



WhatsApp introduces Context Card in Group Messaging to help keep users safe



Pune (Voice news service):- WhatsApp is rolling out a new feature that will help users stay safe in group messaging. If you're added to a group by someone you don't know, you'll now see a context card giving you more information about the group. This includes who added you, how recent the group was created, and who created it. From there, you can decide whether to stay or leave the group, and review some of the safety tools available to stay safe and secure on WhatsApp. This is particularly helpful if you just met someone or a group of people, and

haven't yet saved them in your contacts - or it can help confirm whether or not it's a group you know or want to be in. This update provides WhatsApp users with another layer of safety and security, building on existing features like silencing unknown callers, chat lock, in-app privacy check-up, and controlling who can add you to groups. It's also similar to the current experience in 1:1 messaging, where you're given more context if you're messaged by someone you don't know. This has already begun rolling out to users, and will be available to all users in the coming weeks.

Sovereign ratings impact global capital flow necessitating home grown credit ratings agencies: Amitabh Kant at CareEdge Ratings event

Pune (Voice news service):- Addressing the CareEdge Ratings "Conversations 2024" conference, Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa and Former CEO of Niti Aayog, Government of India stresses the need for promoting home grown credit ratings agencies. He mentioned that appropriate sovereign credit ratings are actually a very critical issue that impacts not only in India, but the entire emerging economies. Addressing the keynote in the conference, Mr. Kant mentioned that for India to be a developed country by 2047, it's very important that developing countries have the appropriate credit rating and calls for global credit rating agencies to be more objective in assessing India's strong economic fundamentals. He said that the notion that developing countries are more risky investments is not solely based on objective financial metrics, but is significantly influenced by subjective assessment. CareEdge Ratings successfully hosted "Conversations 2024", an annual event at Hotel Conrad in Pune. The event titled "Global Capital Flow and Risk in a Changing World Order", brought together distinguished thought



leaders and industry experts. Shri Amitabh Kant, G20 Sherpa and Former CEO of Niti Aayog, Government of India, graced the event as the Chief Guest along with the Guests of Honor Shri Gulshan Malik, Deputy Managing Director, State Bank of India and Shri Babasaheb Neelkanth Kalyani, Chairman, Kalyani Group. The event commenced with a welcome note by Shri Najib Shah, Chairman, CareEdge, who delivered the keynote address, setting the stage for an evening of insightful discussions. Speaking on the global macroeconomic shift, he said "The shift has accelerated post COVID, and continues which remain a defining moment. Right now, we are moving away from domination by single superpower, a single currency and moving towards a more balanced and complex system that's emerging and evolving. Such environment also has implications for the financial

being done." Mr. Kant called for Indians to be more ambitious. He believed that unless the country doesn't get into emerging and cutting-edge technologies, it will be very difficult for India to grow rapidly. He said that the growth of India will come from cutting edge areas and therefore it's important that if India is to grow at high rates, the challenge for India is really to go and high rates of nine to 10% per annum for three decades or more. However, he also warned on how technologies can be misused for conflict within societies and calls for a need for international regulation much like atomic energy, looking into the basic premises ethics and costs on which some of these technologies are faced and how they will really lead to the benefit of society. Adding to the point, Shri Babasaheb Neelkanth Kalyani, Chairman, Kalyani Group mentioned that India has potential to grow at 10% and calls out the need to focus on manufacturing. Shri Gulshan Malik, Deputy Managing Director, State Bank of India added that banking sector in India is adequately capitalized as well as the ready to fund the next phase of growth which is very critical.

Discover Your Secret to Fabulous, Frizz-Free Hair This Monsoon Season!



Pune: Ah, the monsoons—nature's refreshing cooldown! But with the rain comes a challenge for your beautiful mane. Don't fret! Nykaa's got your back with a tailored guide to conquer those pesky monsoon hair dilemmas. Say Hello to Champi Magic: Picture this—indulging in a warm oil champi amidst the gentle pitter-patter of raindrops. It's not just relaxing; it's your go-to remedy for soothing a dry scalp, banishing dandruff, and taming frizz caused by the humidity. Say goodbye to unruly hair with Nyveda Hair Growth Treatment Oil Revive My Roots. Packed with a blend of clinically proven ingredients, it not only prevents hair fall but also promotes luscious growth, leaving your locks silky, glossy, and absolutely irresistible! Master Your Hair Wash Ritual: Washing your hair in the monsoons demands extra care. Opt for a powerhouse duo like Nykaa Naturals Anti-Frizz Sulphate-Free Shampoo With Fer-

Pan Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. Celebrates the Success of the "SABKA SATH SABKA VIKAS" initiative

Pune (Voice news service):- Pan Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., is a leading hygiene product manufacturing company based in Gujarat, recently organized a grand celebration for the "SABKA SATH SABKA VIKAS" initiative for their distributors, channel partners and team members, which reiterated Mr. Chirag Pan's vision of inclusive growth of all associated members of the company whether it is channel partners, employees or associates. The company, known for manufacturing baby diapers under the Little Angel brand, adult diapers under the Liberty brand, and sanitary napkins under the Everteen brand, saw remarkable participation at this event. Over 500 members, including 150+ esteemed channel partners and winners, along with the dedicated sales team from the North region attended the celebration. Mr. Chirag Pan, CEO and Managing Director of PAN Healthcare, says, "PAN Health was born out of a commitment to make superior quality hygiene products accessible to the masses at an affordable and budget-friendly price point. We



are proud to make in India and make for the world. The rapid strides we have made over recent years would not have been possible without the unrelenting efforts of our PAN Health family, comprising our business partners and staff. Today's grand ceremony in Lucknow is a testament to our promise of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' and a focus on rewarding meritocracy. In line with our vision to be the globally preferred brand in hygiene and our fast-paced growth, our focus this year will be on the mantra of 'reform, perform and transform'. The event recognized and rewarded the outstanding performances and contributions of the company's channel partners and sales team members. "SABKA SATH

SABKA VIKAS" was designed to foster growth, innovation, and excellence within the company, focusing particularly on baby diapers and adhering to the Make in India mission. The initiative has yielded remarkable results, and the felicitation ceremony stands as a testament to the hard work and dedication of all participants, motivating numerous others. From the company's management, the event was graced by several key figures. Mr. Chirag Pan, CEO and MD, Mr. Alpesh Pan, CFO, Mr. Jatin Panchani, Mr. Amber Patel motivated the attendees with their vision and the strategic direction of the company. Additionally, Mr. Rakesh Sinha, President of Sales, acknowledged the efforts of the sales

team and channel partners. The event featured an exciting lineup of felicitations, reflecting the company's values for its top performers. The felicitation ceremony included an array of prizes which included 9 Luxurious Cars ranging from Kia Seltos to Wagon R 45 Stylish bikes like Royal Enfield's, Bajaj Pulsar and many more. 28 foreign trips for two or stylish two wheelers like Honda Activa 77 foreign trip and 108 Android Phones for top achievers in various categories. These felicitations are not just tokens of appreciation but a recognition of the relentless efforts and dedication of the channel partners and sales team, as expressed by the management. This is very much in line with company's vision of inclusive growth not only comes to the company but to all associated channels partners. Pan Health continues to strive for excellence and aims to achieve greater milestones with the support and commitment of its valuable team members, adding to the rich legacy of the company and its stakeholders.

Unlocking New Possibilities for Preventative Wellness With New Galaxy Watch and BioActive Sensor

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung has been driving digital health innovation to help simplify health and wellness by bringing together insights and metrics to offer a more impactful and streamlined wellness experience. This approach starts by improving access to simple and accurate health tracking through Samsung's BioActive Sensor, which provides you with more comprehensive, personalized and accurate health data. Furthering this mission, Samsung is raising the bar again and introducing the newest iteration of its BioActive Sensor. Coming to the next Galaxy Watch, the new sensor will enable advanced predictive and preventative wellness features never before seen on a wearable device — in addition to more accurate health measurements. Introducing Samsung's New BioActive Sensor The

all-new BioActive Sensor is essential to bringing you better preventative health experiences on the next Galaxy Watch, with design improvements that enable even more precise health insights. Samsung engineers focused on three upgrades to the new sensor: enhancing the performance of light-receiving photodiodes, adding additional colors of light-emitting diodes (LEDs) and arranging them optimally across the sensor. Samsung more than doubled the performance of each photodiode, successfully decreasing the number needed to maintain capacity from eight to four. This redesign freed up additional space for the integration of a larger number and variety of LEDs and ensured their optimal placement across the sensor. The new sensor now includes Blue, Yellow, Violet and Ultra-violet LEDs in addition to an increased number of Green,

Red and Infrared LEDs. With the integration and arrangement of these LEDs, photodiodes and specially designed photodiode, Samsung is taking innovation one step further and is now able to pursue unexplored aspects of health monitoring on wearables. Bringing Greater Accuracy and New Possibilities for Preventative Wellness The optimal allocation of Green, Red and Infrared LEDs sets new standards in wearable technology by improving accuracy and enabling exceptional performance across a broad array of health metrics. This allows the new BioActive Sensor to more accurately measure health metrics such as heart rate, sleep quality, blood pressure, blood oxygen levels and stress levels. Even the measurement of heart rate during intensive workouts is 30% more accurate compared to its predecessor. The more diverse colors of

LEDs and newly designed photodiodes unlock new possibilities and empower you to better predict trends and take proactive steps for preventative care. The first of these features will be an advanced glycation end products (AGEs) index — an indicator of metabolic health and biological aging strongly influenced by overall lifestyle and dietary habits. Used as an insightful biomarker, this index provides a snapshot of your biological age to help you make more informed decisions about your wellness journey and work towards a healthier future. The addition of an AGEs index is just one of the many new advanced features planned for the next Galaxy Watch. The next Galaxy Watch will bring more sophisticated and intelligent health and wellness tools to help you reach your goals. We can't wait to show you more!

Samsung Launches Z Fold6, Z Flip6 in India; Pre-book Now for Exciting Offers



Specifications	Ram Storage	Colors	MOP (INR)
Galaxy Z Flip6	12GB 256GB	Blue, Mint, Silver Shadow	109,999
	12GB 512GB		121,999
Galaxy Z Fold6	12GB 256GB	Silver Shadow, Navy, Pink	164,999
	12GB 512GB		176,999
	12GB 1TB	Silver Shadow	200,999

eration foldables- Galaxy Z Fold6 and Z Flip6. The new smartphones are designed to unfold unique mobile experiences across communications, productivity and creativity. Together with AI-infused connected Galaxy ecosystem, our new products will empower you and enhance your lives. I am excited to share that both Galaxy Z Fold6 and Z Flip6 are manufactured at our Noida factory," said JB Park, President and CEO, Samsung Southwest Asia. Availability, Price and Offers Pre-order for Galaxy Z Fold6 and Z Flip6 started from July 10, across all leading online and offline retail stores. Consumers buying the Galaxy Z Fold6 through Samsung.com will get the option of choosing from two exclusive colours - Black and White. Those buying Galaxy Z Flip6 from Samsung.com will get the option of three exclusive colours - Black, White and Peach. Prebook Offers for Galaxy ZFold6 and Galaxy ZFlip6 Customers pre-ordering the Galaxy ZFold6 and Galaxy

ZFlip6 will receive a cashback of INR 8000 on HDFC Bank cards along with 9 months no-cost bank EMI or an Upgrade Bonus of INR 8000 along with upto 9M no cost EMI. Existing Samsung flagship smartphone customers can choose to avail an upgrade bonus of INR 15000. All customers who pre order Galaxy Z Fold6 and Z Flip6 will get Galaxy Z Assurance wherein they will get an industry-first two screen/parts replacements at just INR 999. Additionally, Galaxy Z Fold6 and Galaxy Z Flip6 customers can avail 50% off on Samsung Covers and up to 35% off on the newly launched Galaxy Watch Ultra, Watch 7 & Galaxy Buds3 Series.

India Yamaha Motor associates with Smile Foundation to celebrate its 69th anniversary



Pune (Voice news service):- Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd. (YMC) celebrated its 69th foundation recently, marking an era of offering pure motorcycling joy, at the back of innovative products. On this special occasion, India Yamaha Motor (IYM) with its Blue Streaks riding community collaborated with the NGO - Smile Foundation for a heartening initiative to support the over 500 underprivileged children. These Blue Streaks riders visited the schools operated by the NGO in 12 cities, interacted with the students and provided essential educational materials like notebooks, pens, and pencils. Furthermore, these riders organised exclusive sessions to educate the children on basic road safety measures, emphasizing the importance of following pedestrian rules, wearing helmets, and understanding traffic signals. This endeavour is aimed to instil a sense of basic road safety awareness, contributing to the overall development of children and nurturing a future generation that is aware and more responsible towards traffic obligations. Children, on the other hand, happily presented stunning performances showcasing their talent of singing and dancing in front of the riders and other students. Alongside, the company's dealer network, on behalf of the India Yamaha Motor, extended the celebrations of Yamaha Day 2024 to customers by inviting them to the showrooms and hosting a cake-cutting ceremony for them, thanking them for their trust in the brand. The dealer partners also apprised the customers about the company's rich legacy and the iconic products introduced by the brand in the last 69 years. Yamaha India celebrated the day with a series of engaging activities for its employees and their families as well. The foundation day, known as "Yamaha Day," is celebrated globally on 1st July every year to develop a deeper understanding and affection for the brand, ultimately expressing "The unique style of Yamaha" through its products and services.

MobiKwik gains market share, becomes largest Wallet player

Pune (Voice news service):- MobiKwik (ONE MOBIKWIK SYSTEMS LIMITED), one of India's largest digital financial products and services platforms, has achieved a significant milestone by recording the largest number of PPI Wallet transactions by value for the months of April and May 2024. According to data published by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), MobiKwik has gained its market share in financial transactions through PPI Wallet for purchasing goods and services, as well as for fund transfers. The Company saw its market share by value grow from 11% in March 2024 to 20% in April, and further to 23% in May. MobiKwik's new product, Pocket UPI has played a significant role in expanding its reach and bringing ease of payment to the users. Pocket UPI offers users a seamless way to make instant payments through their bank account, further helping users manage their finances effectively. Additionally, the Company attributes this growth to the widespread adoption of its platform in Tier II and Tier III cities. Its user-friendly app and transaction security measures are designed to assist consumers and merchants alike. Commenting on the mile-

stone, Upasana Taku, Co-founder & CFO of MobiKwik, said, "The Company's growth in PPI Wallet market share is a testament to our focus on bringing innovative, secure, and user-centric financial products to the market. We remain committed to our goal of financial inclusion through technology-driven solutions." Elaborating on the market share, she added, "MobiKwik is not in the business of FASTag issuance. MobiKwik commanded a 48% market share for PPI Wallet transactions by value in May 2024, after excluding FASTag-related transaction value." As per RedSeer, a strategy consulting firm, "On the like-to-like comparison, MobiKwik has ~48% share of the PPI wallet GMV in May 2024. MobiKwik does not offer FASTag services. As a result, the GMV of NETC FASTag has been excluded from the total PPI wallets GMV when compared, as most banks' PPI wallets are primarily used for FASTag transactions. In this analysis, it is assumed that all FASTag transactions recorded on NETC are processed solely through Wallets." As the Digital India landscape evolves, MobiKwik aims to sustain its market position and aid in the future of digital finance in India.

Pune's Housing Market Shows Resilience with 19% Growth, New Projects Gain Momentum: PropTiger.com Report

Pune (Voice news service):- Housing sales in India's eight prime residential markets fell 6% during the April-June period of 2024 (Q2CY2024), even as new supply tapered, a quarterly analysis by digital real estate brokerage firm PropTiger.com shows. In its quarterly report titled 'Real Insight Residential - April-June 2024', the Gurugram-headquartered firm said a total of 113,768 units were sold in Q2 of Calendar Year (CY)

2024, against 1,20,642 in the previous quarter (Q1CY2024). The quarterly decline in sales was seen across cities, barring Bengaluru (30% increase) and Delhi-NCR (10% increase). Applying a wait-and-watch strategy ahead of the poll results, homebuyers deferred plans to invest in real estate during the quarter, which saw the world's largest democracy conducting national elections, the firm said in its report. "Demand for homes

moderated during the April-June period on account of the General Elections even though consumer sentiment continues to remain extremely positive about real estate investments on the back of strong fundamentals. Amid expectations of a pro-investment Union Budget after the formation of a new government at the Centre, we have reason to believe that sales numbers would strengthen in the coming quarters, especially during the

festive months," said Mr. Vikas Wadhawan, Group CFO, REA India, and Business Head, PropTiger.com. "Awaiting policy changes in the upcoming Union Budget that would pave the way for turning India into the world's third-largest economy by 2027-28, the developer community, too, exercised caution, as evidenced by a decline in new launches in half of the cities sampled in our analysis," Mr. Wadhawan added.

Ishaara Mehfil Nights Presents An Unforgettable Evening with Kabul Bukhari

Pune (Voice news service):- Ishaara, at Phoenix Mall of the Millennium, the premier destination for dining and entertainment, is delighted to announce a captivating musical evening with the illustrious Kabul Bukhari at the much-anticipated Ishaara Mehfil Nights. Set to enchant audiences on July 19, 2024, this event promises to be an unforgettable experience for all music enthusiasts. In the past, Ishaara has hosted numerous distinguished artists, establishing itself as a hub for cultural and musical excellence. With Kabul Bukhari, the venue is poised to deliver an evening of soul-stirring music and mesmerizing performances. Attendees will be treated to an evening of Kabul Bukhari's mesmerizing qawals and original compositions, known for their profound impact and emotional depth. His harmonious vocals and charismatic presence are set to create a magical atmosphere that transcends the ordinary. Whether you're a long-time fan or a newcomer to his music, this event is sure to leave a lasting impression. Enhance your experience with exclusive bottle rates available for this event. Raise a toast to the night and immerse yourself in the melodic ambiance while enjoying your favorite drinks. Seats are filling up fast for this highly anticipated event. Don't miss out on being part of this extraordinary musical journey. Reserve your spots now! Get ready to be captivated by Kabul Bukhari's soulful tunes. See you at Ishaara Mehfil Nights!



Pune (Voice news service):- Golden Kings scored third win on trot in their league encounters the fourth Edition of PYC - Realty Seven Chess League 2024 that will be organised by the PYC Hindu Gymkhana and will be played at PYC Chess Hall. The tournament was inaugurated by Mr.Kapil Trimal, Director of Realty Seven, Mr.Chadrashekhar Naniwadekar, Treasurer of PYC Hindu Gymkhana. Mr.Shirish Sathe, Chess Secretary, Amod Pradhan, International Arbiter Atharva Godbole was present on the occasion. Results: League Round: Golden Kings bt 7 Knights 4.5-2.5 (Kiran Khare lost to Tanmay Khate 0-1; Niranjan Godbole bt Priyadarshan Dumbre 1-0; Abhishek Godbole drew with Amir Ajgaonkar 0.5-0.5; Shubhankar Menon bt Ashwin Trimal 1-0; Indraneil Mandke bt Yash Sarda 1-0; Rajveer Rajadhyaksha lost to Pavn Dhoot 0-1; Savan Raisoni bt Saurabh Prabhudesai 1-0; Kings 64 bt Maratha Warriors 7-0(Akshay Sathye bt Aditya Lakhe 1-0; Mihir Shah bt Rajan Joshi 1-0; Makrand Date bt Nitin Gore 1-0; Rohin Lagu bt Rajendra Erande 1-0; Jaideep Gokhale bt Ameya Kulkarni 1-0; Prayaan Gala bt Anaya Rajwade 1-0; Alisha Pai bt Riya Chitale 1-0); Wadeshwar Wizards bt Goldfield Tridents 4.5-2.5(Yash Mehendale lost to Mihir Naniwadekar 0-1; Rohit Deval bt Ketan Deval 1-0; Amol Mehendale bt Arnav Kunte 1-0; Ronit Joshi drew with Jay Kelkar 0.5-0.5; Vandit Mehta lost to Nimish Kulkarni 0-1; Anant Sahasrabudhe bt Aarya Bajaj 1-0; Nishad Chaugule bt Prabhansh Matharu 1-0);

Third win for Golden Kings at the Fourth Edition of PYC Realty Seven Chess League 2024



Fitness Pilates Expert Yasmin Karachiwala Shares Tips for Weight Loss

Pune (Voice news service):- Having been in the fitness industry for decades, Yasmin Karachiwala is a strong advocate for a balanced lifestyle to achieve optimal health. Sharing effective ways to shed those extra kilos, Yasmin recommends engaging in regular exercise, eating clean, and maintaining a well-balanced diet. She also suggests incorporating mindful and healthy snacking habits, stating that almonds are her go-to choice for snacks. "I've been consuming almonds for a few years now, and they have done wonders for my overall well-being. These powerhouse nuts are rich in essential nutrients like protein, zinc, magnesium, healthy fats, dietary fiber, and more. Not just that, almonds also have satiating properties that keep me fuller for longer, helping me in weight management," says Yasmin. If you're starting your weight-loss journey, Yasmin recommends focusing on three aspects: eating three balanced meals a day, watching portion sizes, and including essential nutrients like protein, healthy fats, and fiber in every meal. Yasmin plans her meals in advance to ensure they are nutrient-rich. "I always include at least one source of protein in each meal because it helps me feel satisfied and supports my overall health, promoting muscle maintenance, immune function, and healthy skin and hair," she explains. Some of Yasmin's regular protein-rich choices include chicken, fish, lentils, chickpeas, almonds, and Greek yogurt. She relies a lot on almonds, ensuring

to carry a box of these nuts with her wherever she goes "Snacking on almonds help me stay satiated longer, which supports effective weight management," she emphasizes. In addition to being mindful of eating habits and consuming nutrient rich, natural foods, Yasmin recommends staying hydrated and drinking at least 3 litres of water daily. As a fitness enthusiast, she also advocates staying active and working out at least five days a week, which boosts energy levels and contributes to weight loss. She believes that when you're energetic, you're more likely to engage in physical activity and make healthier food choices, ultimately leading to weight loss. "Working out regularly keeps me energized, boosts my

confidence, and positively impacts my health, which helps with weight management," Yasmin says. Furthermore, Yasmin recommends that "those embarking on their fitness journey should start by setting realistic goals and gradually increasing daily step counts from 5,000 to 8,000 to 10,000. One can start by incorporating low-impact activities like walking every day to establish a sustainable and long-term fitness routine." Overall, the fitness Pilates expert emphasizes that for an effective weight loss journey, one should prioritize a balanced diet rich in whole foods, stay hydrated, and opt for energizing snacks such as fruits and almonds to maintain activity levels throughout the day.

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BYD India Enhances Accessibility and Expands

Pune (Voice news service):- BYD India, a subsidiary of the world's leading New Energy Vehicles (NEV) manufacturer, announces the expansion of its product line with the introduction of new variants of the BYD ATTO 3. This premier Born EV pure electric SUV now includes the all-new Cosmos Black Edition, along with Dynamic, Premium, and Superior variants, all aimed at providing enhanced accessibility and a wider range of choices for customers. This strategic expansion is a direct response to the tremendous success and overwhelming customer interest in the original BYD ATTO 3, aiming to cater to a more diverse customer base and offering increased options to potential buyers. The new BYD ATTO 3 variants start with Dynamic, going up to the Premium and Superior variants.

The Dynamic variant will be available at an introductory Ex-showroom price starting at INR 24.99 Lakh, making sustainable motoring more accessible. The homologation certificate from ARAI further reinforces the credibility and commitment of BYD India to its customers. With an expanding dealership network comprising 26 showrooms across 23 cities, BYD India is committed to providing first-rate service to its customers across the country. Mr. Rajeev Chauhan, Head of Electric Passenger Vehicles (EPV) Business at BYD India said, "Unveiling this extended lineup of three variants of the BYD ATTO 3 - Dynamic, Premium and Superior - is a significant milestone for us and a pivotal moment in India's electric vehicle landscape. We have

also introduced the Cosmos Black Edition, adding an element of style and colour to our new lineup. Our diversified offerings not only expand our product portfolio but also pave the way for a more inclusive EV future. We aim to make premium electric mobility accessible to a broader audience. With the launch of these new variants, we are one step closer to realizing this vision." The three new variants of the BYD ATTO 3, equipped with the ultra-safe Blade Battery, are going to mark a new era in electric vehicles segment in India, offering a fine balance between accessibility and range. The range furthers customer choice with a battery capacity of either 49.92 kWh or 60.48 kWh. This lineup of Born EV SUVs offers rapid charging from 0% to 80% within 50 minutes. Its dynamic



exterior, rhythmic interior, and advanced features tailored to customer preference such as 7 airbags, a panoramic sunroof, and a 360° holographic imaging system, make the new variants of the BYD ATTO 3 further the cause of sustainable motoring. BYD continues to make its mark on the global stage, achieving an impressive total of 7.3 million sales worldwide. As a proud Fortune 500 company, BYD has demonstrated its market strength and commitment to excellence. BYD's sustained position within the Top 10 global automotive brands, as per the Kantar BrandZ Most Valuable Global Brands 2024 report.

India Triumphs at ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024: Coca-Cola India and ICC Showcase 'Made in India' Recycled PET Flags

Pune (Voice news service):- In the thrilling conclusion of ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 held in the USA and the West Indies where India truly emerged victorious, by winning the prestigious tournament. Coca-Cola India and the ICC once again brought a refreshing difference by combining cricket passion with a commitment to sustainability. This year's Men's T20 World Cup matches featured the 'Made in India' National Flags and the Cricket 4 Good Flags, crafted from post-consumer recycled PET bottles. These bottles were transformed into polyester fabric and recycled yarn, made by recycling garbage and plastic bottles. These flags were proudly displayed during the national anthem ceremony at the respective stadiums. Coca-Cola India first introduced the recycled PET National Flags during the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in 2023, becoming the first company in the world to introduce these flags in cricket. Following the impactful, sustainable strides made previously through several green initiatives during the marquee event, Coca-Cola India continues to showcase environmental responsibility by the creation of these National

Flags of the participating 20 nations, the largest flags in the world with the size— 35 metres by 20 metres and the nine ICC Cricket 4 Good Flags. In addition, Thums Up was the official beverage and sports drink partner for the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. Recently, Coca-Cola has extended its partnership with ICC, committing to serve as a global partner for ICC events until 2031. This renewed collaboration solidifies Coca-Cola's support for cricket across all three formats, ensuring a lasting sustainable impact on the sport, worldwide. Approximately 11,000 PET bottles have been transformed into each national flag, and 2,000 bottles into each ICC Cricket 4 Good Flag by Go Rewise by Ganesha Ecoverse Limited and their partner. Even the packaging for these flags is made from recycled material, emphasizing on a holistic approach to sustainability. Also, all these flags are Global Recycled Standard (GRS) certified, meeting international standards for recycled content, social and environmental practices, and chemical restrictions. Further, the use of cutting-edge AI sorting systems

has boosted waste segregation efficiency, enhancing resource recovery. Simultaneously, the collection systems have empowered over 50,000 waste workers, including women. A dedicated team of 600 workers was built to bring these magnificent flags to life. Each of these flags produce 60% lesser carbon emissions while saving hundreds of kgs of waste going to landfills and reducing dependency on fossil fuel-based resources. Rajesh Ayapilla, Senior Director-CSR and Sustainability for Coca-Cola India and South-west Asia (INSWA), said, "At Coca-Cola, we're excited to unite cricket passion with our commitment to sustainability at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. These recycled PET flags showcase our dedication to circularity and environmental responsibility. By turning post-consumer plastic bottles into symbols of national pride, we celebrate fans and take a significant step towards a greener future. We believe that the initiative will set a precedent for future events and will continue to inspire a positive change." ICC Chief Commercial Officer, Anurag Dahiya said, "ICC World Cups have once again proven to be a fantastic platform to showcase the partner-

ship between Coca-Cola India and the ICC, highlighting our shared commitment to cricket and the environment. The 'Made in India' recycled PET flags were a powerful initiative of our exciting partnership. Not only did they create a vibrant atmosphere during the national anthem ceremonies, but they also demonstrated how innovation can promote sustainability within cricket." Yash Sharma, Founder, Go Rewise, said, "Our mission is to wisely recycle every bottle used and disposed off into high-value products and give multiple lives to our resources. As the ICC World Cup fans cheered for their nations, the world saw a combination of India's sports as well as technological prowess in recycling post-consumer waste and the craft of 100+ artisan men and women creating a symbol of sustainability and sportsmanship through flags made of recycled PET bottles. We are proud to partner with Coca-Cola to continue their commitment to weave sustainability into sports." Through this innovative initiative, Coca-Cola India and the ICC are not just promoting a sustainable future but also inspiring the cricket fans to join the movement towards environmental stewardship.

Oberoi & Neel' Kings emerge winners at 4th edition of The Poona Club Racquet LEAGUE 2024



Pune (Voice news service):-Oberoi & Neel' Kings owned by Mr. Verinder Singh Oberoi and Mr. Indraneel Mujgule emerged champions with 1376 points in the group league stage at the Poona Club Racquet League which is being organised by the Poona Club Ltd on its Table Tennis, Squash and Pickleball facilities. Stash - Pro All Stars owned by Mr. Hiren Parmar, Mr. Mrunal Shah and Mr. Yash Shah finished second with 1326 points, while ASR Strikers owned by Mr. Amit Roplekar, Mr. Sarim Khan, Mr. Yogesh Anklesaria finished third with 1319 points. Mr. Mrunal Shah of Stash-Pro

All Stars was the Player of the series. The event is sponsored by Gravittus Foundation and co-sponsored by Convex. The winner team got the trophy. The prizes were given away at the hands of Mr. Sunil Handa, President of Poona Club Ltd, Mr. Gaurav Gadhoke, Vice President of the Poona Club Ltd, Mr. Ameya Kulkarni, Chairman organising committee of the League and Chairman Racquet Sports, Mr. Aditya Kanitkar, Managing Committee Member and League Organising Committee, Mr. Viraf Deboo, Mr. Pankaj Shah, Mr. Amit Parmar, Mr. Tushar Aswani, Mr. Shailesh Ranka, Mr. Sameer Sanghvi, Mr. Kunal



Sanghvi were present on the occasion... Results: League Round: Oberoi & Neel' Kings bt ASR Strikers 264-239; Badminton: Oberoi & Neel' Kings bt ASR Strikers 71-65; Squash: Oberoi & Neel' Kings bt ASR Strikers 44-43; Table Tennis: Oberoi & Neel' Kings bt ASR Strikers 63-34; Tennis: Oberoi & Neel' Kings bt ASR Strikers 58-50; Pickle Ball: Oberoi & Neel' Kings lost to ASR Strikers 28-47; HK Power House bt Manav Avengers 252-228; Badminton: HK Power House lost to Manav Avengers 49-71; Squash: HK Power House lost to Manav Avengers 45-

49; Table Tennis: HK Power House bt Manav Avengers 61-60; Tennis: HK Power House bt Manav Avengers 50-34; Pickle Ball: HK Power House bt Manav Avengers 47-14; Stash - Pro All Stars bt Convex Sharks 307-190; Badminton: Stash - Pro All Stars bt Convex Sharks 67-43; Squash: Stash - Pro All Stars bt Convex Sharks 63-39; Table Tennis: Stash - Pro All Stars bt Convex Sharks 74-38; Tennis: Stash - Pro All Stars bt Convex Sharks 60-40; Pickle Ball: Stash - Pro All Stars bt Convex Sharks 43-30

Top 8 Immunity-Boosting Foods to Beat the Flu Season

Pune (Voice news service):- The monsoon season brings with it a myriad of health challenges such as common colds, digestive issues, and weakened immunity. Dr. Rohini Patil, MBBS and Nutritionist, suggests that incorporating nutrient-rich superfoods like almonds, turmeric, Ginger can help bolster your immune system and keep you healthy during this seasonal change. She recommends that monsoon superfoods be packed with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants that can help prevent common illnesses and provide essential nutrients for overall well-being. Let's explore the superfoods that Dr. Rohini recommends incorporating into your regular diet during this weather change. Almonds: Almonds are rich

in 15 essential nutrients such as healthy fats, protein, zinc, magnesium, and vitamin E, which promote heart health and boost energy levels. Incorporating almonds into your daily diet can help boost immunity, maintain good skin health, and manage weight effectively. Overall, it's a beneficial practice to add a handful of almonds to your diet regularly. Turmeric: Turmeric, renowned for its anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, enhances immunity and combats infections, making it essential to include in your diet during the monsoon season. Ginger: Ginger supports digestion, reduces inflammation, and possesses potent antibacterial properties, making it ideal for combating com-

mon colds and sore throats during seasonal changes. Garlic: Garlic is rich in compounds like allicin, which enhance immune function and exhibit antimicrobial effects, making it particularly beneficial during the monsoon season. Green Tea: Green tea, packed with antioxidants, aids in detoxifying the body and boosting metabolism, which can often be affected during the monsoon season. Citrus fruits: Citrus fruits like oranges, lemons, and grapefruits are rich in vitamin C, crucial for boosting immunity and enhancing skin health, making them vital during seasonal transitions. Papaya: Papaya, abundant in vitamins A and C, aids digestion, boosts immunity, and



offers antioxidant benefits. Sweet potatoes: Sweet potatoes, packed with fiber, vitamins A and C, and antioxidants, help support immune function and promote healthy skin, making them a beneficial choice for monsoon diets. Dr. Rohini recommends incorporating these superfoods into your diet during the monsoon season to help safeguard against seasonal health issues and maintain overall well-being.

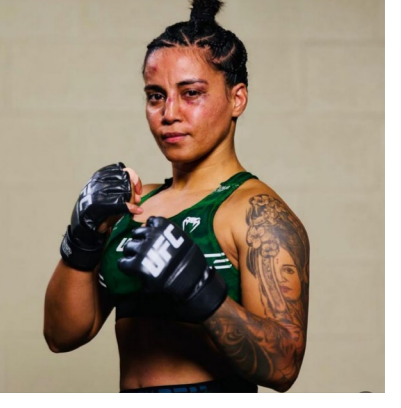
UFC title holder Puja Tomar celebrates historic win with FITTR



Pune (Voice news service):- Puja Tomar, the first Indian to win a UFC title, is all set to inspire and encourage the next generation of aspiring athletes by sharing her incredible journey both inside and outside the octagon ring. Earlier this year, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighter Puja Tomar made history by becoming the first ever Indian to win at the Ultimate Fighting Championship

(UFC) in Louisville, USA. She shared her experiences in the UFC in a lively chat and also thanked FITTR, a leading online fitness and nutrition platform, which assisted her by supporting in achieving her dream of UFC glory. "My journey in the UFC has been nothing short of exhilarating and challenging," Puja said. "I hope my story inspires others to pursue their dreams in the world of mixed martial arts. India

needs more athletes on the world stage and hopefully, my win will inspire more youngsters and their parents to take up sports as a career and not just a recreational activity", she added. "Puja Tomar's title win marks a significant milestone for Indian athletes on the global stage. Her dedication, perseverance, and exceptional talent have paved the way for many young fighters in India", said Mr. Jitendra Chouksey, Founder and CEO of FITTR.



Increasing Ease and Coherence in GST Day-by-Day



Pune (Voice news service):- "Day by day, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) system is becoming more streamlined and coherent. To make this system more accessible and to ensure its effective implementation, the contribution of Cost and Management Accountants (CMA), Chartered Accountants, and Tax Practitioners who work as financial advisors for taxpayers is invaluable," expressed Dr. Pranjali Khadse-Dhonde, Deputy Commissioner of State Tax. The 7th GST Day was celebrated by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) Pune Chapter. During the event held at the CMA Bhavan in Karvenagar, CMA Dr. Sanjay Bhargave, ICMAI Central Council Member CMA Neeraj Joshi, Pune Chapter President CMA Nilesh

Kekan, former president CMA Amit Apte, Vice President CMA Shrikant Ippalalli, Secretary CMA Rahul Chincholkar, Treasurer CMA Himanshu Dave, and others were present. Dr. Sanjay Bhargave said, "With the introduction of GST, the concept of 'One Nation, One Tax' is being established. There is still room for changes in the tax structure. Efforts should be made to make tax payments easier for taxpayers and to make the GST system more favorable for businesses. Efforts should be made to include petroleum companies under GST." CMA Neeraj Joshi and CMA Amit Apte shared their thoughts. CMA Nilesh Kekan gave the welcome address. CMA Shrikant Ippalalli conducted the program. CMA Tanuja Mantravadi expressed gratitude.

Wipro Opens New Smart and Connected IoT Experience Centre in Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- Wipro Commercial & Institutional Business (CIB), a leader in lighting and seating solutions, proudly announces the grand opening of its new Experience Centre in Pune. The Experience Centre is designed to meet the evolving needs of modern businesses via advanced IoT and Smart Technology applications. Featuring open collaborative spaces, the centre showcases Wipro's innovative Internet of Lighting (IoL)™ solutions and ergonomic seating designs. The center also features vibrant and inclusive designs aimed to boost employee productivity and promote mental well-being. The facility highlights Wipro's Smart & Connected solutions for Smart Factories, Smart Cities, and Smart Offices, utilizing technologies like Power over Ethernet (PoE) and wireless lighting management systems. The showcase features Wipro's iSense, an advanced wireless IoT solution, which is widely adopted by office and industrial clients for seamless, wireless control of lighting fixtures, TVs, and AC units. "The opening of our new Experience Centre marks a significant milestone for Wipro's Commercial and Institutional Business," said Mr. Anuj Dhir, Senior Vice President & Business Head, Commercial & Institutional Business at Wipro Consumer Care & Lighting. "This centre exemplifies our commitment to innovation and excellence, offering customers firsthand access and experience to our cutting-edge solutions. With India's burgeoning office spaces, industries, and infrastructure bolstered by robust government initiatives and investments, we are poised for unparalleled growth."



Driving Leadership with Smart Internet of Lighting (IoL)™ technology and Design Excellence across Workplace, Industrial, and Outdoor Lighting

He further added, "As we expand nationally and replicate this model in key cities, our goal is to make our pioneering innovations more accessible across India. This expansion aligns seamlessly with our growth strategy, reinforcing our mission to deliver comprehensive lighting and seating solutions. This new facility empowers architects, interior designers, facility managers, and business leaders to immerse themselves in transformative smart lighting and seating solutions, offering practical insights to enhance their work environments."

The facility provides live demonstrations that show how different lighting settings can influence space functionality and mood. Visitors can explore Wipro's innovative and ergonomically designed seating solutions and receive personalized advice and project support from in-house design consultants and technical experts. Wipro Seating Solutions offers a variety of solutions for offices, public spaces, collaborative environments, and auditoriums. The company has integrated acoustic materials, launching partitions and luminaires that add vibrancy to office interiors while delivering excellent noise reduction for peaceful and productive workspaces. In addition, as part of Wipro's Industrial Solutions, the company offers advanced LED highbay products which are designed for high ambient temperature environments, such as foundries and glass plants, exemplifying its innovative approach to industrial lighting. The company's smart industrial lighting solutions, utilizing the iSense IoT lighting management system, have received high praise from industrial customers.

Symbiosis Professional and Skills University creates Experiential Learning while celebrating the 'World Youth Skills Day'

Pune (Voice news service):- Symbiosis Professional and Skills University is organizing its annual celebration of the 'World Youth Skills Day' on 15 July 2024. The activities will be conducted from 9.30 am to 5.00 pm at its Kiwale campus. The day long initiative will include various programs like Skill Competitions, Skills Demonstrations, Quizzes, Designing Skills, Health and Beauty Skills, Workshops, fun activities, Career Counselling, Entrepreneurship / Start-up guidance etc. across various schools including School of Automobile Engineering, School of Nutritional Sciences and Dietetics, School of Retail Management, School of Beauty and Wellness, School of Mechatronics Engineering, School of Architecture, Urban Development and Planning, School of Digital Media Marketing, School of Data Science, School of Construction, Engineering and Management, School of CSIT,

School of BFSI, School of Ports and Terminal Management & Logistics and Supply Chain Management and School of Sustainability Studies. Dr. Swati Mujumdar, Pro-Chancellor, Symbiosis Skills and Professional University said that the idea behind celebrating skills day with a variety of events is to encourage students across various streams to acquire skills and be industry ready not only as job seekers but also job givers. The World Youth Skills Day programs are an excellent platform for the students to interact with industry experts to gain insights on what the industry requires and team up with fellow students for various competitions. This helps to nurture, harness the potential of young minds. The theme for World Youth Skills Day 2024, "Youth Skills for Peace and Development," highlights the importance of skilling young people for promoting peace and sustainable development.

PUNE HAD ITS FIRST INAUGURAL GLOBAL KOREAN SPEECH CONTEST AT INDO-KOREAN CENTER, PUNE

Career Development Center (CDC) inaugurated at IKC to facilitate Korean language and culture



Pune (Voice news service):- City observed its first inaugural global Korean Speech contest organized by The Indo Korean Center, King Sejong Institute Pune (Under KSIF Foundation, Ministry of Culture, Sports & Tourism, Republic of Korea). During this global event, the Career Development Center (CDC) was also commissioned and it was inaugurated at the hands of Dooshik Kim, Deputy Consul of Consulate General of Republic of Korea in Mumbai. Mr. Chirag Jaladi, Miss Tanu Mishra and Miss Savani Rajpathak secured first, second and third place respectively in the contest. Tanvi Joshi & Neha Kulkarni won the consolation prize. All winners are awarded with certificates, trophy & LG products. LG TV was handed over

to the contestants securing first and second places. The LG Microwave was given to the third ranker. Additionally, two consolation prize of LG Wireless Earbuds were handed over to consolation prize winners. Twelve talented students trained in Korean language were selected after a rigorous screening process. Mr. Jeongkeul Jeong, CFO at LG Electronics, Mrs. Eunhee An, Principal of Korean Language School in Pune, and Mr. Jaibong Lee, Manager at Woori Bank were esteemed judges for the contest. Dr. Eunjoon Lim, Director of KSI Pune, Sanjib Ghatak, Co-founder of IKC, Dr. Aditya Bavadekar, Director of MIMA Institute of Management, Mr. Chiranjeev Maini, HoD of Education and Training at



POSCO Maharashtra Steel, Prashant Shekhar, HR Head, LG Electronics, Mr. Park Wol Sang, General Manager of Ohsung India and many distinguished guests representing renowned Korean companies and universities were present at this occasion at the Indo Korean Centre, Balewadi, Pune. Indo-Korean fusion dance and traditional Korean singing by the student club members of IKC KSI Pune gave a mesmerizing performance at the event. Sweet faces, humble gestures and a beautiful tradition are the main identities of Korean culture. This event was a gesture of advancement towards enriching the bonds between the versatile culture of India, Indo-Korean Center (IKC) located at the Youth Build

Foundation works to provide a platform to facilitate opportunities for the general public and to connect Indian & Korean people, mentioned Dr. Eunjoon Lim. She further said, there are lot of opportunities for Korean learners in Korean companies in India and South Korea. Korean universities are also welcoming Indian students for their higher studies in Korea. This CDC will be helpful to Indian students to grab this opportunities and make a career in respective fields. Dooshik Kim informed about the opportunities in employment and education in South Korea. Chiranjeev Maini & Prashant Shekhar briefed about the POSCO & LG electronics & their requirements from the candidates. Sanjib Ghatak coordinated the event.

Chartered Accountants play a vital role in the socioeconomic development of the nation



Pune (Voice news service):- Chartered Accountants play a vital role in the nation's socioeconomic development, says CA Sandeep Singla, Additional Commissioner of Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PM-RDA). Singla addressed the chartered accountants at the convocation ceremony organized by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) Pune branch at MIT Kothrud. CA



Ranjeet Kumar Agrawal, National President of ICAI, and CA Charanjyot Singh, Vice President of ICAI, addressed the event virtually. Prof. Dr. Parag Kalkar, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University; CA Chandrashekar Chitale; CA Umesh Sharma, Central Council Member of ICAI; CA Amruta Kulkarni, Chairperson of Pune ICAI; CA Sachin Miniyar, Vice President; CA Pranav Apte, Chairman of WICASA; CA



Pritesh Munot; CA Rajesh Agrawal; CA Dr. MS Jadhav; and CA Jagdish Dhongade were present on this occasion. More than 600 students from the batch who completed the CA course were awarded certificates by CA Singla and Prof. Dr. Kalkar. Prof. Dr. Parag Kalkar emphasized that while working in any field, one should work with a sense of duty towards society. He advised to be honest in the profession and strive for the development of the country and soci-

ety. He also mentioned that after becoming a CA, one can pursue research and a PhD. He encouraged continual learning and self-improvement. CA Chandrashekar Chitale highlighted the significant demand for CAs in India and abroad. He expressed happiness about awarding more than 600 chartered accountants and noted the increasing number of women in the CA profession. CA Amruta Kulkarni gave the opening remarks, and CA Umesh Sharma also guided the students.

Students of Suryadatta National School Cleaned the Warkari Sculptures at Bavdhan



Pune (Voice news service):- The palanquin processions of the great saints Dnyaneshwar Maharaj and Tukaram Maharaj have set off towards Pandharpur. Pune was filled with the chants of "Dnyanoba-Tukaram" and "Maui-Maui" along with the hymns of Vitthal. The pilgrimage to Pandharpur and the people of Maharashtra share an unbreakable bond. Every-

one serves these devotees of Vitthal in their own way. As a part of this, students of Suryadatta National School cleaned the Warkari sculptures in the Bavdhan area. Under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordiya, Founder President of Suryadatta Education Foundation, and Vice President Sushma Chordiya, this Warkari sculpture cleaning campaign was organized. Under the leadership of Sheela Oka, Director of Suryadatta National School, teachers along with students participated in this initiative. They picked up trash from

the streets and cleaned the area. Senior citizens returning after tree planting appreciated the students' actions. Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordiya said, "This is a large family of Warkaris heading to meet Vitthal at Pandharpur. The Warkari tradition reflects self-discipline, moral life, and the quest for spiritual truth. This pilgrimage offers a remarkable experience beyond the usual spiritual concept. The purpose was to convey the rich culture of Maharashtra and the social message of the 700-year-old Warkari sect to the students. The students ex-

perienced the pilgrimage by cleaning, making moral behavior declarations, and singing bhajans of Pandurang." Snehal Navlakha, Associate Vice President of Suryadatta Education Foundation, congratulated the students and teachers, stating that the values of harmonious existence, tolerance, and peace taught by the Warkaris should be internalized. She expressed confidence that similar social initiatives contributing to the overall development of students will continue to be organized by Suryadatta in the future.

New technology is important for boosting productivity and creativity

Pune (Voice news service):- Suryadatta Education Foundation honored the Western Regional Officers of the Institute of Directors (IOD).



A conference of IOD officers was recently organized at Hotel Sheraton Grand on the theme 'Technological Horizons: Shaping Corporate Governance in the Digital Landscape.' During the event, Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordiya, Founder and President of Suryadatta Education Foundation, honored the officers with a special scarf made by the students of Suryadatta Fashion Technology and a gold medal. The former Chief Secretary of Maharashtra and President of IOD's Western Region, Sitaram Kunte, awarded Prof.

Dr. Sanjay B. Chordiya a certificate for his contribution to the field of education. Along with Kunte, the event was attended by Bajaj Finance CEO Anurag Chottani, MITC CEO Ajay Gadia, Cyber Security Corporation President Dr. Harold D'Costa, Persistent Systems CISO Devender Kumar, and Puna Coupling's co-managing Director Meghna Muley, among other dignitaries. The conference included discussions on three topics: 'Innovation and Digital Transformation: Evaluating the Use of Information Technology in Corporate Governance and Manufacturing Industries,' 'Modernization of Corporate Governance: Principles and Practices,' and 'Digitization and Innovation: The Basis for the Future Growth of the Or-

ganization.' Prof. Dr. Sanjay Chordiya said, "As we progress through the changing digital age, innovation, acceptance, and security of administrative structures are more important for industries than ever. This conference will be significant in paving the way for sustainable and flexible governance. The conference emphasized evaluating corporate governance from the perspective of innovation and digital transformation. Advanced technology has the power to transform corporate governance. The rise of digital technologies like machine learning, artificial intelligence (AI), and blockchains will prove beneficial for increasing productivity, promoting creativity, and opening new business avenues."

India's First National Scientific Round Table Conference to Be Held at MIT WPU

Pune (Voice news service):- For the first time in India, the 'National Scientists Round Table Conference' (NSRTC) is being organized by MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU) from July 19, 2024, to July 21, 2024.



Senior scientist Padma Vibhushan Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Padma Bhushan Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Rahul Vishwanath Karad, MIT WPU's Executive President, Dr. R.M. Chitnis, Vice Chancellor and NSRTC National Convener & Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Milind Pandey announced this NSRTC at a press conference today. The conference is the brainchild of Rahul Vishwanath Karad, Executive President of MIT WPU. The conference will be inaugurated on Friday, July 19, from 4 to 6 pm at the MIT WPU campus in Kothrud. The conference will be chaired by MIT-WPU Founder President Vishwadharm Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Science and Technology, and Dr. Abhay Karandikar, DST Secretary, will be present as the chief guests. Other notable guests include Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General and Secretary of CSIR, Padma Vibhushan Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Padma Bhushan Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Dr. Shekhar Mande, former Director General, Dr. Ganapati Yadav, former Vice-Chancellor of the Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, and Prof. T. Pradeep from IIT Madras. The closing ceremony of the conference will be held on Sunday,

July 21, in the evening from 4 to 6 pm at Hotel Top International. The main objective of this conference is to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers, and research scholars to exchange experiences and research results in all aspects of physical sciences, biological sciences, engineering, and technology. The main goals of this roundtable conference are for participating scientists to present new ideas and directions. This will support educators and researchers, especially the budding young generation, in fundamental research

in all emerging fields of science and technology. It will also inspire further research. The roundtable conference will discuss new ways of interdisciplinary and international collaboration. New discoveries will inspire new patterns of development, new methods of delivery, and ways to empower science. The most important aspect of the Round Table Conference 2024 is to find new ways to create an equitable, sustainable, and human-centric developed India by 2047, serving as a role model for the rest of the world by developing cutting-edge technological tools.

The conference will feature discussions on topics such as Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Materials and Processing, Agri Tech, Biotechnology, Climate Change, Digital Transformation, Health Care, Scientific Temper, and Spirituality. In this three-day roundtable conference, notable participants include Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, DCSIR Secretary and CSIR Director General Dr. Kalaiselvi, Dr. Ganapati Yadav, Dr. Shekhar Mande, American scientist Dr. Ashok Joshi, Padmashri Dr.

Thallapadi Pradip, Prof. Dr. M.S. Ramachandra Rao, Dr. Richard Lobo, Prof. Dr. Ajit Kulkarni, Dr. Umesh Waghmore, Dr. Dipankar Das Sharma, Dr. Dinesh Aswal, Dr. Tata A. Rao, Dr. Bhushan Patwardhan, Prof. Anil Sahasrabudde, Dr. Niraj Khare, Dr. K. Sami Reddy, Dr. Atul Verma, Dr. Ashok Khandkar from the USA, Dr. Sumitra, ISRO scientist Dr. Ilangovan, Prof. Krupanihi of IAS Bangalore, Prof. Anik Kumar, ICER Director Ashok Ganugula, Dr. Rajat Mona, Prof. Das Gupta, Dr. Nag Hanumaiah, Sameer Director Hanmantrao, Sydney University Prof. Dr. Kautubh Dalal, Purdue University Prof. Sachin Pol, and Dr. Sujata Chakraborty among approximately 130 scientists from across India. An abstract book of research by these 130 scientists will be published during the conference. The event will be broadcast live on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram.

Paris Olympics, asserts head coach Massimo Costantini

Pune (Voice news service):- Insisting that even the table tennis powerhouses are keen to avoid playing India in the earlier rounds thanks to their exploits in the last 12 months, Indian team's Italian coach Massimo Costantini exuded confidence that the players could spring a few surprises in both the team and individual events at the upcoming Paris Olympics, scheduled from July 26 to August 11. India have qualified for both the men and women team event for the first time in the history of Olympics and Costantini has been roped in to guide the players on the biggest stage. This will be his third stint with the Indian national team and

the 66-year-old has witnessed the rise of Indian table tennis since he first came to India in 2009. Under Costantini, India clinched a record eight medals, including three gold, at the Commonwealth Games in 2018 and two bronze medals at the 2018 Asian Games. "Qualifying for the team events is already an achievement because just 16 teams from across the world get to represent at the Olympics. It is difficult to say whether we will win a medal but I can definitely say that we can come up with a big surprise. There have been enough signals in the past six months that even teams like China are worried about playing against India early in the competition,"

Bridgestone Releases its Bridgestone 3.0 Journey 2024

Pune (Voice news service):- Bridgestone Corporation announced today that it has released its latest integrated report—the Bridgestone 3.0 Journey 2024 Integrated Report*1—and has made it available on its corporate website.

The report provides comprehensive understanding of Bridgestone's approach and initiatives aimed at enhancing corporate value over the medium to long term, which further deepen mutual understanding through dialogue with stakeholders.

The Bridgestone 3.0 Journey 2024 Integrated Report highlights Bridgestone's value creation in alignment with its Mid Term Business Plan (2024-2026) (24MBP), which outlines the execution plans to build a foundation for sustainable value creation. The plan was formulated based on the 2030 Long Term Strategic Aspiration*2 which is a north star of its corporate transformation. Also, this integrated report serves as a role of an invitation for value co-creation, by conveying a clear strategic vision and progress toward it.

"In our 2024 Integrated Report, we share with our stakeholders our thoughts and progress on the initiatives in action as we transform into a sustainable solutions company, based on the 24MBP story line. By clearly presenting the roadmap for our transformation to you, we hope you will join us on our journey toward the realization of a sustainable society. Bridgestone will continue to take on the challenge to build a foundation for sustainable value creation relentlessly by pursuing "Passion for Excellence" and focusing on execution and delivering results under the

24MBP." The following is an overview of the topics, key points, and activity progress reported within the Bridgestone 3.0 Journey 2024 Integrated Report.

Mid Term Business Plan (2024-2026): 24MBP A summary Mid Term Business Plan (2021-2023) and an outline of 24MBP shows the progress and continuing initiatives that are creating value toward the 2030 Long Term Strategic Aspiration. This includes changes in the business environment, the company's response to global management risks, global management indicators and new & true "glocal" (global - local) management structure which maximize effectiveness & efficiency.

24MBP Business shaping scenario: Further Focus on Value Creation In the 24MBP, there is a further focus on value creation in accordance with the business shaping scenario. This consists of the following four scenarios: "create good business quality," "create good tires," "create good business," and "create new business sowing good seeds for the future."

Create good business quality: This is the top priority issue in the first year 2024 of 24MBP. Bridgestone will strive to improve management and working & business quality globally through reaffirming and re-enhancing understanding of Bridgestone's unique Deming Plan, which reflects the company's DNA "focus on quality" and its mission "Serving Society with Superior Quality". This report also includes updated the foundation of its value creation such as improving talent creativity, Bridgestone's digital transformation (DX), co-creation efforts using

Bridgestone Innovation Park, and intellectual property strategy.

Create good tires: The report updates the company's activities to accelerate value creation by fusing ENLITEN, the basic technology for product design and Bridgestone's unique "new premium" for core tire business, and BCMA, the basic technology for R&D and manufacturing that lowers business cost.

Create good business: The report provides updates on Bridgestone's activities to accelerate social value and customer value creation, which efforts will help the company gain competitive advantage and create corporate value. The initiatives are to reduce business cost across the value chain, establish its new premium tire business model with channel power reinforcement, and establish a sustainable premium brand.

Create new business sowing good seeds for the future: The report updates Bridgestone's solutions business, which amplifies the value of Dan-Totsu products, including activities of its truck and bus solutions, mining solutions, and aviation solutions that are building mobility tech business. This report also includes an update of its value creation for the future as Bridgestone's exploratory business activities as "Sowing New Seeds": recycle business, AirFree which is a next-generation tire that does not need air-filling, lunar rover tire, and soft-robotics.

Building a Foundation for Sustainable Value Creation The report provides a progress update of Bridgestone's unique Sustainability Business Model. This model links the company's business to the realization of carbon neutrality and a circular economy



across the entire value chain. It is focused on advancing from the stages of "produce and sell" and "use" to "renewal" of tires to raw materials through initiatives for nature positivity. Moreover, the report provides an outline of Bridgestone's activities for sustainability value creation which is integrated into its business shaping scenario.

Financial Strategy These are outlines of Bridgestone's financial targets: its management focusing on ROIC as its most important management KPI, ROE as its global management indicators, each area and business financial portfolio, and allocations of capital expenditure and strategic resource on each business portfolio.

Fostering Trust Started with this integrated reporting, the company updates its stakeholder engagement activities, which serve as a foundation for sustainable value creation. Moreover, this report updates Bridgestone's initiatives that are designed to foster trust with society through its commitment to operating in harmony with its local communities. This includes its activities of sustainability priority like respect for human rights and the value chain for natural rubber.

Marriott International Highlights ESG Progress in Annual Serve 360 Report

Pune (Voice news service):- Marriott International, Inc. (Nasdaq: MAR) ("Marriott") today released its 2024 Serve 360 Report highlighting the company's global Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG") efforts and progress towards its 2025 Sustainability and Social Impact Goals. The Report reflects data for the calendar year ended December 31, 2023. The Report can be accessed here.

This year, the Report features an "Around The World Highlights" addendum, which showcases ESG initiatives spanning each of the company's regions - Asia Pacific excluding China; Caribbean & Latin America; Europe, Middle East & Africa; Greater China; and United States & Canada - and performance tables and appendices with key supporting information and data.

"At Marriott International, we take great pride in our longstanding focus on the fundamental principles of taking care of people, our communities, and the planet," said Anthony Capuano, President and CEO, Marriott International. "We believe our efforts to be a force for good around the world in destinations where we operate can help support the long-term success of our business and the

wellbeing of associates and guests. We are focused on fostering a more resilient, inclusive, and responsible world for travel."

In support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Marriott's sustainability, and social impact platform, Serve 360: Doing Good in Every Direction, guides the company's ESG efforts through four focus areas, or "coordinates": Nurture Our World, Sustain Responsible Operations, Empower Through Opportunity, and Welcome All and Advance Human Rights.

The Report outlines, among other topics, data on company efforts related to sustainable operations, diversity and inclusion, volunteerism, and other ESG activities led by Marriott associates and hotels around the world. Global highlights include: To focus on climate action, the company: Verified its near- and long-term science-based emissions reduction targets with the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) in April 2024. Launched the Climate Action Program (CAP) to all managed and franchised properties globally, centered around building climate fluency across the organization and developing property-specific carbon reduction goals

to support progress toward the company's science-based targets.

Continued to build on the company's EV charging infrastructure. At year-end 2023, more than 7,100 EV chargers were installed at more than 1,800 Marriott properties around the world.

The company was also focused on expanding opportunity and delivering on its core value to Serve Our World, and: Volunteered over 3.1 million hours in local communities worldwide in 2023, with over 12.1 million associate volunteer hours reported since 2016.

Responded to the devastating wildfires in Maui, Hawaii, contributing approximately \$5.5 million through the Marriott Disaster Relief Fund, TakeCare Relief Fund, Marriott Bonvoy points donations, and cash and in-kind giving by hotels to support recovery efforts and provide essential items for impacted associates.

Committed to hiring more than 3,000 refugees across the globe by 2026.

Trained more than 1.2 million managed and franchised associates in human trafficking awareness since 2016 in support of Marriott's goal to train all on-property associates by 2025.

Launched an industry-first

initiative in collaboration with the Internet Watch Foundation and Cisco to block websites with child sexual abuse material from guest networks across nearly 5,000 managed and franchised properties in the U.S. & Canada.

Additional regional highlights include: Raised nearly \$970,000 in cash and in-kind donations by Marriott's United Arab Emirates (UAE) Business Council through annual Road to Awareness (R2A) cycling fundraising events to support organizations focused on the vitality of children.

Supported the release of approximately 110,000 sea turtles through conservation programs at several properties across Mexico aimed at protecting the species and their habitats.

Engaged with Scholars of Sustenance through 66 hotels in Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines to rescue over 81,000 kg (178,000 lbs.) of surplus food, resulting in more than 340,000 meals donated to communities in need.

Hired more than 1,200 students with disabilities as full-time associates throughout the Greater China region.

Of total egg spend, increased cage-free egg spend to 56.13% and 47.18% for properties in the U.S. & Canada, respectively.

Planet Smart City Hosts Planet Water Meet 2024 in Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- Planet Smart City a leading global player in the affordable housing market integrating Proptech and ESG compliant solutions recently organized the Planet Water Meet 2024 in Pune. This significant event brought together facility managers from various housing societies across Pune to address pressing issues related to water and energy management.

The primary objective of the meet was to foster a collaborative environment where facility managers and Planet Smart City's sustainability experts could discuss the prevailing water and electricity challenges faced by Pune's residential communities.

Pune, like many other rapidly growing urban centers, grapples with the twin problems of water scarcity and inefficient electricity usage. These is-

ssues not only affect the quality of life for residents but also pose a threat to sustainable urban development.

Planet Smart City showcased its innovative technology solutions designed to alleviate these concerns. The company's approach integrates smart technology, data analysis, and community engagement to create more efficient and sustainable urban environments. During the meet, representatives from Planet Smart City presented solutions and success stories from other housing societies, highlighting the positive impact of their solutions on water and energy conservation.

One of the key technologies discussed was Planet Smart City's smart water management system. This system uses real-time data to monitor water usage, detect leaks, and optimize water distribu-

tion across housing societies. By providing accurate and timely information, it enables facility managers to make informed decisions and reduce water wastage significantly.

The Planet Water Meet 2024 also featured interactive sessions where facility managers shared their experiences and challenges. This exchange of knowledge and ideas was invaluable in understanding the unique needs of different housing societies and tailoring solutions accordingly.

Mukund Deogaonkar, Director, Planet Smart City India, emphasized the importance of this initiative, stating, "Planet Smart City has successfully managed over 200 crore liters of water through our smart water management systems in India. Through this Facility Managers Meet, we aim to educate and understand the real problems faced by the



society managers in managing and conserving water and energy. Our goal is to empower them with the knowledge and tools needed to address water and electricity challenges effectively.

We plan to replicate this event in other micro markets in Pune which will help us spread awareness about water & energy management effectively throughout Pune." Planet Smart City remains committed to driving sustainable urban development and improving the quality of life for residents through innovative technology and community-focused solutions.

CMF Phone 1, CMF Buds Pro 2, and CMF Watch Pro 2 go on sale

Pune (Voice news service):- CMF, a sub-brand of London-based technology company Nothing, announced the sale commencement of the highly anticipated CMF Phone 1, CMF Buds Pro 2, and CMF Watch Pro 2.

CMF Phone 1 delivers segment-leading performance and is India's first phone with the MediaTek Dimensity 7300 5G processor, co-engineered with Nothing for speed, reliability, and efficiency. With a 5000 mAh battery, users can enjoy up to two days on a single charge. With up to 16 GB RAM, it ensures smooth multitasking and runs on Nothing OS 2.6, powered by Android 14, offering a unique and customisable Android experience.

The powerful camera system includes a Sony 50 MP rear camera with a dedicated portrait sensor for accurate bokeh effects and a 16 MP front camera. The dazzling 6.67" Super AMOLED display features an ultra-smooth 120 Hz adaptive refresh rate for



seamless interactions.

CMF Watch Pro 2: A versatile and stylish smartwatch with an interchangeable bezel design, a 1.32" AMOLED always-on display offering high resolution, and over 100 watch faces with customisable options. It supports more than 120 sports modes and automatic recognition of 5 sports. It also provides round-the-clock health monitoring, Bluetooth calls, music control, and intelligent features like notifications and being able to remotely control the camera. With IP68 water and dust resistance, it supports an active lifestyle and boasts up to 11

days of battery life.

CMF Buds Pro 2: CMF Buds Pro 2 are designed for an elevated audio experience with dual drivers, LDAC™ technology, Hi-Res Audio Wireless certification, 50 dB Smart ANC, and a customisable Smart Dial. For those seeking deeper immersion, the Spatial Audio Effect envelops you in a three-dimensional soundscape. They offer 43 hours of total battery life and a quick 10-minute charge for 7 hours of playback.

Pricing and Availability: CMF Phone 1 will be available in two models: 6GB + 128GB - ₹15,999, 8GB + 128GB -

₹17,999

Limited Period Offer: Day 1 Sale Day offers will allow customers to avail special bank offers. Customers will be able to buy the CMF Phone 1 6GB + 128GB variant for ₹14,999 and the 8GB + 128GB variant for ₹16,999. Additionally, anyone who buys the CMF Phone 1 on Flipkart can buy the CMF Power 33W charger for ₹799 for the next 60 days.

CMF Phone 1 accessories: Case - ₹1499, Stand - ₹799, Lanyard - ₹799, Card Case - ₹799

CMF Watch Pro 2: ₹4,999 (Dark Grey, Ash Grey) / ₹5,499 (Blue and Orange in Vegan Leather)

CMF Watch Pro 2: Bezel + Strap Set - ₹749, CMF Buds Pro 2: ₹4,299

Additional offer on CMF Watch Pro 2 and CMF Buds Pro 2 till July 31st: ₹1000 discount for consumers purchasing CMF Phone 1 on Flipkart. All products will be available to purchase on Flipkart, Croma, Vijay Sales, and other partners

SPJIMR contributes to global report on family business legacy

Pune (Voice news service):- Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR) Centre for Family Business & Entrepreneurship (CFBE) is delighted to announce its contribution to the report 'Unlocking Legacy — The Path to Superior Growth in Family Businesses', in collaboration with the STEP Project Global Consortium and KPMG Private Enterprise.

This study delves into the intricate balance between tradition and innovation in family businesses, highlighting how legacy can drive long-term success and sustainability.

The STEP Project Global Consortium (SPGC) is a global research initiative that explores the entrepreneurial dynamics and performance of family businesses across diverse cultural and economic contexts. It aims to provide insights and guidance for family businesses to thrive across generations. The report, enriched by detailed data analysis, academic insights, and first-

hand experiences from family business CEOs, provides an understanding of how legacy shapes business performance and guides strategic choices.

It explores whether family businesses should expand into new markets, invest in cutting-edge technology, or diversify while staying true to their traditional operations.

"Legacy connects generations and ensures the continuity and heritage of entrepreneurial success. It shapes the long-term vision of the family business and guides strategic choices, helping to determine when to lean on tradition and when to embrace the unknown," said Prof. Tulsi Jayakumar, Executive Director, CFBE, and Chairperson, Post Graduate Programme in Family Managed Business (PGPFMB) at SPJIMR. Forty-three percent of the 2,683 respondents in the survey reported high business, environmental, and social performance, reinforced by strong legacies. This underscores the significant link between the

strength of family business legacies and their overall performance.

The research identified five key legacy components: material, biological, social, identity, and entrepreneurial legacies. These components significantly impact family business results, with those reporting strong legacy scores also exhibiting high business performance and sustainability results.

"Our findings revealed that the highest-performing family businesses often have the strongest legacy scores," added Prof. Jayakumar. "This compelling link between legacy depth, financial performance, and sustainability practices highlights the essential role of legacy in future-oriented, sustainable growth."

Conducted in the latter part of 2023, the survey gathered insights from 2,683 family business CEOs across 80 countries, territories, and regions.

The report includes findings from regional roundtable discussions with 21 family leaders and next-generation members, shedding light

on the "legacy paradox"—where legacy can serve as both an asset and a liability. "Thanks to SPJIMR's involvement, we were able to capture a substantial number of responses from Indian family businesses. Their dedication and expertise significantly contributed to the richness and diversity of the data collected. SPJIMR's efforts have been vital in highlighting how Indian family businesses balance legacy and innovation to drive enduring success," said Andrea Calabrò, Global Academic Director, SPGC. "SPJIMR is proud to have contributed to the report, which provides valuable insights into the intricate dynamics of family businesses. By understanding how legacy influences both business performance and sustainability, we can better guide these enterprises towards enduring success. These new findings will help family businesses build a legacy that ensures sustained performance and growth for generations to come," said Prof. Varun Nagaraj, Dean, SPJIMR.

Pinnacle Industries launches AD-Gen Ambulance

Pune (Voice news service):- Pinnacle Industries, India's leading automotive interiors, seating, and speciality vehicles company, has launched its latest advancement in emergency medical transportation: the AD-Gen Ambulance. A semi-premium variant, AD-Gen Ambulance focuses on elevating the standards of the current fleet of ambulances across India with state-of-the-art technology and innovative design elements. This variant can be built and converted on all vehicle platforms.

"Our goal with the AD-Gen Ambulance is to provide high-quality yet accessible emergency medical services nationwide," says Mr. Arihant Mehta, President at Pinnacle Industries. "We recognize that the initial 10-20 minutes following an accident or



medical emergency can be the difference between life and death. This ambulance is engineered to optimize response times and enhance patient outcomes."

"Which is why we have introduced the AD-Gen ambulance. It addresses the pressing need for cost-effective yet high-quality medical transportation solutions that meet stringent standards for governments, private healthcare providers NGOs, healthcare centers, residential societies, and commercial workspaces across India." Mr. Arihant Mehta added.



Speaking about the unique design elements of the AD-Gen Ambulance, Mr. Sachin Deshmukh, Executive Director of Pinnacle Industries, highlighted, "One of the standout features of the AD-Gen ambulance is the complete interior upgrade using Automotive ABS (Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene), renowned for its impact resistance, thermal insulation, and antibacterial properties. Its single-piece side panels reduce vibrations and noise while minimizing joints to facilitate easier cleaning and disinfection. The material's

chemical resistance ensures durability even when exposed to diverse substances."

Furthermore, once on-site, majority of ambulances lack adequate onboard medical equipment and technology support to stabilize patients effectively enroute to hospitals.

This capability is especially vital in situations like heart attacks, strokes, or severe trauma where immediate medical interventions can prevent further deterioration and improve outcomes. "To address this concern, the AD-Gen ambulance is equipped with advanced life support systems including a defibrillator, ventilator, electric suction pump, and infusion pump, securely fastened yet readily accessible, ensuring swift deployment during critical situations." Mr. Deshmukh added.

SBI General Insurance Appoints Udayan Joshi as Chief Technical & Claims Officer

Pune (Voice news service):- SBI General Insurance, one of India's leading general insurers, has announced the appointment of Mr. Udayan Joshi as the Chief Technical & Claims Officer. In his new role, Mr. Joshi will play a pivotal role in shaping and executing strategic underwriting & reinsurance initiatives aimed at ensuring sustainable profitability. He will also lead the Claims function, focusing on delivering best-in-class, hassle-free claim services to customers.

Mr. Joshi is a seasoned BFSI professional with almost two decades of extensive experience in the insurance industry. Prior to his current role at SBI General Insurance, Mr. Joshi held significant roles

at Liberty General Insurance and ICICI Lombard. His extensive experience spans various functions within the General Insurance sector, where he has made notable contributions in areas such as underwriting & pricing, claims management, reinsurance, operations & customer experience.

Mr. Joshi holds a graduate degree in Commerce and is a qualified Chartered Accountant (ICAI) & Company Secretary (ICS). Further, his post qualification specialization in Insurance & Risk Management from ICAI, underscores his proficiency in the field.

Mr. Naveen Chandra Jha, MD & CEO, SBI General Insurance, "We are delighted to welcome Mr. Udayan

Joshi to SBI General Insurance family. His extensive experience and proven track record in the insurance industry make him an invaluable addition to our leadership team. We are confident that Mr. Joshi's expertise will greatly enhance our ability to provide exceptional insurance solutions and drive sustainable growth for the company."

On his appointment Mr. Udayan Joshi said, "I'm excited to join SBI General Insurance as the Chief Technical & Claims Officer. I look forward to collaborating with the team to further enhance our technical capabilities and claims management processes, adding significant value to the lives of our customers and stake-



holders."

Mr. Joshi's appointment comes at a time when SBI General Insurance is focusing on strengthening its technical and claims capabilities to better serve its customers and stakeholders. His expertise and vision will be pivotal in driving the company's strategic initiatives and ensuring its continued growth and success.