integrating the latest technologies to improve patient outcomes. The introduction of this specialty clinic is a testament to our dedication to advancing healthcare. Our state-of-the-art facilities combined with top-notch expertise allow us to deliver exceptional care, particularly in specialized fields like TAVI," he stated. Dr. Bhagyashree P. Patil, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to



be University), Pimpri, Pune, echoed these sentiments, emphasizing the importance of technology in future healthcare solutions. "There is nothing more valuable than saving a human life. Hence, giving our patients the priceless gift of a healthy life remains our topmost priority as a trusted healthcare institute. I personally visit the patients, monitor their recovery, and progress, and stay connected with the team 24x7 to ensure that no stone is left unturned in providing the best possible patient care. With this new clinic, we are setting new benchmarks in providing access to globally recognized treatments right here in Pune," she remarked. The launch of the Valve Specialty Clinic is more than just an addition to the hospital's capabilities—it represents a lifeline for elderly patients at high risk from conventional surgeries. It underscores the hospital's role as a pioneer in adopting technologies that offer safer alternatives and promote quicker recoveries. Commenting on the same, Dr. Yashraj Patil, Trustee & Treasurer, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pimpri, Pune, said, "As Pune's healthcare landscape continues to evolve, the Valve Specialty Clinic at DPU Super Specialty Hospital, Pimpri, Pune stands as a beacon of hope and in-

novation, ensuring that the elderly can receive the best possible care with minimized risk, embodying the hospital's mission of enabling healthier lives through advanced medical science. We as a leading healthcare institution are honoured to introduce the TAVI and Valve specialty clinic to our patients, thus laying another milestone as pioneers. The confluence of technology with patient-centric healthcare has led to the emergence of multiple opportunities in the interest of better patient outcomes. TAVI is a landmark achievement in the field of Cardiology and will be of immense benefit to our elderly patients. Perspective of Dr. Anmol Sonawane Director - TAVI & Structural Heart Specialist, DPU Super Specialty Hospital, Pimpri, Pune, said "TAVI or TAVR is a pinnacle that has redefined the process of valve replacements in the elder age groups. Multiple comorbidities and wailing health in the elderly age group make individuals vulnerable to critical procedures like open-heart surgeries. We are glad to launch the valve specialty clinic at DPU Super Specialty Hospital, Pimpri, Pune, as the hospital is well-equipped with world-class infrastructure and facilities that will help us in providing treatment for complex concerns with ease."

## BIC Cello Brings 'Hallyu' to Classrooms with The Newly Launch K-Series Fountain Pens

**Pune (Voice news service):-** BIC Cello recently launched its highly anticipated K-POP & K-Drama Fountain Pens, a remarkable fusion of writing elegance and South Korean cultural charm. As the global 'Hallyu' phenomenon continues to captivate audiences worldwide, India stands proudly as the second-largest consumer of Korean content, with an astonishing 775 million views for the iconic K-pop group BTS on YouTube in 2023 alone. The nation has also seen an upward spike in fandom for Korean dramas. Recognizing this fervent enthusiasm, BIC Cello has meticulously crafted a line of fountain pens that pay homage to the vibrant and influential South Korean entertainment industry. These exquisite writing instruments are designed to resonate with fans and enthusiasts alike, offering a tangible connection to the cultural phenomena they hold dear. "At BIC Cello, we are committed to providing our customers with innovative and culturally relevant products," said Manos Nikolakis, General Manager at BIC Cello. "The launch of the latest K-Pop Foundation Pens is a testament to that, and a commitment to remain close to our consumers' wants and needs through cultural and industry



trends." Combining superior craftsmanship with vibrant aesthetics, the K-POP & K-Drama Fountain Pens are a testament to BIC Cello's understanding of the youth pulse commitment to innovation and cultural appreciation. Each pen is a work of art, adorned with captivating designs inspired by the colorful world of K-pop idols and the mesmerizing narratives of Korean dramas. BIC Cello invites fans, enthusiasts, and collectors alike to embark on a journey of cultural celebration and writing excellence with the launch of these extraordinary fountain pens. Commenting on this initiative

## MAGGI Empowers 10 Women to Bring their Entrepreneurial dreams to life

**Pune (Voice news service):-** MAGGI has announced the winners of the second edition of MAGGI Apna Food Business. It is aimed at empowering aspiring food content creators with the skills and knowledge that enables them to build their own food channel and monetise the content they create. In this edition, the programme reached over 20 million aspiring culinary content creators and equipped over 50,000 participants with the skill and experience to start their online food channel. After two intense months of training with some of the most prominent food influencers in India, like Kabita Singh (KabitasKitchen), Madhura Bachal (MadhurasRecipe), Teja Paruchuri (Vismal Foods), Tanhisikha Mukherjee (Tanhir Paakshala) and experts from YouTube and META, 10 deserving winners were awarded Rs. 5 Lakhs each in seed capital, to build their own content business. The food entrepreneurs who made their way to the coveted list are Sophia Machado, Shreya Rao, Trishika Dsen, Ashneet Kaur Anand and Sheetal Pednekar from Mumbai, Priyanka Kundu Biswas from Kolkata, Shalaja Nair from Trivandrum, Pinky Daswani from Pune, Vandana Jain from Gurugram and Benisha Martin from Mumbai/Hyderabad. Commenting on this initiative

Rajat Jain, Director, Foods business, at Nestlé India said, "I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the winners of this edition of MAGGI Apna Food Business. Over the years MAGGI has evolved into a symbol of empowerment, innovation, and a celebration of the culinary arts. 'MAGGI Apna Food Business' is yet another testament of our unwavering commitment towards celebrating the cooks and being their ally. It gives us immense pleasure to have played a part in turning their dreams to reality. I would also like to extend my gratitude to our partners from India Food Network who played a critical role in the seamless execution of the second season of MAGGI Apna Food Business." Over the last four decades, MAGGI has earned the love and trust of countless Indians, inspiring the culinary curiosity of aspiring chefs. Through its wide range of products, MAGGI has empowered cooks and foodpreneurs to create dishes that bring joy to people's lives every day. Envisioned as a key element of its Desh Ke Liye 2 Minute initiative, MAGGI Apna Food Business has grown from strength to strength and continues to be an ideal platform for over 20 Mio budding culinary content creators, nurturing their talent and fostering innovation.

## Lenovo introduces end-to-end desktop customization for gamers in India

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Lenovo, the technology powerhouse, has set a new standard in desktop computers by offering end-to-end customization options for their gaming customers. The brand is providing a comprehensive level of customization on gaming desktops, thereby empowering users to tailor their computing experience to their unique needs and preferences. Customers can now upgrade their gaming desktops end-to-end across Legion and LOQ gaming desktops. They will be able to avail various type of customization options including:

- Processor upgrade up to the latest Intel i7 14th generation for enhanced performance
- Memory upgrade up to 32GB for improved multitasking capabilities
- Graphic card upgrade up to the powerful Nvidia RTX 4060Ti for a superior gaming



and graphic design experience

- Other upgradable components such as storage options (SSD + HDD), WiFi connectivity, and front and rear fan selection for better cooling and airflow within the system

Lenovo's 'CONFIGURED BY YOU, FOR YOU', customizable options allow consumers to create a desktop system that suits their requirements, whether for work, gaming, or creative projects and it just takes few minutes to build your own gaming PC.

According to recent Statista reports, India's desktop PC market is experiencing a surge in demand as more businesses and individuals are demanding reliable and affordable computing solutions. Additionally, the demand for customizable PCs is also on the rise. Built-on-order desktops allow customers to choose the specific components and specifications they want in their computer, resulting in a customized and tailored system that meets their exact needs and preferences.

Commenting on this, Ashish Sikka, Director and Category Head, Lenovo India said, "As the needs of present day consumers diversify, we understand that every user has different needs and preferences when it comes to their computing experience. With our extensive customization options, users can access a high-performance system that is tailored to their requirements, and have control over the quality and type of components used in their desktops." To encourage the trend, Lenovo is also offering a limited time offer where customers can avail a 30% discount on graphic card upgrades when customizing their Lenovo desktop. Lenovo's custom-made desktops are now available for purchase on their website and through select retailers. Customers can get their customized desktop delivered in a period of 4 weeks from the date of order.

## Punch.ev is India's first and safest EV, receives 5-star safety ratings with highest ever scores from Bharat-NCAP

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd (TPEM), a subsidiary of Tata Motors and the pioneer of India's EV revolution, in a significant announcement today declared that the Punch.ev and the Nexon.ev have achieved the 5 star Bharat-NCAP safety rating. While the Punch.ev set a major milestone by receiving the highest ever scores achieved by any vehicle till date – 31.46/32 and 45/49 points for adult occupant protection (AOP) and child occupant protection (COP) respectively, the Nexon.ev scored 29.86/32 and 44.95/49 points for AOP and COP respectively. With this, Tata Motors is now the only OEM with the safest range of SUV portfolio scoring 5-stars across Bharat-NCAP and Global-NCAP tests. Mr. Nitin Gadkari – Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, expressed, "My heartfelt congratulations to Tata Motors on this significant milestone as the Nexon.ev and Punch.ev receive a 5-star



rating, under Bharat-NCAP. The certification aligns with the Indian government's vision for safer vehicles in the country and emphasizes the role of Bharat-NCAP in making India's automobile industry 'aatmanirbhar'. The Bharat-NCAP car safety standard is pivotal in realizing the government's vision to make India a global automobile hub and increase its export worthiness in International markets." Commenting on this extraordinary achievement, Mr. Shailesh Chandra, MD, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility and Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles, said, "Safety, once less discussed, is now a top

priority for the Indian car buyer. At Tata Motors, safety is engrained in our DNA, which has made us an industry benchmark. We have continued to be the pioneers in driving the safety conversation – ensuring that our commitment reflects in every vehicle we manufacture, regardless of price point. We welcome stricter government safety standards and are proud to be the first manufacturer to have sent vehicles and lead the Bharat-NCAP protocol with superlative results. We are delighted to produce India's safest vehicle – an EV – in the Punch.ev, while the Nexon.ev continues its legacy of safety with its

5-star rating. Together, all four of our SUVs tested under the Bharat-NCAP have achieved 5-star ratings, setting a benchmark for all passenger vehicles to follow. Looking ahead, our proactive stance on safety will continue, backed by extensive R&D to help us evolve and enable us in leading the way to create a safer future for every road user." The Punch.ev, since its launch, has been quite an attraction for EV enthusiasts and first-time buyers, with over 35% owners from the rural markets. With its combination of long range, exalting performance, cutting-edge technology, and features that are generally found in segments 2 – 3 above its own, the Punch.ev has attracted over 10,000 proud members to its family. It's not only a truly electric SUV; it's a bold step into the future of mobility. The Punch.ev also scores mighty high on convenience and punches above its weight, offering a premium experience that is accessible to customers.

## Karan Johar and Manish Malhotra Launched Usha Kakade's Production House

**Pune (Voice news service):-** The entertainment industry witnessed a significant milestone as Mrs. Usha Kakade, a trailblazer in construction and dedicated social activist, unveiled the logo of her forthcoming production house, Usha Kakade Productions.

Bollywood bigwig Karan Johar and celebrated fashion designer Manish Malhotra unveiled the production house. It also attracted several prominent figures from the Hindi and Marathi film industries, including Isha Koppikar, Rinku Rajguru, Laxmi Narayan Tripathi, Sumedh Mudhalkar, Tanisha Mukherjee, Sharmila Thackeray, Abhijeet Khe- dekar, Smita Gondkar, Sonali Kulkarni, Gauahar Khan, and Ashoke Pandit.

Held at Taj Lands End, Bandra, Mumbai, the logo unveiling was a glittering affair that brought together industry stalwarts. Karan Johar, synonymous with cinematic excellence, praised Mrs. Kakade's vision and dedication. "I am extremely excited to see what Usha Kakade Productions has in store for us. Usha will always have my support, and I am sure Usha Kakade Productions will be a tremendous success," Johar stated. He also anticipated UKP's first film, "Vicky - Full Of Love," underscoring his appreciation for Marathi cinema.

Manish Malhotra, whose designs have graced countless



films, applauded Mrs. Kakade for her foray into film production. "I am looking forward to Usha's new venture. Just like in all other areas, Usha under her banner Usha Kakade Productions is going to win all hearts," Malhotra remarked.

Mrs. Kakade's production house aims to be a beacon of creativity and social impact, reflecting her unwavering commitment to both the arts and humanitarian causes. Her transition from real estate to film production highlights her versatility and her significant contributions across various sectors.

In her address, Mrs. Kakade expressed profound gratitude to all dignitaries present. She underscored the importance of this new chapter in her life and her excitement about the potential of her production house to create inspiring and thought-provoking content.

meticulously researching the film industry. Her dedication culminated in establishing her production house, which aims to bring meaningful and impactful stories to the screen. The logo unveiling marks the beginning of a new era for Mrs. Kakade and her production house.

With her proven track record of excellence and her deep-rooted commitment to social causes, the industry eagerly anticipates the impactful stories that will emerge from her new venture.

The first Marathi movie under the Usha Kakade Productions banner, titled "Vicky - Full Of Love," was also announced at the event. Starring Heymal Ingley as the lead actress and Sumedh Mudhalkar as the lead actor, and directed by Tejpal Jayant Wagh, this film sets high expectations for the kind of quality and impactful storytelling that Usha Kakade Productions aims to deliver.

As the founder of the Gravitus Foundation, Mrs. Kakade has significantly contributed to education and healthcare initiatives, impacting the lives of hundreds of thousands of children. Her new production house aims to leverage the power of cinema to drive social change and inspire audiences worldwide. With a plan for a total of seven Marathi and Hindi movies in the pipeline, Usha Kakade Productions is set to make a significant mark in the film industry.

"I am thrilled to kickstart this venture and embark on a new journey as a producer. I am confident it will be successful with the blessings and good wishes of Karan Johar," she exclaimed.

With an illustrious 18-year career in the construction industry, Mrs. Usha Kakade is also the founder of the Gravitus Foundation. Her foundation has profoundly impacted society by educating over 500,000 children about safe and unsafe touch, providing dental checkups to 80,000 children, and facilitating eye checkups and surgeries for 110,000 children. Collaborations with UNICEF have furthered educational and healthcare initiatives, significantly improving countless lives.

Recognizing cinema's transformative power, Mrs. Kakade spent the past three years

## Six teams to contest the final of The Poona Club Swimming League 2024



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Goel Ganga Real Reach, Koodo, Jets, Kings, Parmar All Stars, and ASR Dolphins entered the next round of the group league stage at the second Edition of The Poona Club Swimming League 2024, organised by Poona Club Ltd and played at their Poona Club Swimming Pool.

Goel Ganga Real Reach are top of the table after Day 2 with 224 points while Koodo are close behind on 211 points with the Jets further behind on 199 points in the third place.

Jets (197 pts), Parmar All Stars (192 pts) and ASR Dolphins (188 pts) are the other teams in the final. Following are the results: League round: Under 10 (Female) Free Style (20m): 1.Sophia Baker (Jaguars,15:34sec), 2.Ira Dandekar(Amado,15:76sec), 3.Vedika Patel (Sk Flippers,18:51sec); Under 10 (Male) Free Style (20m): 1.Rayaan Khairaz(-

Jaguars,20:91sec), 2.Ayaan Baker (Kings,21:09sec), 3.Vayush Ranka (Amado,21:59sec); Under 14 (11-14 Years) (Female) Free Style(40m): 1.Anaisha Sood (Koodo,25:54sec), 2.Tisha Rathi (Kings,27:00sec), 3.Ariana Bharucha (Amado,33:88sec); Under 14 (11-14 Years) (Male)Free-style(40m): 1.Dhyanj Jhunjhuniwala (Amado,27:66sec), 2.Darsh Sharma (Jaguars,33:81sec), 3.Arjun Mutha (Koodo,34:75sec); Under 14 (11-14 Years) (Female ) Breaststroke (40m): 1.Tisha Rathi(33:79sec), 2.Anaisha Sood (Koodo,33:82sec), 3.Renea Ovekar (Jaguars,41:28sec); Under 17 (15-17 Years)(Male) Freestyle (40m): 1.Raunak Mali (Kings,23:43sec), 2.Ranveer Bhosale (Amado,24:46sec), 3.Darrien Mazda (Jaguars,27:66sec); Under 23 (15-23 Years) (Female) Freestyle (40m): 1.Tanuashri Rathi (Koodo,27:60sec), 2.Khushie



Shah (Sk Flippers,28:60sec), 3.Aaisha Khanyari (Kings,34:56sec); Under 33 (18-33 Years) (Male) Freestyle (40m): 1.Krish Demla (Kings,23:10sec), 2.Divij Pinge (Jaguars,23:37sec), 3.Ahaan Bhisey (Koodo,23:75sec); Under 23 (15-23 Years) (Female) Breaststroke (40m): 1.Khushie Shah(Sk Flippers,38:69sec), 2.Nidhi Sancheti (Koodo,49:44sec), 3.Ishita Shah(Amado,49:77sec); Under 52 (34-52 Years) (Male) Freestyle (40m): 1.Aditya Khator (Kings,30:34sec), 2.Rahil Mirchandani(Amado,30:94sec), 3.Sameer Master (Koodo,32:13sec); Above 35 (Female) Freestyle(40m): 1.Surudha Sanghvi/Khushie Shah/ Yeshna Kering/Vedika Patel (Sk Flippers, 01:41:85sec), 2.Babita Naidu/Ishita Shah/ Ariana Bharucha/Ira Dandekar (Amado,01:43:19sec), 3.Annepurna Rathi/Tanuashri Rathi/Avanti/Anaaya Patil(Koodo,01:44:78sec)

## Pune's Akanksha Sharma wins the Her Circle Bizruptor Award by Reliance Foundation-Jio

**Pune (Voice news service):-** At the highly anticipated and power-packed awards ceremony held at the Reliance Corporate Park; Her Circle, the digital women's platform founded by Mrs Nita Mukesh Ambani, saw the culmination in a glittering grand finale of the Her Circle Bizruptors Awards 2024. Pune's Akanksha Sharma, CITTA's founder, won the Her Circle Bizruptor of the Year 2024 Award for Scalability.

During the pandemic, Akanksha Sharma and her mother Monisha, who is a cosmetic engineer, identified a demand for safer baby skincare products.

This inspired them to establish CITTA, a brand that combines Indian traditions with thorough scientific research. CITTA was introduced in 2021, providing products that are free from toxins and cruelty. Each ingredient is transparently labelled, ensuring full disclosure. Their commitment to excellence and safety has resulted in this deserved acknowledgement.

Here is her message to all female entrepreneurs "I'm so excited honestly like my heart is still beating super-fast. CITTA was started in the lockdown so we're a COVID baby. It's been so interesting to see the journey we started when the markets were all shut, so I actually got to see the open markets and things running smoothly just a year or so ago but it's been such an interesting journey because my mother has been a part of that journey with me. I think I'm so lucky to be able to work with my mother.

I just want to tell all the women that there are so many reasons to not do what you want to do but you need just one reason to just go out there

and keep doing." The Bizruptor awards category is distinctive as the winners have been selected by an independent jury comprising industry icons such as veteran fashion designer, Anita Dongre, venture capitalist, Tarana Lalwani, entrepreneur and venture capitalist, Ankita Vashista and CEO Her Circle, Tanya Chaitanya. Over 7 women entrepreneurs across categories were recognised and honoured at the first edition of the awards. These women entrepreneurs have transformed their kitchens into studios, living rooms into classrooms, and passion into prosperity. The winners were selected from an initial pool of 1,027 entrepreneurs from across the country.

Below, we present the list of Her Circle Icons:

1. Zainab Patel, Founder, The Trans Café & The Transformation Salon
2. Dr. Jaishree Sharad, Dermatologist, Director, Skininiti
3. Schauna Chauhan, CEO, Parle Agro Pvt Ltd
4. Anshuka Parwani, Founder Anshuka Yoga
5. Vaishali Shandangule, Designer, Founder, Vaishali S
6. Preeti Jhangiani, Actress & Co-Founder Swen Entertainment
7. Deanne Panday, Health Coach, Author & Wellness expert
8. Brinda Miller, Hon. Festival Director, Kala Ghoda Arts Festival & Chairperson, Kala Ghoda Association
9. Lavanya Nalli, Vice Chairperson, Nalli Group of Companies
10. Rashi Narang, Founder, Heads Up For Tails

Below, we present the list of Her Circle Bizruptors across different categories, each representing excellence and



achievement in their respective fields:

1. Her Circle Bizruptor of the Year Award for Innovation – Bhavini Parikh, Founder, Bunoko Junko
2. Her Circle Bizruptor of the Year Award for Sustainability – Anisha Shetty, Founder My Thrift Baby Loot
3. Her Circle Bizruptor of the Year Award for Social Impact – Dr Srimathy Kesan, Founder, Space Kidz India
4. Her Circle Bizruptor of the Year Award Editor's Choice – Akanksha Arora, Founder, Barker's Dozen
5. Her Circle Bizruptor of the Year Award Editor's Choice – Arundhati, Founder, Beej
6. Her Circle Bizruptor of the Year Award 2024 – Bindu Patel, Founder & Director, ECorect Pvt Ltd

Commenting on the occasion Ms Tanya Chaitanya, CEO, Her Circle said, "Her Circle Bizruptors is not just a nationwide hunt for women entrepreneurs with a will and disruption skill. It is a discovery of innovative, inclusive and sustainable businesses that may end up helping our planet. The overall Her Circle Bizruptors Grand Finale cele-

brates the winners who have gone through the rigours of initiating and steering a start-up in the competitive entrepreneurial landscape. And now just any start-up but one with a purpose. We also applaud the icons in a separate category—established veterans from their areas of expertise who are torchbearers for change, front-footers all the way. Her Circle Bizruptors 2024 is a spirited, charged and inclusive take on women and their will to be the change."

The awards not only showcased exceptional entrepreneurs but also shed light on the many challenges – social, cultural and structural – that women have to overcome to start and grow a business. Women make up only a third of entrepreneurs worldwide. The Her Circle Bizruptors 2024 brought together a constellation of remarkable women, each shining brightly in their entrepreneurial endeavours. As the curtains closed on this power-packed event, the stage was set for a new chapter in the narrative of women's empowerment and innovation.

## Team Koodo owned Mr. Sachin Rathi Ms. Tanuashri Rathi & Mr. Devaarya Rathi emerge winner at The Poona Club Swimming League 2024

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Koodo emerged champions with 102 points in final round of the group league stage at the second Edition of The Poona Club Swimming League 2024, organised by Poona Club Ltd and played at their Poona Club Swimming Pool.

Goel Ganga Real Rich owned by Mr. Atul Goel finished second with 86 points, while Jets owned by Mr. Rakesh Navani finished third with 84 points. Over 150 swimmers from the club participated in the event which was the 2nd edition of this league.

The winning team Koodo received the trophy which was given away at the hands of Mr. Sunil Handa, Hon. President of Poona Club, Mr.Gaurav Gadhoke, Vice President of The Poona Club Ltd & Tournament Chairman, Mr.Balaji Rao & Mr.Jagdish Rao Owner of Venky's, Mr.Amit Roplekar, Mr.Tushar Aswani Sports Chairman Poona club & Secretary of Poona Club, Sameer Sanghvi, Kunal Sanghvi, Shubha Gadkari tournament committee were present on the occasion.

Following are the results: Final round: Under 10 (Female)Free Style(20m): 1.Samaira Master(Goel Ganga Real Reach,15:47sec), 2.Lara Vaswani(Parmar All Stars,17:069sec), 3.Anaaya Patil(Koodo,17:84sec);



Under 10 (Male) Free Style(20m): 1.Araav Nanda(Parmar All Stars,18:62sec), 2.Ayaan Baker(Kings,20:97sec), 3.Ayaan Baker(Koodo,21:32sec); Under 14 (11-14 Years) (Female)Free Style(40m): 1.Anaisha Sood(Koodo,26:22sec), 2.Mihika Mohite(Asr Dolphins,27:81sec), 3.Anneka Shetty(Jets,27:88sec); Under 14 (11-14 Years) (Male) Freestyle(40m): 1.Vihaan Tulpule(Jets,25:34sec), 2.Rayaan Sanghvi(Parmar All Stars,29:06sec), 3.Arul Agarkar(Goel Ganga Real Reach,30:84sec); Under 14(11-14 Years) (Female )Breaststroke(40m): 1.Anaisha Sood(Koodo,33:81sec), 2. Tisha Rathi(Kings,34:06sec), 3.Mihika Mohite(Asr Dolphins,35:36sec); Under 17(15-17 Years) (Male)Freestyle (40m): 1.Rajveer Patil(Asr Dolphins,22:40sec), 2.Rounak

Mali(Kings,25:41sec), 3.Aarav Borawake(Jets,25:73sec); Under 23 (15-23 Years) (Female)Free-style(40m): 1.Tanuashri Rathi(Koodo,27:59sec), 2.Zahra Master(Jets,29:63sec), 3.Nishka Shah(Goel Ganga Real Reach,32:47sec); Under 33 (18-33 Years) (Male) Freestyle(40m): 1.Ahaan Bhisey(Koodo,23:12sec), 2.E (Kings,24:03sec), 3.Devaarya Rathi(Parmar All Stars,25:19sec); Under 23 (15-23 Years) (Female) Breaststroke(40m): 1.Veda Kanastiy(Asr Dolphins,38:59sec), 2.Nishka Shah(Goel Ganga Real Reach,39:34sec), 3.Zahra Master(Jets,43:00sec); Under 52 (34-52 Years) (Male) Freestyle(40m): 1.Aditya Singh(Goel Ganga Real Reach,25:87sec), 2.Promote Sood(Jets,27:65sec), 3.Kunal Sanghvi(Parmar All Stars,28:25sec);

Above 35 (Female)Free-style(40m): 1.Annepurna Rathi(Koodo,35:40sec), 2.Nafisa Hashim(Goel Ganga Real Reach,36:78sec), 3.Tehray Vinzenekar(Jets,38:19sec); Above 54 (Male) Freestyle(20m): 1.Dilip Deshmukh(Jets,15:09sec), 2.Anand Sarma(Koodo,18:40sec), 3.Sameer Sayyed(Goel Ganga Real Reach,18:63sec); Open Backstroke Female Backstroke(40m): 1.Tisha Rathi(Kings,31:47sec), 2.Tanuashri Rathi (Koodo,33:81sec), 3.Mihika Mohite(Asr Dolphins,36:00sec); Open Breaststroke Male Breaststroke (40m): 1.Rajveer Patil(Asr Dolphins,30:03sec), 2.Ahaan Bhisey(Koodo,30:72sec), 3.Krish Demla(Kings,33:87sec); Open Backstroke Male Backstroke(40m): 1.Rounak Mali (Kings,28:46sec), 2.Ahaan Bhisey(Koodo, 29:97sec), 3.Aarav Borawake(Jets,33:97sec); Relay Female Free Style(2x20m & 2x40m): 1.Parmar All Stars,01:39:40sec, 2.Jets,01:41:53sec, 3.Asr Dolphins,01:43:47sec; Relay Male Free Style(2x20m & 3x40m): 1.Goel Ganga Real Reach,01:45:06sec, 2.Parmar All Stars,01:46:53sec, 3.Jets,01:47:19sec.

## Pranjali Surduse Shines at All India Inter-University Mini Golf Championship

Pune: Pranjali Vinod Surduse, a talented student from the School of Bioengineering at MIT University of Art, Design, and Technology (MIT-ADT), Vishwarajbagh, Pune, has made headlines with her exceptional performance in the All India Inter-University Mini Golf Championship held at JITU University, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan.

Pranjali secured the gold medal in the women's singles stroke final, finishing first with

an impressive score of 48 points. Her closest competitor, a player from Gondwana University, Gadchiroli, trailed behind with 55 points. Pranjali's remarkable performance also earned her the title of the best female player of the tournament. This victory adds to Pranjali's growing list of accolades. A few months prior, she represented the Maharashtra team and won a silver medal at the 37th National Minigolf Tournament. The university

community has lauded Pranjali's achievements, with congratulatory messages pouring in from University Executive President and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mangesh Karad, Executive Director Prof. Dr. Sunita Karad, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Anant Chakradeo, Dr. Mohit Dubey, Dr. Ramchandra Pujeji, Registrar Dr. Mahesh Chopde, and Sports Department Director and Shiv Chhatrapati Awardee Prof. Padmakar Phad.



## CRICKET ICON SACHIN TENDULKAR DELIVERS EPIC MOMENT AT THE ICC MEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

**Pune (Voice news service):-** In response to a special request from Merlins Entertainments' Madame Tussauds New York, Sachin Tendulkar, a name synonymous with cricketing glory, happily agreed to help create an incredible moment for his fans. Marking the arrival of his wax figure in NYC, the cricket icon greeted his globally popular touring wax figure just ahead of the highly anticipated ICC Men's T20 World Cup India vs. Pakistan match on June 9 at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium in New York. Fans were delighted as Tendulkar stood side-by-side and was reunited with his impeccably crafted wax figure, which originally debuted in 2014.

Symbolizing his enduring impact on the sport and its fans worldwide, Ten-



dulkar's illustrious career has been recognized by the world's greatest wax museum more than once, dating back to his first figure at Madame Tussauds London in 2009. Since then, five more

figures have been created in his honor. Tendulkar, affectionately dubbed the "Master Blaster," has won over cricket aficionados globally with his unparalleled prowess and sportsmanship and he is widely regarded as one of the greatest batsmen in the history of cricket. With an international career spanning over two decades, Tendulkar holds numerous records, including the most runs scored in both Test and One Day International (ODI) cricket. He is also the only player to have scored one hundred international centuries, making him a true icon of the sport.

Throughout his illustrious career, Tendulkar has garnered immense respect and admiration from fans and fellow cricketers alike, cementing his legacy as a true cricketing legend.

## Let's Set the Pace Together: The all-new BMW R 1300 GS launched in India



**Pune:** BMW Motorrad India has launched the all-new BMW R 1300 GS in India. This Adventure Motorcycle will be available as a Com-

pletely Built-up Unit (CBU) and deliveries will commence from end of June 2024. Mr. Vikram Pawah, President, BMW Group India said, "BMW Motorrad established the new segment of touring enduros more than four decades ago with the R 80 G/S. And the BMW GS with boxer engine has been the undisputed leader of the competi-

tive field ever since. With the all-new BMW R 1300 GS, BMW Motorrad has focused on sharpening the GS even further. It is a perfect combination of power, comfort and agility, making it the ideal motorcycle for any terrain. With its versatility and appeal, the all-new BMW R 1300 GS will exceed even the highest expectations. Nothing can stop

you, especially off-road." To enable customers to own BMW Motorrad motorcycles of their choice, BMW Financial Services India will offer customized and flexible financial solutions. Customers can also get their loans approved before delivery takes place. Style Triple Black, Style GS Trophy and 719 Tramuntana.

**Ruby Hall Clinic Partners with Zydus to Take One Step Forward in Preventing Fatty Liver Cases in India**



**Pune (Voice news service):-** In Recognition of Global Fatty Liver on 13th June, Ruby Hall Clinic and Zydus joins hands to raise awareness about the rising cases of fatty liver disease in India. Fatty liver disease, characterized by excessive fat accumulation in the liver, is becoming increasingly prevalent in India. The condition often goes undetected in its early stages due to a lack of noticeable symptoms. If left untreated, it can progress to more severe conditions such as cirrhosis or liver cancer. Recent studies indicate that the prevalence of fatty liver disease in India ranges from 9% to 38%, with some estimates suggesting that one in three Indians may be affected. Alarmingly, a study conducted by AIIMS in 2023 found that nearly 35% of cases occur in children. As part of this initiative, Ruby Hall Clinic is kickstarting the campaign by screening its employees for fatty liver disease. Utilizing FibroScan ma-

chine an advanced technology, Ruby Hall Clinic aims to identify individuals at risk. Dr. Nitin Pai, Consultant and Head of Gastroenterology and GI Endoscopy at Ruby Hall Clinic, highlighted the urgency of addressing fatty liver disease: "The increasing prevalence of fatty liver disease in India is a significant public health concern. Early detection is crucial to prevent the progression of this condition to more severe liver diseases. Through our awareness campaign, we aim to empower individuals with knowledge about fatty liver disease and encourage them to take proactive steps toward maintaining liver health." This joint initiative between Ruby Hall Clinic and Zydus marks a significant step forward in addressing the rising cases of fatty liver disease in India. By raising awareness, promoting early detection, and screening employees, the collaboration aims to make a tangible difference in improving liver health and overall wellness.

**KEM hospital, Pune organized a workshop on Developmental Assessment Scales for Indian Infants**



**Pune (Voice news service):-** KEM Hospital, Pune, recently organized a six day workshop on Developmental Assessment Scales for Indian Infants (DASII), an Indian adaptation of Bayley scales. This is a gold standard to assess the development of infants till the age of 30 months. The Scale provides developmental profiles of infants between age 1 month to 30 months. It helps to assess functioning in different domains of Motor and Mental development. This leads to early detection of delay, early intervention and improved quality of life of the babies, particularly 'high risk' babies discharged from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. The participants from all over

India included Neonatologists, Paediatricians, Psychologists and Developmental Paediatricians. The workshop included lectures and demonstrations by various experts like neonatologists, geneticist, ENT specialist and Paediatric Orthopaedic surgeon. The main test was taught in a hands-on manner by the psychologists, occupational therapists, and speech therapists. Dr. Sudha Chaudhari, senior consultant paediatrician at KEM Hospital, Pune, said that KEM is the only center in India conducting this workshop for the last 13 years. This workshop helped the participants in early detection of delays and to set up early intervention services in their respective centers.

**Symbiosis Skills and Professional University signs MoU with MSEDCL**



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Symbiosis Skills and Professional University's School of Sustainability Studies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL). The MoU was signed by Dr. Rajendra Pawar, Chief Engineer at MSEDCL and Dr. Swati Mujumdar, Pro-Chancellor, Symbiosis Skills University in presence of Dr. Rajesh Ingle, Vice Chancellor, Symbiosis Skills and Professional University, Dr. Santosh Patni, MSEDCL and Dr. Mahesh Wagh, SSPU. This MoU bridges the gap between Industry and Academia. This MoU enables the students at SSPU to have real-time experience in understanding the safety norms and other aspects of the industry. The MoU opens up other avenues for internship opportunities as well. Dr. Rajendra Pawar, Chief Engineer, MSEDCL said that MSEDCL has 25 district training centres and 4 regional centres in Maharashtra State. He added that the relationship between Symbiosis Skills and

Professional and MSEDCL will mutually benefit both the organizations. Dr. Swati Mujumdar, Pro-Chancellor Symbiosis Skills and Professional University (SSPU) said that the MoU is a step ahead for incorporating a practical industry-aligned curriculum into the degree program. The School of Sustainability Studies offers a 4-year B. Tech Program in Smart and Sustainable Energy. This degree program covers all trends of environment, and sustainability which are much in demand. Dr. Swati Mujumdar added that practical exposure and Internships are a great way to bridge the gap between academia and the real world. They offer students a chance to gain practical experience, hone their skills, and explore career paths. Students can learn from experienced professionals while also contributing their own unique ideas through mentorship programs and joint initiatives. The sharing of ideas and experiences has the potential to promote innovation and creativity.

**Hyundai Motor India inaugurates three new Dealer Showrooms in Pune**



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL), today inaugurated three new dealer showrooms in Pune, Maharashtra in line with Hyundai Motor Company's Global DealerShip Space Identity (GDSI) 2.0 guidelines. Developed on the pillars of Modernity, Experience, Comfort, and Technology, the GDSI 2.0 brand identity brings in international standards to offer a digitally advanced, friendly and comfortable environment to customers at HMIL dealer showrooms. The new showrooms aim to leverage technology, and offer customers a delightful car buying experience. The new [dealer showrooms]: Kundan Hyundai, Modi Hyundai and Kothari Hyundai in Pune, Maharashtra, have implemented GDSI 2.0 norms and were inaugurated today by Mr. Unsoo Kim, Managing Director, HMIL, Mr. Tarun Garg, Chief Operating Officer,

HMIL, and Mr. J T Park, Executive Director, Sales and Marketing, HMIL. The GDSI 2.0 concept includes several key features aimed at enhancing the customer experience including: 1. A unique, distinct, and cozy welcome space for customers entering the showroom to make them feel extra special. 2. A private and centrally located consultation space for personalized interactions will provide customers privacy during their purchase discussions. 3. An exclusive zone for experiencing themed cars will allow customers to explore and engage with vehicles, offering a distinct and captivating way to discover the latest innovations and designs by Hyundai. 4. Customized product experiences through a state-of-the-art 3D configurator will enable customers to electronically personalize their favourite Hyundai vehicle to mix and match accessories as per their own taste.

Commenting on the inauguration, Mr. Unsoo Kim, MD & CEO of Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL), said, "We at HMIL, are proud to be able to provide global standards of dealership experience to our customers. Aligned with our Global vision of 'Progress for Humanity', the Global DealerShip Space Identity 2.0, represents HMIL's commitment to bring forth a valuable customer experience with the integration of technology and innovative practices. We are confident these new dealerships will create a lasting relationship with our customers and set new benchmarks in the automotive retail space." Expressing his thoughts, Mr. Tarun Garg, COO, Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL), said, "We are thrilled to unveil three new dealer showrooms in Pune today with GDSI 2.0 guidelines. This innovative showroom concept reflects our understanding of customer needs and our dedication

to exceeding their expectations. The new GDSI 2.0 showrooms will enhance transparency and delight customers with an exciting purchase experience, seamlessly from the digital space to physical showrooms. We further aim to upgrade more Hyundai showrooms to GDSI 2.0 brand identity as we move forward. We are confident that the new dealerships will further enhance customer engagement with our brand and our products." Aimed at offering state-of-the-art car buying experience to customers, the GDSI 2.0 showrooms are designed to match the changing customer aspirations. These modern showrooms are spacious and designed in a way to indulge customers in a friendly and warm environment. This transformation is built on continuous research, listening to customer voice and anticipating future trends.

**CITTA Launches its Latest Addition to the Premium Baby Bath & Skincare Range: Diaper Rash Cream**

**Pune (Voice news service):-** CITTA, a premium baby bath & skincare brand that harnesses the power of grandma's nushkes and modern science, launches its latest product – the Diaper Rash Cream for ages 0 and above. The new addition to their baby care range is born out of the prevalent concern of diaper rash that accounts for 20% of all childhood visits to the doctor.

CITTA's comprehensive range of bath & skincare products, including moisturizing baby balm, baby wash, and baby shampoo, is meticulously designed to cater to various skin-related concerns for babies. Each product is crafted with natural ingredients, keeping in mind the sensitive and delicate nature of a baby's skin. Infused with the goodness of zinc oxide and chamomile, the diaper rash cream for

babies is crafted thoughtfully to offer maximum efficacy. Dermatologist-tested and approved, it stands as the ultimate defense against your baby's discomfort. The cream also includes sunflower seed oil, soybean, and glycerin, all chosen for their gentle yet effective properties. Fragrance-free and devoid of harsh chemicals, this diaper rash cream creates a protective layer on the skin, preventing rashes and soothing

chafed and red skin. It helps seal out wetness, forming a protective moisture barrier for the baby's bottom, providing long-lasting relief. The cream's antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties safeguard delicate skin, inhibit bacterial growth, and reduce redness. The 5X moisture-rich formulation nourishes and deeply moisturizes, gliding effortlessly onto the skin to ensure ultimate comfort for your baby's bottom.

**SBI General Insurance Appoints Ajit Sharma as Regional Head for East 2**

**Pune:** SBI General Insurance, one of India's leading general insurers, has announced the appointment of Mr. Ajit Sharma as Regional Head for East 2. This appointment is in line with the company's vision to strengthen the regional presence for expansion and growth. In this role, Mr. Sharma will be responsible for leading and driving the East 2 business, ensuring adherence to compliance parameters, and achieving operational performance benchmarks.

Mr. Sharma is a seasoned industry professional with close to two decades of experience across various industries. He has held key positions in renowned companies like ICICI Lombard, MetLife India, Vserv Capital, Bajaj Allianz Life, and GetIt Infomedary. His expertise and strategic leadership have consistently contributed to the growth and success of these organizations. Mr. Sharma holds an MBA degree with specialization in Marketing from M.K.M. Indian Inst.

of Management, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. "We are delighted to welcome Ajit to our team as the Regional Head - East 2. His extensive industry knowledge, proven leadership skills, and track record of delivering exceptional results make him a valuable addition to our organization. I am confident that under Ajit's leadership, our East 2 operations will continue to thrive and achieve new milestones." said Mr. Rakesh Kaul, CBO, SBI General Insurance.

On his appointment Mr. Ajit Sharma said, "I'm thrilled to join SBI General Insurance as the Regional Head - East 2. I look forward to leveraging my experience to drive growth, expand our reach, and ensure we add value to the lives of our customers and stakeholders." Mr. Sharma's appointment underscores SBI General Insurance's commitment to fostering talent and driving excellence across all facets of their business.

**SKF Empowers Commercial Vehicle Mechanics Nationwide with Innovative Campaign**

**Pune (Voice news service):-** SKF India, a premier provider of automotive solutions, proudly announces the commencement of a comprehensive nationwide truck activation campaign, "Install Confidence, Install SKF", tailored specifically for commercial vehicle mechanics. The primary objective of the initiative is to create awareness about SKF Commercial Vehicle (CV) products, demonstrating their pivotal role in streamlining the lives of mechanics while championing sustainability within the automotive sector.



part of, and the planet we inhabit. The SKF Truck Activation Campaign represents a significant step towards bridging the gap between manufacturers and mechanics, fostering collaboration, and driving positive change within the automotive aftermarket industry. Through these initiatives, we aspire not only to empower mechanics but also to propel

our collective journey towards a circular society." Inside the uniquely designed truck, SKF will be showcasing offerings for CVs to the mechanics, educating them on the SKF Mechanic Partnership Program which offers them a unique opportunity to win exciting gifts. The truck will serve as a hub for knowledge exchange and skill enhancement, equipping mechanics with the latest trends and insights to excel in their profession. An immersive VR (Virtual Reality) experience awaits the mechanics in the SKF truck, wherein they will be transported into a virtual world where they can explore the wide range of SKF products and their applications. In line with its purpose – "Together, we re-imagine rotation for a better tomorrow", SKF remains dedicated to developing intelligent and clean solutions that contribute to a sustainable and better tomorrow for both people and the planet. SKF continues to reaffirm its strong association with the mechanics community through this exclusive initiative and build a sustainable future.

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**"PM Shri Paryatan Vayu Seva" Boosts Connectivity to the captivating destinations of Madhya Pradesh**

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Madhya Pradesh is rapidly becoming a top destination for travellers seeking a unique and enriching experience. The "Heart of Incredible India" caters to a variety of interests, making it a one-stop shop for adventure, history, culture, and spiritual exploration. Tourist arrivals tripled in 2023 compared to 2022 (112.1 million compared to 34.1 million), highlighting the soaring popularity of destinations of M.P. The state offers authentic experiences for those seeking religious and spiritual connection. The recent launch of the "PM

Shri Paryatan Vayu Seva" is a step ahead in this context to improve connectivity for both domestic and international visitors. This initiative, combined with the state's longstanding tradition of hospitality – "Atithi Devo Bhava", makes Madhya Pradesh an even more attractive destination. Under the air service, eight cities of the state - Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Rewa, Ujjain, Gwalior, Singrauli and Khajuraho will be connected through air service. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav inaugurated "PM Shri Paryatan Vayu Seva" with forward-thinking to provide an easy mode of transport and

enhance connectivity to tourist destinations. Dr. Yadav flagged off the first flight from Bhopal; this flight will go from Bhopal to Jabalpur via Rewa and land at Singrauli. Meanwhile, Dr. Mohan Yadav also inaugurated the ticket-booking counter at the Airport and handed over the boarding passes and souvenirs to passengers. The air service started with two 6-seat aircraft. Dr. Mohan Yadav said Madhya Pradesh is an attractive tourist destination for all kinds of travellers from across the corners. The intra-state "PM Shri Paryatan Vayu Seva" will enhance connectivity and improve the travelling experi-

ence of visitors in the entire state. Efforts are also being made to connect both Omkareshwar and Mahakaleswar Jyotirlingas with air service to have darshan of both the Jyotirlingas in less time than Indore or Bhopal. Religious places like Orchha, Sankapur, Katni and Datia will also be connected by air connectivity for a memorable spiritual journey. Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Culture, Tourism, Religious Trusts and Endowments, Shri Dharmendra Singh Lodhi said the launch of the first Intra State air service in the country marks an important and unforgettable day.

**3 foods to add to your diet to keep your heart healthy**  
By Sheela Krishnaswamy, Nutrition and Wellness Consultant

**Pune (Voice news service):-** In today's fast-paced world, many individuals lead hectic lives that can have an impact on their heart health. The relentless demands of work, incessant digital connectivity, and the pressures of maintaining a work-life balance often result in chronic stress, anxiety, and a lack of time for self-care. Moreover, the unhealthy coping mechanisms that often accompany stress, such as overeating, smoking, or excessive alcohol consumption, further compound the risk. Consequently, the combination of high stress and poor lifestyle choices can substantially increase the likelihood of heart problems, underscoring the vital need for stress management, regular exercise, and a balanced approach to modern life to maintain a healthy heart.



Here are 3 of many food items to include in one's diet for better heart health: Almonds: A nut that deserves a spot in your dietary plan is almonds. Almonds are high in calcium, vitamin E, magnesium, and fiber. They can help to lower cholesterol levels and provide healthy fats in the diet to reduce the risk of heart disease. Almonds and other nuts can also help to improve vascular function, meaning they help blood vessels relax and reduce artery stiffness. You can have these nuts before heading for work as a morning ritual or can have them as your daily evening snack. Oats: Oats has soluble fiber, which reduces your LDL cholesterol, the "bad" one, by reducing the absorption of cholesterol into your bloodstream. Therefore, consuming oats regularly along with other heart-friendly foods can contribute to a healthy heart. Garlic: Garlic contains allicin, a compound that may help to lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels, thereby supporting heart health. Many studies show that garlic consumption has cardioprotective effect. Incorporating these foods into your diet, along with maintaining a balanced and low-sodium diet, can go a long way in promoting a healthy heart. It's also essential to consult a qualified dietitian for personalized dietary recommendations based on your specific health needs and goals.

**Vegan Muslim PETA India Supporters Celebrate Eid by Treating Goats to Fruit Feast**



**Pune:** A new video released today by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India shows several of its vegan Muslim supporters celebrating Eid by having goats for dawat – not as the main course but as the guests of honour. They prepared a beautiful spread of fresh fruits and vegetables for the rescued animals while sharing the message that Islam, like all religions, teaches compassion and mercy and urging others to sacrifice cruel habits – not animals – by going vegan. "Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, said, 'Whoever is kind to the creatures of God is kind to himself.' This is true. Eating vegan protects us against heart disease, diabetes, and certain cancers. And by leaving meat and dairy off our plates, we can reduce our carbon footprint from food as individuals by a whopping 73%," explains PETA India Senior Advocacy Officer Farhat UI Ain in the video. "Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, also said, 'There is a reward (ajir) for helping any living creature.' For me, the reward is feeling good! I feel good when I see animals feeling happy and safe." Farhat was joined by PETA India Youth Outreach Coordinator Nazifa Anwar, co-founder of Bhopal-based animal welfare non-profit Animals With Humanity Ayaan Ali Siddiqui, and vegan activist, wildlife rescuer, and member of Andhra Pradesh Animal

Welfare Board Mohammad Idris Khan. Vegetarian and vegan Muslims – and many others – celebrate Eid ul-Adha by distributing vegan food or helping those in need in ways that do not involve animals, over concerns about animal welfare, human health, and the environment. That's because, in defiance of animal-transport laws, many animals slated for sacrifice and other methods of slaughter are crammed into severely crowded trucks, which routinely causes suffocation and broken bones. During sacrifice and when they are killed in slaughterhouses, animals' throats are typically cut open in full view of other terrified animals. The consumption of meat and other animal-derived foods also hurts human health and has been conclusively linked to heart disease, strokes, diabetes, cancer, and obesity. A United Nations report concluded that a global shift towards vegan eating is necessary to combat the worst effects of the climate catastrophe. Siddiqui notes, "I've sacrificed all harmful practices in my life. This isn't a huge sacrifice – I just stopped eating meat, which is the best thing I could do for my body, the animals, and the planet. When you cook biryani, keher, and kebabs for Eid, they can easily be made vegan. Let's understand the rights of animals and show kindness to all creations of Allah."

**The ICSI inaugurates its 25th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries in Ayodhya**

**Pune:** "Company Secretaries are the crucial quality control persons that we need, to help bring ease in doing business and more importantly help the country become Vishwaguru Bharat" - Shri Asim Arun, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) of Social Welfare, Scheduled Cast & Tribal Welfare, Government of Uttar Pradesh. The Institute of Company Secretaries of

India (ICSI) inaugurated its 25th National Conference of Practising Company Secretaries on 14 June 2024, in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. Being organized on the theme, Role of CS in Viksit Bharat@2047, the Conference will unfold thematic discussions to leverage collective expertise towards growth and development of the country.

## Toyota Kirloskar Motor launches Toyota Technical Education Program [T-TEP] Facility and STAR Scholarship Program at The Government Polytechnic, Bareilly

**Pune (Voice news service):-** In line with its commitment to 'Skill India' mission, Toyota Kirloskar Motor [TKM] today announced the launch of the 66th Toyota Technical Education Program (T-TEP) facility and the "Scholarship program for Technical Education and Recognition" [STAR] initiative under T-TEP at institute at The Government Polytechnic, Bareilly. The primary objective of these initiatives is to improve the skills of students, particularly those from rural areas, and increase their employability through the company's unique training program, the Toyota Technical Education Program (T-TEP). The launch event was graced by Chief Guest Mr. D C Verma, Member of Legislative Assembly, Government of Uttar Pradesh, in the presence of Principal of Government Polytechnic, Bareilly Mr. Narendra Kumar, Director of Commercial Toyota, Mr. Shivam Gupta and TKM senior management.

The T-TEP is a comprehensive, year-long program that includes On-the-Job Training (OJT) and is tailored for final-year ITI/Diploma students. Key features of this program include specialized training for T-TEP's lead trainers by Toyota, practical skills development at Toyota dealerships to enhance employability, and a curriculum designed to impart technical knowledge of advanced technologies in line with the needs of the Indian auto industry. Last year, TKM also launched the STAR scholarship program to help economically challenged students pursue technical studies. To date, over 13,000 students have been trained through T-TEP, with more than 70% securing employment in various automobile companies and their dealerships across the country. Present at the event, Chief Guest Mr. D C Verma, Member of Legislative Assembly, Government of Uttar Pradesh said, "We applaud TKM's commitment to empowering our youth with the necessary skills to thrive in today's competitive job market. Initiatives like the Toyota Technical Edu-



Technical Education Program (T-TEP) align perfectly with our mission to enhance employability and drive economic growth in the region, particularly benefiting students from rural and economically challenged backgrounds. The T-TEP and STAR scholarship support will offer students with valuable insights into Toyota's values, best practices, and advanced technologies, thereby contributing to their overall skill development. Additionally, the collaborative efforts of industry partners like Toyota will enhance the availability of a world-class workforce among students from Uttar Pradesh, helping them achieve their career aspirations and contributing to the growth of the auto sector.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Vikram Gulati, Country Head and Executive Vice President for Corporate Affairs and Governance said, "At TKM, we recognize the transformative power of technical training in creating opportunities for young talent to acquire advanced technical skills and knowledge. Our T-TEP facility and the STAR program exemplify our commitment to cultivating a skilled workforce for the automotive industry while supporting the broader 'Skill India' mission, ultimately driving positive change within our communities. The STAR program, part of the T-TEP initiative, is designed to empower deserving students, particularly those from financially challenged backgrounds, by providing scholarships and equipping them with essential skills and knowledge for a successful career in the automotive sector. We remain dedicated to nurturing talent,

enabling students to reach their full potential and contributing to the growth of both the automotive industry and our nation."

Sharing his thoughts, Principal of Government Polytechnic, Bareilly Mr. Narendra Kumar said, "This partnership is poised to significantly elevate the skill levels of our students, especially those from rural and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The comprehensive training and scholarship support provided by TKM will empower our students to achieve their career aspirations and make meaningful contributions to both the automotive sector and the nation as a whole. This exposure will not only benefit the students by enhancing their technical expertise and employability but also contribute to the broader Skill India Mission by cultivating a highly skilled workforce. The combination of theoretical knowledge and practical on-the-job training will ensure that our students are well-prepared to meet the evolving demands of the automotive industry, thereby driving economic growth and innovation within our communities. Additionally, through scholarships provided, the program underscores our commitment to inclusive education and social upliftment."

Expressing his excitement, Director of Commercial Toyota, Mr. Shivam Gupta said, "With rapid technological advancements in the automotive industry, increasing motorization, and rising customer expectations, the demand for highly skilled technicians has become more critical than ever. To meet this

need, the Toyota Technical Education Program (T-TEP) provides students with a cutting-edge curriculum that covers automobile fundamentals, advanced technologies, Toyota's core values, and essential soft skills. Commercial Toyota is committed to supporting these students by offering on-the-job training and facilitating their skill development. This comprehensive program not only gives students practical experience and exposure to the latest automotive technologies but also significantly boosts their employability, paving the way for a brighter future for the youth in our region."

TKM, in collaboration with its dealer partner, has invested over Rs 1.5 million in enhancing infrastructure, developing e-learning content, and providing engines, transmissions, practice kits, and faculty training through its unique Train-The-Trainer approach. Additionally, TKM introduced the STAR (Scholarship Program for Technical Education and Recognition) under T-TEP. The STAR program aims to empower deserving students from economically challenged backgrounds to pursue higher studies in technical institutes (ITIs/Polytechnics). Eligible students can receive scholarships of up to Rs 51,000 per year, covering hostel fees, educational expenses, and family support.

This pilot program will benefit students across 11 states—Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Nagaland, Assam, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh—and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. TKM is committed to expanding the T-TEP initiative to rural areas to meet the automotive industry's requirements, promoting skill development, and providing opportunities for talented students to excel in the sector. Since its inception in 2006, T-TEP has continually evolved to meet the ever-changing demands of the automotive industry, contributing significantly to the automotive sector and the "Skill India" mission.

## First Galaxy Watch FE Empowers Even More Users With Samsung's Advanced Health Monitoring Technology

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Samsung Electronics today announced the release of Galaxy Watch FE, a new addition to the Samsung smartwatch lineup designed to extend Samsung's advanced and holistic wellness experience to even more users.

Incorporating the groundbreaking hardware performance and advanced health and fitness monitoring features of Galaxy Watch, the Galaxy Watch FE features a stylish design and durable design. This new smartwatch is ideal for those looking to begin their journey to improve their overall wellness with comprehensive insights.

"At Samsung, we strive to bring health and fitness monitoring capabilities to as many people around the world as possible, helping them to make the changes needed to improve their wellness daily and help them reach their goals," said Junho Park, VP and Head of the Galaxy Ecosystem Product Planning Team, Mobile eXperience Business at Samsung Electronics. "We're excited to add the new Galaxy Watch FE to our wearables portfolio, offering more

people access to personalized health insights that empower them to be motivated and stay healthier day and night."

**Style and Durability That Powers Everyday Wellness** The Galaxy Watch FE, available in a size of 40mm, offers a refreshed look and feel based on the iconic design of the Galaxy Watch series. It comes in three colors — Black, Pink Gold and Silver — with new watch bands featuring distinct blue and orange stitching, enhancing the design and providing a stylish device that complements any look.

In addition, Galaxy Watch FE offers a variety of new watch faces that allow users to customize their watch, while the one-click band also makes it easy to switch the band to mix and match to meet their style. Galaxy Watch FE features a Sapphire Crystal glass offering superior durability, which provides users with protection against scratches during day-to-day use.

**Making Every Day Healthier and More Motivated** Equipped with Samsung's advanced BioActive Sensor, Galaxy Watch FE provides an array of powerful fitness and

wellness functions that deliver personalized and actionable tips around the clock.

To support better sleep for a good start to each day, Galaxy Watch FE offers a variety of advanced sleep features, from monitoring sleep patterns to sleep coaching and helping to create a sleep-friendly environment. Plus, users can monitor their holistic heart health with a pack of heart health monitoring features.

Galaxy Watch FE offers HR Alert to detect abnormally high or low heart rates and the Irregular Heart Rhythm Notification (IHRN) feature to proactively monitor heart rhythms suggestive of atrial fibrillation (Afib). In addition, users can get a deeper understanding of their heart health by monitoring Blood Pressure and ECG. Users can track more than 100 different workouts along with their progress right from their wrist. For runners, advanced running analysis helps users not only analyze overall performance to maximize efficiency but can also provide insights and guidance to help prevent injury so they can keep moving toward their goals.

For a more optimal running

experience, Personalized Heart Rate Zone helps users set their own goals based on their physical capabilities.

Galaxy Watch FE helps users achieve their health goals and stay motivated.

Body Composition provides comprehensive body and fitness data as indicators to track progress. In addition, users can receive motivational messages throughout their wellness journey to keep improving.

**Experiences Powered by the Galaxy Ecosystem** As with every Galaxy Watch series, the FE offers seamless connected experiences between Samsung Galaxy devices.

Users can quickly and easily locate their phone when disconnected from their Watch with Find My Phone. Remotely control your connected Samsung smartphone camera with Camera Controller to switch mode, change angle or zoom right from the wrist. Galaxy Watch FE supports Samsung Wallet, meaning users can pay for purchases as well as access identification cards such as their driver's license or student ID on their smartwatch for a truly all-in-one digital wallet.

## Blue Dart appoints Dipanjan Banerjee as Chief Commercial Officer

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Blue Dart, South Asia's premier express air, integrated transportation, and distribution logistics company, has announced the appointment of Dipanjan Banerjee as the Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) of Blue Dart Express, effective June 2024.

Dipanjan brings nearly two decades of extensive experience in business development and market expansion within the express delivery and logistics industry. In his most recent role as Chief Business Officer at Ecom Express, he demonstrated his leadership

and strategic capabilities across various roles. Prior to Ecom Express, Dipanjan was with FedEx Express, where he showcased his expertise in strategic business planning, supply chain management, and developing express delivery solutions.

Dipanjan's proficiency spans critical areas such as marketing, sales, and product development across multiple industries. Notably, he has been instrumental in driving the growth of e-commerce as a vertical and has a proven track record in managing profit and loss, strategic planning,

and international business operations, including cross-border logistics.

Dipanjan holds an MBA in Sales and Marketing from Amity University and has completed the Management Development Program at the Indian School of Business (ISB). His achievements have earned him recognition, including being named one of India's top 10 CBOs by prominent industry forums.

With the appointment of Dipanjan Banerjee as CCO, Blue Dart has strengthened its leadership team, reaffirming the company's commit-



ment to delivering excellence in the logistics industry. The company is dedicated to consistently setting new industry benchmarks, with a focus on becoming the preferred choice for customers, investors, and employers alike.

## JK Tyre partners with EKA Mobility to provide comprehensive Mobility Solutions

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Indian tyre industry major, JK Tyre & Industries has joined forces with EKA Mobility, a leading player in the electric mobility sector with Mitsui Co., Ltd. (Japan) & VDL Groep (Netherlands) as equity partners.

This collaboration further solidifies JK Tyre's position as the industry leader in providing "Connected Mobility Solutions," a first-of-its-kind cloud-based monitoring system. The company provides comprehensive tyre management through their mobility solutions program. The long-term agreement was signed in Pune in the presence of Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, AVP, Fleet Management & Mobility Solutions, JK Tyre and Mr. Vijaykumar Yelne, President of EKA Mobility.

For EKA's fleet, JK Tyre will provide its new generation of EV tyres with Connected Tread Sensors for real-time monitoring. A dedicated team of experienced professionals has been deployed by JK Tyre to provide round-the-clock support at the depots, as well as enroute assistance.



Beginning with the currently deployed fleet in Mumbai, the company will offer comprehensive support to EKA's fleet across all cities.

Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Srinivasu Allaphan, Director-Sales & Marketing, JK Tyre & Industries said, "At JK Tyre, we are at the forefront of industry transformation by offering cutting-edge technologies and products. We are glad to partner with EKA Mobility to offer comprehensive mobility solutions. This collaboration aligns with our commitment to innovation and excellence in tyre management, ensuring that our customers receive unparalleled service and support across their entire mobility needs. Additionally, it serves as a reminder of

our dedication to environmental stewardship and product advancement."

Mr. Vijaykumar Yelne, President of EKA Mobility, added, "This strategic partnership with JK Tyre is a significant step towards our vision of creating an ecosystem for Environment-Conscious Mobility. Both companies share a commitment to sustainability, and we look forward to collaborating JK Tyre's expertise in tyre manufacturing with EKA's innovative EV technology. Our combined expertise will pave the way for innovative solutions that not only enhance the performance of electric vehicles but also contribute to a greener and more sustainable future."

This collaboration aims to revolutionize the EV landscape with the development and production of new generation EV tyres, specifically engineered to meet the unique demands of electric vehicles. JK Tyre offers cutting-edge mobility solutions and effectively manages the fleets of the leading brands in the country. JK Tyre's new generation of EV tyres for commercial vehicles is designed to offer optimal performance and efficiency. Over the years, JK Tyre has been at the forefront of advancing innovation and excellence in the tyre industry with innovative products. EKA Mobility is one of the only Indian companies offering end-to-end design, manufacturing & technology of electric new energy commercial vehicles from scratch in India. In last two years, the company has introduced electric city bus, staff carrier & school bus, 9-meter hydrogen fuel-cell electric bus, and is now set to enter the last mile delivery with its range of e-LCVs designed & customized to suit Indian customers and businesses.

## Michelin unveils India's most fuel-efficient Commercial Vehicle tyre: MICHELIN X Multi Energy Z+



**Pune (Voice news service):-** Michelin, the world's tyre technology leader, today announced the launch of its most fuel-efficient truck and bus tyre, the MICHELIN X Multi Energy Z+, for the Indian market. This latest line of made-in-India tyre is specially engineered for Indian road and load conditions and also takes into account the grow-

ing demand for fuel-efficient tyres by Indian fleet owners. MICHELIN X Multi Energy Z+ represents a significant advancement in tyre technology, boasting the industry's lowest rolling resistance that delivers up to 15%\* fuel savings. This tubeless truck tyre, sized at 295/80R22.5 is an upgraded version of the acclaimed MICHELIN X Multi Energy Z, and is designed to help reduce CO2 emissions by up to 8 tons\*\*.

"After the successful launch of the MICHELIN X Multi Energy Z range in 2020, we are excited to bring the next generation MICHELIN X Multi Energy Z+ for our Indian customers," said Shantanu Deshpande, Managing Director, Michelin

India. The MICHELIN X Multi Energy Z+ addresses the major issue of high fuel costs in logistics, which contribute up to 60% of the operating expenses of Indian fleet owners, by providing excellent fuel efficiency and lowering their overall costs."

For Michelin, a sustainable future and advances in technology go hand in hand. Respect for environment is a long-standing commitment and one of the Michelin's five core values. For over 30 years, the Group has demonstrated its willingness to reduce its environmental footprint and its ability to design increasingly innovative products, services, and solutions with less impact. In tyres,



Michelin has shown the way since 1992 with the launch of the "green" tyre. MICHELIN X Multi Energy Z+ which is expected to help reduce CO2 emissions by up to 8 tons\*\* will significantly contribute to Michelin Group's CO2 emission reduction commitments by 2030. The tyre range is currently available at all authorized Michelin India dealerships.

## Škoda Auto India equips the Kushaq Onyx with an automatic transmission

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Škoda Auto India, in its strategy of continuous product actions, have implemented one more enhancement in its 5-star safe fleet -- the introduction of the Kushaq Onyx AT.

The Onyx was originally released in Q1 2023 based on customer feedback with an aim to provide satisfaction and high value to Škoda fans and customers. Škoda Auto India, based on latest customer feedback, has now further enhanced the Kushaq Onyx with an automatic transmission and a host of new features, making it the most affordable automatic in its segment.

Speaking on the product action, Petr Janeba, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India, said, "The Onyx variant has been a key addition in our line-up combining the value of the Active trim with features from the higher variants.

points at a healthy demand for an automatic variant at a more accessible price point. In fact, our value proposition makes this Kushaq the most affordable automatic in its entire segment.

Offering a hassle-free ownership experience, getting closer to our customers and constantly listening to our customers is our endeavour, and a key part of our growth strategy."

The Onyx AT, like the Onyx before it, slots between the current Active and Ambition variants of Škoda's best-selling SUV. The exterior sees features from the higher Ambition variant making it to this Kushaq. One of them are the Škoda Crystalline LED headlamps with DRLs. Further enhancing visibility and safety are the front fog lamps with the static cornering function. The rear sees the wiper and defogger.

With this iteration, Škoda Auto India continues with the Tecton Wheel covers and 'Onyx' badging in the B-pillars.

Inside, the Onyx AT gets even more substantial updates. Topping the list of additions is Hill Hold Control and Paddle Shifters. The driver now gets a 2-spoke, multifunction, leather steering wheel with a chrome scroller.

The cabin also gets Škoda's Climatronic with the touch panel, and the scruff plates in the front get an 'Onyx' inscription in them. Customers of the car will also get Onyx-themed cushions and textile mats as standard. All new in this latest product update is the availability of six airbags as standard in the Onyx AT.

The Onyx AT is powered exclusively by Škoda Auto India's proven 1.0 TSI turbo-charged three-cylinder petrol engine. It develops 85 kW (115 ps) of power and 178 Nm of torque and is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

The Global New Car Assessment Programme crash tested the Kushaq under its newer and stricter protocols in October 2022. The SUV

scored 29.64 points out of 34 for adult occupant safety and 42 out of a possible 49 points for child safety. The Kushaq was the first made-in-India car to score a full five stars for both adult and child protection.

The Kushaq sits on the MQB-A0-IN platform that was specifically developed for India by teams in India and the Czech Republic. It was designed with a focus on high localisation -- 95% -- and low cost of ownership -- starting at Rs 0.46 per kilometre. The Kushaq was introduced in July 2021 and Škoda's second product on this platform -- the Slavia sedan -- debuted in March 2022. The company began 2024 with the announcement of an all-new compact SUV based on this platform. The vehicle will make its debut in 2025.



## IIT Kanpur takes lead in supporting future leaders in science and technology with 'Bright Minds Scholarships'

**Pune (Voice news service):-** The world of science and technology is undergoing tremendous change. The surge in demand for skills in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Data Science is opening up thrilling career opportunities and Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) is at the forefront in cultivating these future leaders in AI and emerging technologies.

The 2024 QS World University Rankings by subjects had seen IIT Kanpur ranking 2nd in India and an impressive 36th position globally in the Data Science & Artificial Intelligence category, affirming its leadership in these rapidly growing fields. The coveted Computer Science Department, ranked 3rd in the country, boasts of cutting-edge research and

quality products in the digital security domain, and has many of the nation's leading experts, educationists and consultants in computer science.

The innovation and startup ecosystem of IIT Kanpur recognised as No.1 in the country by NIRF 2024, ensures ample opportunities for students to explore and obtain real-world experience through internships and entrepreneurship through their education.

Following the announcement of the results of the JEE Advanced 2024, IIT Kanpur takes another step in supporting talented students with the continuation of the 'Bright Minds Scholarships' for the fourth consecutive year. TEN prestigious scholarships are generously funded by IITK alumnus Mr. Lokvir

Kapoor and All-India Top 100 rank holders of JEE Advanced 2024 and admitted to B.Tech/BS Programs at IIT Kanpur are eligible for the same. Each scholarship is worth Rs. 3 lakhs annually, covering tuition and living expenses for each of the four years.

Prof. Manindra Agrawal, Director, IIT Kanpur said, "As I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the toppers and successful candidates of the JEE Advanced, I am happy to announce the continuation of IIT Kanpur's Bright Minds Scholarships as part of our commitment to support and nurture the brightest minds in the country. The scholarships will ensure that the student's academic journey into the world of science, engineering, and technology is not hindered by financial constraints. At

IIT Kanpur, we have a keen eye on technology that is reshaping the world, which reflects in our debut in the QS World University Rankings at the 2nd rank in India in Data Science & Artificial Intelligence. IITK remains the first choice for students who want to make their mark in the field of science and technology."

IIT Kanpur is staying ahead of the curve in a world that is being reshaped by digital transformation through strategic partnerships and innovative initiatives. The collaboration with Samsung R&D Institute, Noida, focuses on joint research projects in AI, directly involving students, faculty, and industry experts, while the upcoming Medical School will leverage AI to revolutionize healthcare delivery through telemedicine.