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A two-day National conference on 'Direct Taxes' was held in the city



Pune: A two-day national conference on 'Direct Taxes' organized by the Direct Tax Committee (DTC) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and hosted by the ICAI Pune branch was inaugurated in the city. Chartered Accountants play a crucial role in collecting direct taxes, which are directly deposited into the government's treasury by taxpayers. They are essential in accelerating and empowering the economy, according to CA Chandrashekhar Chitale, Central Council Member (CCM) of ICAL

Sunday

CA Chitale spoke at the conference, highlighting the significant role of CAs in strengthening the country's economy. On the occasion, DTC Chairman CA Piyush Chhajed, Regional Committee Member CA Ruta Chitale, ICAI Pune Chairperson CA Amruta Kulkarni, and Conference Coordinator CA Ajinkya Randive, along with Pune Branch Vice Chairman CA Sachin Minivar. Secretary CA Hrishikesh Badwe, Treasurer CA Moshami Shah and **Executive Committee Members** CA Rajesh Agarwal, CA Pritesh Munot, CA Pranay Apte, CA Kashinath Pathare, and others were present. Approximately 500 CA members from across the country participated in the conference. The event included

sessions on various topics such as 'Penalty under Section 270A' by former ICAI President CA Nihar Jambusaria, 'Non-Resident Taxation' by CA Nandakishore Hegde, 'Drafting and Facing the Faceless CIT (Appeals)' by CA (Dr.) V. L. Jain, 'Taxation of Partnership Firms' by CA Anil Sathe, 'Re-assessment under the Income Tax Act, 1961' by CA Piyush Chhajed, 'Recent Decisions by Pune Tribunal' by CA Kishor Phadke, and 'Provisions Regarding Block Assessment' by Dr. Sunil Pathak.

CA Chandrashekhar Chitale emphasized that CAs are pivotal in suggesting changes to the tax structure and provisions. and in bringing coherence to them.

CA Amruta Kulkarni remarked, "This conference on direct tax received an enthusiastic response. Over the course of two days, various topics were discussed, helping attendees understand the new changes. provisions, and rules in the tax system. Conferences in Pune consistently receive good responses due to the expert guidance provided."

CA Aiinkva Randive delivered the welcome address and provided a brief overview of the conference, while CA Pranav Mantri served as the program Date 1st September 2024

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L'ORÉAL HAS REACHED 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY IN INDIA

At the end of 2023, manufacturing plants and operated sites

have transitioned to wind, solar and hydro power sources of energy

vice):- L'Oréal India has announced its India operations including manufacturing plants in Baddi (Himachal Pradesh), Chakan (Maharashtra), Research & Innovation centres in Mumbai and Bengaluru, and offices in key metros have reached 100% renewable energy. The milestone is in line with the Groupe's L'Oréal for the Future targets to combat climate change and transition towards a more sustainable operating model as well as India's Net Zero ambition outlined at the Glasgow COP 26.

For over a decade, L'Oréal has been working towards sustainable growth through energy-conscious decisions aimed at minimizing the environmental impact of its opera-

L'Oréal prioritises transparency and traceability in sourcing renewable energy by implementing systems that track the origin of its electricity, identifying the specific windmills or solar farms contributing to its energy mix.

By utilizing its proximity to river basins in Himachal Pradesh, L'Oréal has harnessed hydro power and capitalized on state-supported

Pune (Voice news ser- wind and solar installations in 1.Reducing energy con-Maharashtra to fulfil its energy

As of October 2023, L'Oréal's Chakan plant in Maharashtra moved to wind and solar energy with long-term power purchase agreements and replaced natural gas with biomass boilers

The plant uses solar panels to

ensure reliable energy supply

even when weather-dependent sources are unavailable. In January 2022, L'Oréal's Baddi plant transitioned to hydro power and electric boilers to reduce diesel consumption. In other locations where electricity is sourced directly from the grid, L'Oréal purchases certificates that verify the source of renewable energy. Alongside reaching 100% renewable energy at the end of 2023, L'Oréal India has effectively brought down carbon emissions from owned sources to zero*, and reduced energy intensity by 23% across all locations for the period of 2019-2023.

Fostering a culture of responsible growth, L'Oréal India has been working towards reaching 100% renewable energy ambition through a multi-pronged strategy that

sumption: L'Oréal cut energy across manufacturing plants and operated sites by upgrading to energy-efficient equipment, using renewable energy sources like solar water heating, and implementing energy-saving practices such as utilising waste energy from steam condensation.

2.Balancing environment and efficiency: In Chakan and Baddi plants, L'Oréal moved to renewable energy sourced from wind, hydro and solar power to reduce the greenhouse gases produced during operations.

3.Expanding use of solar energy: As early as 2006, L'Oréal invested in solar technology at its manufacturing and distribution plants to meet its basic heating needs. In 2023, L'Oréal scaled up to more than 2000 photovoltaic solar panels

Celebrating the milestone. Aseem Kaushik, Managing Director, L'Oréal India, said, "In our 30th year in India, this momentous achievement demonstrates our commitment to transform ourselves. It also represents the sustainability mindset and agility of the L'Oréal India workforce towards growing business,

responsibly. Sustainability is a continuous journey encompassing every stage of the value chain. Reaching 100% renewable

energy in India is one step of many in our sustainability journey. L'Oréal India will continue to

transform our business activities in line with Science Based Targets and empower our business ecosystem to transition to a more sustainable world together."

Globally, the L'Oréal for the Future program, launched in 2020, embodies the Groupe's sustainability ambition built around three major strategic aspects:

1.Transforming business activities by limiting the impact on climate, water, biodiversity, and resources;

2.Empowering its business ecosystem transition to a sustainable world; and

3. Contributing to solving the challenges of the world by supporting urgent social and environmental needs. L'Oréal acts by supporting highly vulnerable women and communities who are most exposed to climate disasters, and by investing in the regeneration of nature and the development of the circular economy.

Annual Conference of 'The Oncology Group Pune' to focus on GEJ & **Colorectal Cancer**



Pune (Voice news service):- 'The Oncology Group Pune' is organising its second annual conference on 31 August and 1 September 2024 at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Pune

The twoday conference

will be based on the theme' Navigating Controversies: Unravelling Dilemmas in GEJ & Colorectal Cancer'. The information was given by Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, Director Surgical Oncology, Ruby Hall Clinic and founder president of The Oncology Group Pune, Dr. Girish Phadke, Consultant Oncologist Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital and Research Centre and organizing chairperson and Dr. Sujai Hegde. Director Center for Al Oncology, Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune and organizing secretary

Organizing chairperson of the conference Dr. Girish Phadke said that the two day conference will include scientific sessions, workshops, paper presentations and lectures

Cosmetology is the need of the day,

aimed at addressing the challenging scenarios, controversies and issues surrounding (Gastroesophageal Junction) & colorectal cancer. Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, founder president of The Oncology Group Pune said that with the theme of "Navigating Controversies: Unraveling Dilemmas in GEJ & Colorectal Cancer," our conference mirrors the intricate challenges encountered in our daily oncology practices. The conference will host many knowledge sharing sessions and deliberations like 'How I manage my complications' to complement our understanding and management of complex surgical procedures and 'The Dream MDT', where difficult cases will be thoroughly discussed. Organising secretary Dr. Sujai Hegde, informed that the conference will confront these dilemmas head-on, engaging in rigorous discourse, sharing invaluable insights and chal-

lenging our preconceptions.

Actress Shabana Azmi and Usha Kakade: Creating a Safer World for Children in association with UNICEF

Pune (Voice news service):- The 2024 Roundtable Conference, a prestigious event organized by the Gravittus Foundation in association with UNICEF, bringing together an array of prominent voices to address the urgent and essential topic of Early Childhood Development (ECD). The conference served as a pivotal platform for discussing the significance of nurturing the youngest minds, particularly during the critical first 1000 days of life, when brain development is at its peak.

Among the distinguished dignitaries who attended were Shabana Azmi, a celebrated actress with a powerful voice in social issues: Dr. Medha Kulkarni a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha; and Suraj Mandhare, the Commissioner of Education in Pune. Joining them were Dr. Amita Phadnis, a renowned pediatrician and neonatologist; Dr. Pramod Jog, former National President of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics; and Tanisha Mukherjee, an



actress committed to advocacy. The 2024 Roundtable Conference proved to be a defining moment in the ongoing efforts to elevate ECD on both the national and global agenda.

Actress Shabana Azmi said, but I'm not one myself. So, I can only speak from personal experience, observing what my parents did and what I've seen mothers do with their babies. I feel that today's mothers are often overly conscious of their roles, which may not always be a good thing. In earlier generations. there wasn't this level of concern, yet there was a deep,

natural bond of love with children. I believe that treating your child with love and respect is essential, and I'm not sure if the modern "helicopter parenting" style benefits the child.

She further added, "My husband, for example, lost his mother early, had no toys growing up, but he had the freedom to explore and develop his imagination, which he credits for his success as a writer today.

Philanthropist and Entrepreneur Usha Kakade said, "Our Gravittus Foundation's 'Good Touch Bad Touch' project has reached a significant milestone, impacting over 5 lakh

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students from 1,095 schools. This initiative is crucial in raising awareness about child safety, empowering children to recognize and report unsafe touch."

Sanjay Singh, Chief, UNICEF Maharashtra added, "We are here for every child, regardless of their background, ensuring equal opportunities to not only survive but thrive. The first 1,000 days are crucial for lifelong health and development, but if missed, we must invest in adolescence to secure their future."

Dr. Simin Irani, Senior Advisor, Newborn Care, UNICEF Maharashtra said, "Investing in early childhood development is the most valuable investment one can make, as it builds the foundation for a child's entire future.' This pivotal initiative serves

as a valuable instrument in the prevention of abuse and violence targeting children and raising awareness about child abuse, while highlighting the foundation's effective efforts in providing assistance and support to these children.

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not about vanity - Dr. Madhu Chopra Pune (Voice news ser-Everyone is unique and special, and if someone requires

vice):- In today's fast-paced world, where everyone is working, looking good has become increasingly important. It's time to change the perception of cosmetology and aesthetics. Renowned cosmetologist and

MD of Studio Aesthetics, Dr. Madhu Chopra, emphasized that seeking help for real or perceived flaws and insecurities should be seen as a necessity rather than vanity. She shared her insights during a conversation with esteemed aesthetic practitioner Dr. Trishna Gupte at the Global Summit 2024, or ganized by the International School of Clinical Aesthetics (ISCA).

Dr. Chopra stated that inhibitions about one's appearance should not hinder success.

assistance from cosmetology, these procedures should be considered as integral as any other health service. The organizing chairperson,

founder of ISCA and Cosmo Square, and renowned trichologist and cosmetologist, Dr. Trishna Gupte, mentioned that the two-day conference featured scientific sessions on topics such as laser advances, hyperpigmentation, body contouring, and scar correction, along with demonstrations and paper presentations

remedies and holistic care, Dr. Chopra pointed out that from a cosmetologist's perspective, beauty is more than skin deep. While changes can be made on the surface, the



far beyond, boosting the confidence of patients

However, for true success. a strong positive mindset is Dr. Chopra advocates for holistic wellness that encompasses mind, body, and spirituality, highlighting the importance of meditation and self-introspection as internal corrective measures

that manifest as a glow on the

She also advised cosmetologists that counseling is key to the rapid advancements in cosmetology and the emergence of new technologies. conferences like this are vital for staying updated with the latest developments.

Tata Motors showcases safe, smart and sustainable mass mobility solutions at Prawaas 4.0 ing for 21 passengers and Mr. Anand S, Vice President

Pune (Voice news service):- Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, showcased an impressive array of cutting-edge mass mobility solutions at Prawaas 4.0 – a 3-day biennial event highlighting safe, smart and sustainable integrated mass mobility solutions. The company unveiled an all-new Tata Ultra EV 7M - a zero-emission, intra-city electric bus designed and engineered to perfectly suit the requirements for urban mass mobility. Tata Motors also showcased a diverse range of passenger transport solutions including the Tata Magna EV, Tata Magic Bi-fuel, Tata Ultra Prime CNG, Tata Winger 9S, Tata CityRide Prime and Tata LPO 1822, all aimed at offering customized solutions in varied applications and duty

The all-new Tata Ultra EV 7M offers comfortable seatnarrow lanes and high-traffic urban landscapes with its easy manoeuvrability and ideal dimensions. It is powered by a 213kW electric motor and IP67-rated 200kWh Liion battery. It offers a range of up to 160 km in a single charge and comes with fast charging capability, enabling a full charge in just 2.5 hours. The fully electric drivetrain is complemented by advanced safety features, including an electronic braking system and electronic stability control. The bus is equipped with an Automatic Passenger Counter and boasts high safety and security standards with its Intelligent Transport System (ITS). Additionally, the Ultra EV 7M incorporates regenerative braking technology, further enhancing its efficiency

is perfectly suited to tackle

senger Vehicle Business, Tata Motors, said, "Prawaas 4.0's theme of safe, smart, and sustainable mobility perfectly aligns with our vision. This event provides us a unique opportunity to engage with stakeholders and showcase our cutting-edge solutions. We are proud to present a wide range of exhibits that offer customised solutions in their respective segments, including our latest offering, the Ultra EV 7M, in the electric bus space.

This all-new model is perfectly suited for both metros and smaller cities, addressing the unique demands of our customers. Our participation in Prawaas 4.0 underscores our dedication to providing innovative, efficient and sustainable mobility solutions that ensure high earning potential and profitability for our cus-

Tata Motors leads the charge in shaping the future of mobility with its clean and sustainable solutions across multiple emission technologies. The company leads the market in electric buses segment, with over 2,900 e-buses deployed across India, covering an impressive cumulative distance of over 16 crore kilometres. Additionally, the company is a pioneer in advancing hydrogen fuel cell transport solutions within the country. With a wide range of alternate fuel powered vehicles. Tata Motors ensures lower operational costs and higher profitability for operators. Furthermore, Tata Motors enhances its solutions with Fleet Edge, a connected vehicle platform that leverages smart technologies to improve fleet management, vehicle uptime and safety.

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Pune (Voice news service):- Numerous festivities are upon us, as we enter the last few months of the year. From Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Ashtami, Diwali, all the way to New Year's Eve. There's no better way to express your appreciation for those that mean the world to you than through a thoughtful gift. BIC Cello has created a set of hampers and product options for you to pick the best gift for every occasion. Teacher's Day The perfect way to convey your appreci-

ation to those who teach you, guide you, and support your growth and development at every step of the way is with a gift that combines elegance with practicality. BIC Cello's range of metal pens, Signature & Select, make the perfect gift set for teachers. Merging design with exceptional performance. Signature and Select, will surely impress your teachers and enhance their writing, teaching, journaling experiences, to name a few.

Ashtami and Children's Day Celebrate the vibrant spirit of Ashtami with a gift that perfectly blends tradition and modern charm. The BIC Cello ColourUp range is a fantastic choice for kids this festive season. These colourful, high-quality pens combine fun design with smooth performance, making them perfect for sparking creativity and adding a splash of joy to both schoolwork and artistic projects.

New Year's Eve Ring in the New Year with a gift that com-

BIC Cello's Gift Guide for Every bines sophistication and practicality. The BIC Cello range of pens are the perfect choice for celebrating new beginnings and setting goals for the year ahead. These pens offer a blend of exceptional design and performance, ensuring that your writing experience is both enjoyable and efficient. Whether you're gifting them to colleagues, friends, or loved ones, the Signature & Select pens will add a touch of elegance to their daily routines and help them start the year off right.

Product lists and descriptions:

Cello ColourUp Travel Kit Unleash your child's creativity with the Cello ColourUp Travel Kit – the perfect companion for any adventure!

Packed with a bundle of art supplies including crayons, colour pencils, sketch pens, clay, and markers, this kit offers everything your child needs to stay engaged and inspired on their travels. It comes complete with travel-themed activities to spark imagination and provide hours of fun.

What's inside? Jumbo Wax Crayons (12 shades); Colour Pencils (12 shades); Sketch Pens (12 shades); 2-in-1 Brush Pen (6 shades); Clay (12 strips-100 gm); 2 Marky Permanent Markers; 1 Activity Book; 1 DIY Passport Book; 1 DIY Greeting Card; 1 DIY Travel Tag. The ColourUp Travel Kit is sold for INR 700/- across the country. Cello ColourUp Hobby Bag Unleash the inner Picasso

with the incredible Cello Co-

lourUp Hobby Bag; your onestop wonderland for creativity and stationery magic!

This Hobby Bag comes with 20 shades of Oil Pastels; 12 shades of Jumbo Wax Crayons; a Sketch Pen of 12 shades: 6 shades of 2-in-1 Brush Pen: five Coloured Ball Pens; 1 Mario Themed Compass; 1 Mechanical Pencil; 1 set of Eraser: a Scale: and 1 Activity Book.

The Cello ColourUp Hobby Bag is the perfect gift for kids because of the attractive themed coloring sets. Whether you're gifting a young artist or igniting your own passion, this adventure-themed color haven is your golden ticket to a world of imagination. Don't just color - create, explore, and conquer with the Cello ColourUp Hobby Bag, sold at INR 500/-

Cello ColourUp Celebration Kits Enter a realm of creativity and fun with the delightful Cello Celebration Kits! These comprehensive art sets are designed to ignite the imagination and creativity of kids of all ages - a perfect choice for budding artists. All materials in the kit are non-toxic and completely safe for children, with Cello's colors featuring a strong build that ensures they last longer. The DIY Story Activity Books uniquely combine coloring and storytelling, making it both an educational and fun experience for young minds. Inspire the artists in your life with the Cello Celebration Kits, where creativity meets learning. Perfect for gifts or personal use, these kits encourage children to embark on a colorful journey of self-expression and discovery. The kits are sold at INR 149/-, INR 199/-, and INR 349/- respectively.

Occasion

The Gift for 'Select' Occasions The BIC Cello 'Select' range exemplifies refined elegance and superior performance. Designed for those who appreciate both style and functionality, this premium collection features finely crafted pens that deliver a smooth, consistent writing experience. Whether for professional use or personal enjoyment, the Select range combines sophisticated design with reliability, making it an ideal choice for discerning individuals who value quality in their writing instruments. Prices of the Select range start from INR 80/- and can go up to INR 200/-. BIC Cello's 'Signature' the

sign of success 'Signature' is BIC Cello's premium collection of pens (available in ball, roller and fountain ink systems) and giftsets. The range combines elegance with exceptional performance, offering a sophisticated writing experience. The portfolio's refined design and smooth ink flow make it an ideal gift to celebrate and acknowledge success. Show your gratitude with a gesture that is both meaningful and practical, perfectly suited for festive/special occasions. The Signature ball, roller, and fountain pens are available at INR 125/- to INR 600/-. Signature gift sets range from INR 350/- all the way to INR 1200/-.

Pune (Voice news ser-

vice):- To celebrate the Ganesh Chaturthi festivities. Yamaha Motor India announced special offers for its customers in the state of Maharashtra. Valid till 15th September 2024.

The exclusive offers are currently applicable on Yamaha's 150cc FZ model range and 125cc Fi Hybrid Scoot-

ers. Below are the schemes: 1. Cashback of INR 3.000/- and Low-down payment of INR 5,999/- on FZ-S Fi Ver 4.0 DLX, FZ-S Fi Ver 4.0, FZ-S Fi Ver 3.0, FZ Fi

Commenting on the unveiling,

and range.

2. Cashback of INR 5,000/and Low-down payment of INR 5.999/- on FZ-X

3. Cashback of INR 2,000/and Low-down payment of INR 2.999/- on Fascino 125 Fi Hybrid/ RayZR 125 Fi Hy-

Yamaha's current product portfolio includes YZF-R3 (321cc), MT-03 (321cc), YZF-R15M (155cc), YZF-R15 V4 (155cc), YZF-R15S V3 (155cc), MT-15 V2 (155cc);

Exciting Offers from Yamaha During Ganesh Chaturthi Festivities FZ-S Fi Ver 4.0 (149cc), FZ-S Fi Ver 3.0 (149cc), FZ Fi (149cc), FZ-X (149cc), and scooters like Aerox 155 version S (155cc), Aerox 155 (155cc), Fascino S 125 Fi Hybrid (125cc), Fascino 125 Fi Hybrid (125cc), RayZR 125 Fi Hybrid (125cc) and RayZR Street Rally 125 Fi Hybrid (125cc).

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the boys semifinal

Thalita Ramadhani Wiryawan

of Indonesia ,Tanvi Reddy

Andluri Prashansa Bona-

mand, Surya Charisma Tamir

all of India made it to the last

In a major upset in the Mixed

Doubles event fifth seeded In-

dian pair of Bhavya Chhabra

and Taarini Suri upset the top

seeded Thai pair of Attawut

Sreepeaw and Pannawee

Polyiam 21-19, 17-21, 21-12

and move into the next round

Results: Main Draw: Singles:

(Q)Yang Chieh Dan (Tpe) bt

Tankara Gnana Dattu Talasi-

Rounak Chouhan(Ind)[4] 21-

Gain(Ina) bt Yan Shu Wang

(Q)Suryaksh Rawat(Ind) bt

Denis Azzarya(Ina) [2] 21-9,

(Tpe)[11] 21-11, 21-14;

Boys: Quarterfinal Round:

la(Ind)14-21 21-11, 21-14; Chiang Tzu Chieh(Tpe) [6] bt

19. 16-21. 21-15:

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four In the girls singles



Dev Gill's 'Aho! Vikramarka'



Pune (Voice news service):- The makers have officially announced this with a release poster. In the poster, Dev, portraying a powerful police officer, is depicted delivering a powerful punch to the villain.

Dev Gill, known for diverse roles and charismatic performances in several South Indian films including the blockbuster 'Magadheera', is all set to debut as hero with 'Aho! Vikra-

marka'. Presented by his banner Dev Gill Productions, the film is directed by Peta Trikoti. The movie is set to release in Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, and Kannada languages.

The makers have officially announced this with a release poster. In the poster, Dev, portraying a powerful police officer, is depicted delivering a powerful punch to the villain. Dev remarked, "With 'Aho! Vikra-

marka', we aim to showcase the courage and dedication of the police force. The film has shaped up wonderfully, and we are thrilled about its

Director Peta Trikoti added, " Aho! Vikramarka highlights the valour of the police. The film has been meticulously planned and executed. The first look and teasers have received an excellent response. Dev will be seen in a new light.

The film also stars Shayaji Shinde, Praveen Tarde, Tejaswini Pandit, Chitra Shukla, Prabhakar, Vikram Sharma, and Bitthiri Satthi, among others.

Produced by Aarti Devinder Gill, Mihir Kuljarni, and Ashwini Kumar Misra, the film's story is by Penmetsa Prasad Verma, while music is composed by Ravi Basrur and Arco Pravo Mukherjee, cinematography by Karam Chawla, and Guru Prasad N and editing is handled by Tammiraju.

Suryaksh scores big upset to move into boys singles semifinal at Late Sushant Chipalkatti Yonex Sunrise India Junior **International Grand Prix Badminton Tournament**



vice):- Qualifier Suryaksh

Rawat showed great form

and variation in his game as

he knocked out second seed

Denis Azzary of Indonesia

21-9, 21-11 to enter the Boys

singles semifinals at the Late

Sushant Chipalkatti Yonex

Sunrise India Junior Interna-

tional Grand Prix Badminton

Tournament organized by

Poona District Metropolitan

Badminton Association spon-

sored by Yonex Sunise and

co-sponsored by Ultra Cor-

potech Private Limited under

the auspices of BWF, BA, BAI

and MBA to be played at the

P. E. Society's Modern PDM-

BA Sports Complex, Shivaji-

In other upsets Chinese Tai-

pei's Chiang Tzu Chieh seed-

ed sixth upset fourth seeded

Rounak Chouhan 21-19,

16-21, 21-15, while qualifier

Maharishiel Timotius Gain of

Indonesia upset 11th seeded

Yan Shu Wang of Chinese

Taipei 21-11, 21-14 to enter Girls: Thalita

Ramadhani Wiryawan(Ina)[8] bt Vennala Kalagotla(Ind) [12] 21-14, 21-

08. 21-10: Prashansa Bonam(Ind)[3] bt Muskan Khan(Ind)[10] 15-21, 21-15, 21-19:

12: Tanvi Reddy Andluri(Ind)

[9] bt Tanvi Patri(Ind) [14] 21-

Surya Charisma Tamiri(Ind)[7] bt Rujula Ramu(Ind) 21-15,

21-19; Boys Doubles: Bhargav Ram Arigela / Viswa Tej Gobburu (Ind) [1] Vs Muhammad

Vito Annafsa / Grendly Alkatib Lumintang(Ina) 21-17, 14-21, Hung Ming Chen / Tpecheng

Han Tsai (Tpe)[3] bt Sri Mohith Kothapalli / Numair Shaik (Ind)[5] 21-13, 21-17; Param Choudhary / C Lalramsanga(Ind)[6] bt Chris Anjen

Baptist / Rehaan Phutela(Ind) 21-15, 21-12; Bhavya Chhabra / Arsh Mo-

hammad(Ind)[2] Bt Revand Harianto /Akmal Nurrahman(Ina)21-13, 21-18;

Girls Doubles: Kodchaporn Chaichana /Pannawee Polyiam(Tha)[1] bt Tanoo Chandra / Pragati Parida(Ind) 21-16,

Chuang Chiao Han / Wang Li Hsuan(Tpe) bt Gayatri Rawat / Mansa Rawat(Ind)[3] 21-16,

Suri / Shravani Taarini Walekar(Ind) bt Manya Ralhan / Karnika Srees(Ind) 23-21. 21-10:

Mix Doubles: Bhavya Chhabra /Taarini Suri(Ind)[5] bt Attawut Sreepeaw/ Pannawee Polyiam(Tha)[1] 21-19, 17-21, 21-12;

la Kalagotla(Ind)[3] bt Huang Hong-Yu / Wang Li Hsuan(Tpe) 21-13, 24-22; Lalramsanga/Pragati

Bhargav Ram Arigela/Venna-

Parida(Ind)[4] bt Arsh Mohammad /Lalrempuii(Ind) 11-21, 21-19, 23-21;

Muhammad Vito Annafsa / Keyla Annisa Putri(Ina) bt Viswa Tej Gobburu /Vishakha Toppo(Ind)[2] 22-20, 21-14.

to stay in IndianOil UTT 2024 playoffs race

U Mumba TT, Athlead Goa Challengers look



no. 1.

Pune (Voice news service):- Defending champions Athlead Goa Challengers will look for the final push to stay in the race for the playoffs of the IndianOil Ultimate Table Tennis 2024 when they lock horns with U Mumba TT in their last league encounters at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium here on Monday.

The franchise-based league is promoted by Niraj Bajaj and Vita Dani under the auspices of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI). All the thrilling ties are being aired

streaming live on JioCinema in India and Facebook Live outside India. Tickets are available online through BookMyShow and offline at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium box office near Gate

For both teams stuck in the mid-table logiam with 29 points each, Monday's faceoff will serve as the final showdown to keep themselves in the hunt as the race for the playoffs heats up with at least two more teams also in the fray for the top-four. A win for either side will give



them the cushion for a potential reckoning in the play-offs pecking order.

U Mumba TT are slightly ahead at No.4 in the leaderboard, given that they have won 11 matches in contrast to No.5 ranked Athlead Goa Challengers, after winning 8 matches. Both sides boast of a star-studded line-up that spices up the contest even

Having completed a 9-6 win over the Chennai Lions in their previous encounter, the Goa-based side will be hoping for another stellar finish

although it won't be an easy task against U Mumba TT, who will be back in action after clinching a nervy 8-7 victory against Chennai Lions in

their previous tie.

While the Mumbai-based outfit will pin their hopes on the likes of world No 20 Quadri Aruna of Nigeria, and Indian stars Manav Thakkar and Sutirtha Mukherjee, the Athlead Goa Challengers have a twotime Commonwealth Games gold medallist in Harmeet Desai and the experienced Australian Yangzi Liu in their

Disha, Aaradhya create big upsets at Late Sushant Chipalkatti Yonex **Sunrise India Junior International Grand Prix Badminton Tournament**

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Pune (Voice news service):- Disha Santosh accounted for sixth seeded Liao Jui-Chi of Chinese Taipei 21-15 21-18 while Qualifier Aaradhya Sharma toppled fifth seeded Sai Prasad Teegala 15-21 21-7 21-15 to create the biggest upset of the day in the girls and the boys singles event at the Late Sushant Chipalkatti Yonex Sunrise India Junior International Grand Prix Badminton Tournament organized by Poona District Metropolitan Badminton Association sponsored by Yonex Sunise and co-sponsored by Ultra Corpotech Private Limited under the auspices of BWF, BA, BAI and MBA to be played at the P. E. Society's Modern PDMBA Sports Complex, Shivajinagar.

Five other upsets were also recorded as Tankara Gnana Dattu Talasila of India edged out seventh seeded Shrey



Dhand of Australia 20-22 21-19 23-21; Unseeded Prateek Koundilya got the better of tenth seeded Sai Shreyas Pallerla 21-19 21-12 in an all Indian battle while Chinese Taipei's Yang Chieh Dan registered a 21-17 21-10 win over sixteenth seeded Uma Maheshwar Reddy Gopireddy in the Boys singles first round Varghese James Koduppanapolackal upset eighth seeded Aman Suresh 21-16 21-15.

In the girls opening round Rujula Ramu upset sixteenth seed Yashvi Bhat 19-21 21-15 21-5 in a close encounter.

Results: Main Draw: Boys: First Round: Abhishek Kanapala(Ind)[1] bt Shaurin Abbasi 21-16 21-11; Yang Chieh Dan(Tpe) bt Uma Maheshwar Reddy Gopireddy(Ind) [16]21-17 21-10; Charan Anupoju(Ind) bt Veluaathavan Vijayakumar 26-24 21-6;



Tankara Gnana Dattu Talasila(Ind) bt Shrey Dhand(Aus) [7] 20-22 21-19 23-21; Manish Phogat(Ind)

Malemnganba Singh Hemam(Ind)21-12 14-21 21-11; Numair Shaik(Ind) [14] bt Angad Muchhal(lnd)21-9 21-19; Sugi Sai Bala Singha Gopinath(Ind) bt Zaeem Munawar(UAE) 20-22 21-16 21-

Pranit Somani(Ind) bt Vijayan Tamilarasukumar(Mas) 21-15 14-21 21-18:

Prateek Koundilya(Ind) bt Sai Shreyas Pallerla(Ind)[10] 21-19 21-12;

[Q]Aaraadhya Sharma(Ind) bt Sai Prasad Teegala(Ind)[5]15-21 21-7 21-15;

Varghese James Koduppanapolackal (Ind) bt Aman Suresh(Ind)[8] 21-16 21-15 Girls: Prakriti Bharath(Ind) [1] bt Sarah Sharma 21-10

Rishita Pandey(Ind) bt Isha



Patil(Ind)21-11 19-21 21-18; Vennala Kalagotla(Ind)[12] bt Keerthy Manchala(Ind) 22-20 14-21 21-19:

Disha Santosh(Ind) bt Liao Jui-Chi(Tpe)[6] 21-15 21-18; Rujula Ramu(Ind) bt Yashvi Bhat(Ind)[16] 19-21 21-15 21-5:

Aneri Kotak(Ind) bt Akansha Raj(Uae)21-18 21-17; Dianka Waldia (Ind) bt Avati Dubey(Ind)21-18 18-21 21-

Charisma Surya Tamiri (Ind)[7] bt Sanika kar(Ind)21-7 21-10;

Tanvi Patri (Ind)[14] bt Varsha Kumar(Eng)21-14 21-9; Karnika Srees (Ind)[13] bt Tisha Rani Shakya(Nep) 21-5

Ananya Agrawal (Ind)[2] bt Poojitha Nellikanti(Ind) 21-16

Ananya Gadgil (Ind) bt Shruti Shankargouda(Ind) 21-16 21-

Kia India enhances Kia Lease. Introduces Kia Subscribe Plan

Pune (Voice news service):- Kia India, one of the fastest-growing premium carmakers in the country, has today announced the launch of new flexible ownership plan 'Kia Subscribe'.

The company has also signed an MoU with ALD Automotive Pvt Ltd to expand its flexible ownership programs.

This collaboration will expand Kia's Leasing & Subscription services to 14 major cities across India. namely Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Indore, Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Jaipur.

Following the success of Kia Lease program, which has long tenure plans, the company have introduced 'Kia Subscribe' a short-term



lease option, ideal for salaried and self-employed individuals, seeking flexibility in vehicle usage without the long-term commitment with tenure ranging from 12 to 36 months.

The flexible ownership program, Kia Lease was introduced 3 months back. 'Kia Lease' is tailored for B2B clients, corporates & MS-MEs with prolonged mobility requirements spanning 24 to 60 months with different mileage options.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Brar, Vice-President, Sales & Marketing at Kia India, said, "The 1st phase of our flexible ownership program 'Kia Lease' has received an overwhelming response from the customers, as it is designed to meet evolving needs and revolutionize the

in India. With the growth prospects of leasing business from 1% to 3% in near future, we want to be the driving force

car ownership experience

behindit and delivering the best ownership experience to our customers.

With Kia Subscribe we have ensured that we make hassle free premium mobility solutions accessible to all". Earlier this year. Kia partnered with ORIX Auto Infrastructure Services Limited to launch the Kia Lease

Initially rolled out in major cities such as Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai, Bengaluru, and

program.

Pune, these initiatives were designed for greater flexibility.

They allow customers to acquire vehicles without any down payment, along with added benefits like maintenance coverage, insurance handling, and relief from resale concerns, making vehicle ownership easier and more convenient.

Action-packed round 1 of the Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup 2024 Presented By JK Tyre concludes at the Madras International Circuit, Chennai

Pune (Voice news service):- A high octane round 1 of the Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup 2024 presented by JK Tyre concluded at the Madras International Circuit, Chennai on August 24 and 25, 2024.

After a rigorous selection procedure across four corners of the country (Guwahati, Bangalore, Pune and Delhi), 24 racers from India took to the track for an action-packed racing weekend. The nail-biting racing spectacle saw Anish Shetty emerge victorious securing the top spot followed by Navaneeth Kumar S. However. the deciding factor was their qualifying time where Anish finished the race faster. The third position was bagged by PM Soorya. Although Kayan Zubin Patel also finished the round 1 with the same points, PM Soorya's standings in both the races helped in securing the third position over Kayan. Yogesh P led the leaderboard in the first round in the amateur category followed by Nijin A in the second position and Johnson Saldanha in the third position.

In the newly introduced Twin Power Trophy, Navneeth



na are currently at the top of the leaderboard, followed by Kayan Zubin Patel & Johring Warisa in the second position and PM Soorya & Madhusudan Reddy in the third position.

In the fourth edition of Continental GT Cup, Royal Enfield upped the ante with its newly introduced 'Twin Power Trophy' Championship. With a truly thrilling display of adrenaline-fueled racing transcending the circuit, each professional was paired with a grassroot amateur making the race more fierce, while also cementing a sense of camaraderie amongst the racers. While the professionals brought a higher level of skill and

expertise to the track, the amateurs introduced the thrill of unpredictability to incredibly this dynamic mentor-protege equation. This unique combination not only helps the amateur riders grow their practical knowledge and skill, but allows them to battle it out on the same platform as established professionals. The professional racers, on the other hand, benefit from adopting a mentorship role, accelerating their development and understanding of racing strategies and techniques.

The Twin Power Trophy has redefined the level of accessibility attached to the Indian racing circuit, bringing in passionate amateur riders

and investing in rigorous upskilling in a safe and sustainable learning environment. The fight for the podium in round 1 was equal parts grueling and intense, witnessing 12 professionals and 12 amateurs battle it out till the end under the 'Pro-Am' format. Both races, though varied in competition and racecraft, were consistent in the level of adrenaline and excitement.

Race 1 on the Continental GT-R650 saw Anish Shetty emerge in first place, followed closely by Navaneeth Kumar S in second position and Jagadeesh Nagaraja in third place in the professional category. In the amateur category, Yogesh P bagged the first position, Johring Warisa and Nijin A secured the second and third position respectively.

Race 2 similarly continued the same intensity with Navaneeth Kumar S at the top of the standings; while Anish Shetty came second and Soorya PM came third in the professional category. Yogesh P won the 2nd race too, followed closely by Johnson Saldanha in the second position and Niiin A bagged the third place at the podium.

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH THE ICON GROUP TO DEBUT THE FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT BRAND IN MOHALI, CHANDIGARH Pune (Voice news serperience, becoming the destistrategic location, robust

vice):- Marriott International, Inc. announced a signed agreement with The Icon Group to debut the Fairfield by Marriott brand in one of India's most well-designed cities, Mohali, in Chandigarh. Expected to feature 106 keys, the hotel will be part of a mixed-use development project, encompassing a well-distributed retail space and a multiplex cinema. Anticipated to open in January 2027, the hotel's design will take inspiration from its natural surroundings, delivering the beauty of simplicity for guests who appreciate an efficient and reliable stay experience. We are thrilled to work with The Icon Group to introduce the Fairfield by Marriott brand to Mohali, a city poised for tremendous growth with its

infrastructure, and rapid urbanization," said Ranju Alex-Area Vice President, South Asia. Marriott International. "This signing underscores our commitment to growing the presence of this trusted brand across the booming tier two and tier three markets of India while delivering on the brands principles of friendly

hospitality. Conveniently located only 20 minutes from Shaheed Bhagat Singh Airport and 10 minutes from the Mohali Railway Station, the hotel will make for an ideal choice for guests looking to maintain their routines while on the road, providing an effortless experience with its contemporary, uplifting design. The

public areas are set to be

service, reliability, and warm

designed with flexible social spaces where guests can connect with fellow travelers or unwind in the company of

Guests can also expect a harmonious blend of functionality, comfort, and enriching décor featuring natural materials and thoughtfully selected amenities. Sharing their thoughts on this

strategic signing Mr. Rajesh Puri & Mr. Ajay Sehgal, Managing Directors, ICON Group stated - "We are delighted to collaborate with Marriott international to introduce the Fairfield by Marriott brand to Mohali. Inspired by the beauty of simplicity and located within close proximity to key tourist attractions, cultural landmarks and business centers, this hotel is poised to deliver an inviting and seamless exnation of choice for travellers. "We are thrilled to offer guests an inspiring travel experience in this dynamic city. By sharing our core values of

integrity, teamwork, and leadership, this collaboration with Marriott International reflects our commitment to growth in the region. We look forward to a very

promising journey ahead and our continued progress in the hospitality sector," added Nikhil Puri, Director ICON group. Plans also include for the

hotel to feature a convenient all-day dining restaurant, with nutritious and smart food options providing a healthy start to the day, as well as a fully equipped gym, for guests to maintain their fitness schedules while traveling

Ayurveda needs to get the pride of place it rightly deserves - Dr. Chopra



Pune (Voice news service):- Ayurveda needs to be accorded the pride of place it rightly deserves, opined Dr. Madhu Chopra, renowned cosmetologist and holistic wellness advocate. She was speaking at the inauguration of the SoulVeda Wellness and Panchakarma Clinic in Model Colony. The event was hosted by Dr. Jayant Abhyankar, founder of Sharangdhar Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.

Dr. Chopra shared that she had both an MBBS and an Avurveda practitioner in her family and has personally witnessed the benefits of Ayurveda. Ayurveda is a science that has been passed down through generations. We must find a balance where we can resort to all kinds of fact-based, science-based medical systems.

Dr. Javant Abhvankar, founder of Sharangdhar Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd., stated that every medical system has its own strengths and limitations. Integrated medicine is crucial for the overall health of people.

Reflecting on the journey of 'Sharangdhar,' he mentioned that they started in 1985 and have observed many changes in people's perspectives. After COVID, people realized that many health issues cannot be resolved unless we address the root cause, which is why Ayurveda is gaining importance. The healing power and immunity are inbuilt, and we need to enhance them.

Earlier, Sharangdhar was solely focused on Ayurveda products, but with 'SoulVeda, they have entered the service industry, offering a complete

Interacting with a young audience, Dr. Chopra emphasized that everyone is special, and physical appearance should not affect mental health. It should not become a reason for vanity: rather, it should be based on need. Advising to eat seasonal and local foods. Dr. Chopra added that a consistent regimen of exercise, meditation, and a healthy. nutritious diet has helped her maintain a high energy level.

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an educational institution in

Dhayari. Pune is the home-

land of education, and the city

is known for its more than a

hundred-year-old education-

al tradition. Students come

Pune. The field of education.

city, has now expanded to the

outskirts. The next generation

of farmers is being educated.

and some have even donat-

ed their land to educational

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making a significant contri-

bution in rural areas, creating

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masaheb Mohol, Vitthalrao

Satav. Annasaheb Awate, and

my mother Shardabai Pawar

were also involved in expand-

Pawar proudly stated that

he has been working as the

president of Rayat Shikshan

Sanstha and several oth-

er institutions in Pune and

Mumbai. "Seeing thousands

of students graduating from

these educational institutions

gives me immense pleasure,"

In his introductory address,

Kakasaheb Chavan said.

"Hon'ble Sharad Pawar has

made valuable contributions

to the social, cultural, educa-

tional, and sports sectors of

Maharashtra. He has been a

leader of the masses for the

last six decades. Over the

past 25 years, Dhareshwar

Vidya and Krida Pratishthan

have emphasized the holis-

tic development of education

and the promotion of sports

among children. Sharad

Pawar is a dynamic university,

and therefore books must be

an inevitable part of his felic-

itation. So, we have arranged

Granth Tula. All these books

will be distributed to students

Ex-MP Ashok Mohol, Ulhas

Pawar, and MLC Raniitsinh

Mohite-Patil also praised the

contributions of Dhareshwar

Vidya and Krida Pratishthan

in their respective addresses.

The event was hosted by Mil-

ind Kulkarni, and Principal Dr.

Sudhakar Jadhwar offered a

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ing education in rural areas."

Dhareshwar Vidya and Krida Pratisthan Honor Sharad Pawar with Granth Tula on the **Occasion of Its Silver Jubilee**



Pune: "People from previous generations took great pains to bring education to rural communities. My mother, Sharda Pawar, was a member of the local board Shankarrao More, the then-chairman of the local board, called a mandatory meeting on edubers. I was only six days old at the time. My mother took me with her to the meeting, so I started school at the age of six days. From a very early stage in my life, my mother instilled in me the importance of educational leadership. That's why I have been able to contribute to many educational institutions," said Rajya Sabha MP and NCP (SP) supremo Sharad Pawar. He was speaking at the closing ceremony of the silver jubilee year of Dhareshwar Vidya and Krida Pratishthan, Dhavari,

Many prominent figures at-

tended the ceremony organized on the Pratishthan premises. These included Sopan alias Kakasaheb Chavan, founder of the Pratishthan and organizer of the event: Director Aniket Chavan: Senior leader Ulhas Pawar; Industrialist Vitthal Maniar; Ex-MP Ashok Mohol; MLC Raniitsinh Mohite-Patil: Ex-Minister Balasaheb Shivarkar; Ex-MLA Kumar Gosavi: Chandrakant Mokate: Prashant Jagtap – City chief of NCP (SP); District President Jagannath Shewale; Principal Dr. Sudhakar Jadhwar: NCP Women President Swati Pokale; Nandusheth Chavan; Shrirang Chavan; Sachin Dodke: Bhimrao Chavan: Prabhawati Bhumkar; Navnath Parge; Ravindra Malvadkar; Dr. Sunil Jagtap; Naresh Mittal: Trimbak Mokashi: Dhananjay Benkar, and other dignitaries. A souvenir showcasing the activities of the institute and a video depicting its 25year journey were released on the occasion.

Pawar said, "A few years ago, Dhayari was a rural region. With its inclusion in the municipal area, development was expected. As the environment changes, so do the people. However. Kaka Chavan has provided quality education to the poor children

Consistency, Hardwork & Smartness is the key to success



Pune (Voice news service):-The convocation ceremony for the 2021-2024 batch of Survadatta Institute of Fashion Technology, under the Suryadatta Education Foundation, was held with great enthusiasm recently. Snehal Navlakha, Associate Vice President of Suryadatta, was the chief guest for the ceremony. Principal Dr. Sayali Pandey, Vice Principal Renuka Ghospurkar, Head of Department Pooja Vishwakarma, along with faculty members

Khushboo Gaibi. Shikha Sarda, Monica Karve, Akhila Murmatty, and students of B.Sc. Fashion Design S.Y-Sem-III & T.Y-Sem-IV, MSBSVET Diploma were present.

The convocation ceremony was organized under the quidance of Suryadatta Education Foundation's Founder-President, Prof. Dr. Saniav B. Chordiya. In his message, Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordiya said, "The purpose of education is to give us the ability to open our minds to new ideas



our own identity. Now that you have entered the highly competitive open market, I am confident in your successful career.'

Snehal Navlakha urged the students to cultivate a sense of 'gratitude' towards the institution, teachers, and university. She wished the students remarkable success in their chosen fields and emphasized that the key to success lies in hard work and smart welcome speeches by Anushree Deshmukh and Lavanya Modak. Principal Dr. Sayali Pandey provided motivational guidance on how to live a successful and meaningful life.

The event concluded with the national anthem. The ceremonv provided an overwhelming environment for both students and SIFTS members, laying a solid foundation for alumni connections and future oppor-

PNB Enhances its WhatsApp Banking **Services with New Features**

Pune (Voice news service):- Puniab National Bank (PNB), nation's leading public sector bank, has further enhanced its WhatsApp Banking Services by introducing two new features that allow customers to download their account statements and interest certificates directly through WhatsApp. These new features complement PNB's growing suite of non-financial services available through PNB's WhatsApp Banking, which also includes balance inquiries, mini statements. cheque book requests, emergency services and more. This initiative also reflects PNB's ongoing commitment to providing secure, accessible, and convenient digital banking solutions to its cus-

The two additional features

include: Account Statement Download: Customers can choose to download their account statement for last week, last month, or a custom date range (up to 90 days). The account statement will be delivered as a password-protected PDF on WhatsApp.

Interest Certificate Download: Customers can choose to download their interest certificate for housing loan, education loan, or deposit accounts for required financial years. The interest certificate will be delivered as a password-protected PDF on WhatsApp.

To access these new services or any other PNB's WhatsApp Banking services, customers can initiate a conversation by simply sending "Hi" or "Hello" to +91-9264092640 and select "Account Related Ser-

TCS Pace Studio Launches in Philippines to Accelerate Digital Innovation for Clients Across the Asia Pacific Region Pune (Voice news ser-New York, Pittsburgh, Torontainability, we aim to drive

vice):- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) (BSE: 532540, NSE: TCS), a global leader in IT services consulting, and business solutions. has launched a state-ofthe-art TCS Pace Studio in Manila, Philippines. This cutting-edge facility is designed for TCS to co-innovate with customers to develop tailored solutions for their unique business needs, boosting digital innovation in the Asia Pacific

Located within TCS' expansive Panorama Tower office. TCS Pace Studio will showcase TCS' innovative platforms like TCS AI Wisdom-Next, TCS TwinX, and TCS Zero Carbon Platform, leveraging emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cybersecurity, and data analytics.

TCS Pace Studio in Manila, the fifth of its kind globally, is part of an extensive innovation ecosystem of TCS PaceTM spanning major global cities. TCS Pace network also comprises four other Pace Studios situated in Riyadh, Sydney, Letterkenny, and Stockholm, alongside seven Pace Ports located in Tokyo, Amsterdam,

to, London, and Paris. TCS Pace Studios serve growth markets by fostering dynamic innovation ecosystems.

The innovation hubs in the

TCS Pace network combine TCS' unique methodologies and frameworks, research, intellectual property, along with a curated ecosystem of partners through its Co-Innovation Network (COIN™) to provide collective intelligence that enterprises can tap into These hubs enable customers to develop and launch innovative digital products and solutions, at speed and scale. Dr. Harrick Vin, Chief Technology Officer at TCS, said, "TCS Pace Studio is the gateway to a world of possibilities for our customers.

It gives them access to TCS' extensive research and innovation ecosystem, facilitating the development of novel solutions across diverse disciplines, with efficiency and at scale. Customers in the Asia Pacific region can get a hands-on experience of the art of the possible at the TCS Pace Studio in the Phil-

By leveraging the latest technologies and prioritizing sus-

innovation that not only meets the needs of today but also paves the way for a more resilient, and sustainable fu-

Equipped with interactive screens, state-of-the-art audio and video systems, and virtual reality (VR) headsets, the TCS Pace Studio offers clients an immersive environment to explore and co-create transformative technology solutions. This strategic investment underscores TCS' commitment to the Philippines and the burgeoning Asia-Pacific market. It also aligns with the Philippines' rise as a leading IT and business process outsourcing destination. With its skilled talent pool, cost-effective operations, and strategic location, the country presents a compelling value proposition for global busi-

Varghese, Country Shiiu Head. TCS Philippines, said, "The Philippines is a key market for TCS, and we are elated to set up the TCS Pace Studio in Manila to continue delivering superior experiences for our customers.

This Pace Studio will provide a collaborative space for clients to engage with our TCS experts, explore innovative and sustainable solutions, and unlock new growth opportunities as we continue to be on the forefront of shaping the future landscape of business adaptability and innovation."

The TCS Pace Studio is designed to cultivate a start-up environment, functioning as a dynamic incubator for business solutions and opportunities. The newly established TCS Pace Studio in the Philippines will deliver a wide range of innovation services, including consulting, design, and implementation, facilitating clients in exploring new ideas. creating demonstrations, and refining their strategies.

This investment is also a testament to TCS' growing presence in the Philippines, where it has been operational since

With over 5,000 employees in the Philippines. TCS supports customers across diverse sectors including, telecom, banking and finance, real estate, and airlines, driving their growth and transformation. TCS has also been recognised as a Top Employer in the Philippines from 2017 to

only highlights our dedication

to innovation in public health

but also demonstrates IIL's

capability in adopting novel

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Finarkein Analytics raises \$4.75M in Pre-Series A round led by Nexus Venture Partners

Pune (Voice news service):- Finarkein has raised \$4.75M in a Pre-Series A round led by Nexus Venture Partners The round also saw participation from existing investors IIFL's Fintech Fund and Eximius Ventures, and angels like Uni's Nitin Gupta and Ashika Group's Chirag

Finarkein's data and workflow orchestration platform allows enterprises to co-create data products on India's emerging digital public infrastructure (DPI) like the account aggregator (AA) ecosystem, ONDC-Financial Services. OCEN and more. Over the last 18 months, Finarkein's platform has emerged as the leading enabler for over 50 enterprises to publish and

consume data on DPIs. Nikhil Kurhe, Co-founder & CEO, Finarkein says, "India's approach to digital infrastructure has been unique wherein a lot of value is directly passed onto end consumers. DPIs like the account aggregator are only accelerating this, and at Finarkein we're glad to be a part of this movement from day zero and scale it further. Finarkein's trusted data products will play a significant role in unleashing the potential of DPIs in India and beyond."

Finarkein is changing the way financial products are manufactured, distributed and serviced in India. India needs its financial services sector to grow multifold to become a \$7 Trillion economy by 2030. DPIs like the account aggregator ecosystem, UPI, ONDC & OCEN will be key to driving down costs of financial services in India while accelerating innovation and distribution.

financial journey in India to become an AA-native journey in the next 3 years. Anand Datta, Partner, Nex-

Pune (Voice news ser-

vice):- Athletics Kids Cup is a

Their vision is to enable every

us Venture Partners says, "I have been following the account aggregator space fairly early and came across Nikhil and team Finarkein as winners of the AA hackathon back in 2020. They have only since doubled down on the space, and we have seen Finarkein single-handedly scale this vertical and build a new category from the ground up. At Nexus, we partner with extraordinary entrepreneurs to build category defining companies, and in Finarkein, we see just that, India's first and leading data and DPI infra company."

Finarkein was conceptualized in 2019 in response to the RBI Master circular outlining the account aggregator framework and how it would democratize access to financial data for regulated entities. India's financial services ecosystem has to reinvent itself in a post DPI world. In order to offer a superior experience when it came to accessing credit, insurance and wealth advisory in the country, the founders imagined a future where India has the best-inclass digital finance products combined with privacy and security guardrails.

Being a part of multiple teams that have built India's DPIs at conceptual stages, combined with domain expertise of building highly performant scalable data platforms, has allowed Finarkein to take a market leading position, driv-AA volumes today.

Finarkein has been in the forefront by providing foundational infrastructure for the AA ecosystem with their industry-first multi-AA SmartSwitch®. Over the past 18 months, over 40 million Indians have leveraged Finarkein's embedded data products to securely grant consent and share data via licensed NBFC-AAs.

Indian Immunologicals Limited Collaboratively Develops Game-changing Needle-free COVID-19 Intranasal Vaccine

Pune (Voice news service):- Indian Immunologifrom various cities to study in cals Limited (IIL), a leading vaccine manufacturer has announced live-attenuated needle free intra-nasal booster vaccine developed against SARS-CoV-2 using codon deoptimization technology in collaboration with Griffith University, Australia.

> This groundbreaking work on Covid-19 vaccine has been published in the world's leading science Journal 'Nature Communications' on 26th August 2024. The danger due to COVID

19 is still not over It is still killing around 1,700 people a week around the world. World Health Organization urge people at-risk to keep up with their vaccinations with boost-

Among different formats of vaccines available, it is well known that live attenuated vaccine generates a robust and broad-spectrum neutralizing antibody response. IIL's needle free intra-nasal booster vaccine against SARS-CoV-2 developed



ogy demonstrated remarkable stability and maintained safety in extensive animal studies. Codon deoptimization involves decreasing the frequency of underrepresented codon pairs (genetic determinant for amino acids) without changing amino acid sequences. It is a highly efficient virus attenuation strategy that utilizes suboptimal codon pairs to achieve attenuation of recoded viruses. Virtually all the viruses can be attenuated by this method. Degree of attenuation can be regulated from 1-100% as required.

time-consuming than the conventional way of attenuating viruses which usually takes several years.

Completely guided attenuation and the means are well known, and attenuated virus is expected to present all the antigens and mimics natural infection.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr K Anand Kumar, Managing Director, Indian Immunologicals Limited said "This accomplishment signifies a major step forward in our battle against COVID-19. The development of this vaccine not

timization technology, and it's use in targeted attenuation of microorganisms to be used as vaccine candidate". He mentioned that "Our pioneering intranasal vaccine is poised to revolutionize the

fight against infectious diseases, and by facilitating non-invasive immunization, we aim to enhance vaccination rates, ultimately safeguarding more individuals and communities.' Dr. Privabrata Pattnaik, Deputy Managing Director, Indian Immunologicals Limited added "This is a perfect example of Industry-Academia collaboration translating concepts to products for the benefit of people at large. Our R&D team has dedicated immense effort to the creation of this innovative vaccine, and we take pride in its proven safety and efficacy in generating a protective immune response with iust a single dose".

team of athletics enthusiasts goals. from Switzerland, in collaboration with UBS, the initiative

Athletics Kids Cup makes a debut

in Mumbai to move the kids of India

new grassroot sports initiative for children and adolescents. Launched by Dspowerparts, a aims to promote physical acamong urban Indian children. now invited to register for the

centers around three fundamental movements - running, jumping, throwing - that are required in almost every sport and are specifically practiced and perfected in athletics. The initiative features a triathlon-style competition comprising a 60m sprint, the long iump and the ball throw and is open to children and young people between the ages of 7 and 15 from all walks of life. Built with the conviction that sports, particularly athletics, can play a vital role in personal development, health promotion and fostering muaims to inspire children to get the best out of themselves and to have the confidence to pursue their own ambitious India is on the brink of a health

and discipline. The initiative

crisis with obesity rates rising sharply, particularly among children. Athletics Kids Cup aims to help counteract this problem by encouraging an active lifestyle as a means to improve overall health. Schools in the spotlight In

the first season (2024/2025). Athletics Kids Cup will focus on the Mumbai region. Schools will be key enablers tion structure.

Mynd IFSC launches M1NXT in GIFT City, to elevate Global Trade Finance Pune (Voice news ser-

vice):- Mynd IFSC Pvt. Ltd. has received permission from International Financial Services Centres Authority (IF-SCA) for commencement of commercial operations of its International Trade Financing Services (ITFS) Platform. Mvnd IFSC Pvt Ltd. a subsidiary of Mynd Solutions Pvt Ltd, the operator of India's leading TReDS platform will operate its ITFS platform in the brand name M1NXT. M1NXT is designed to meet the working capital needs of exporters and importers, facilitating global trade with cost-effective, transparent, and efficient financing through digital channels. The platform aims to convert trade receivables into cash quickly, addressing the financing needs of exporters

and importers across geogra-

phies, in a seamless manner. M1NXT successfully concluded 17 live commercial transactions, as a part of Sandbox testing, in June 2024.

Sundeep Mohindru, Promoter & Director of Mynd Group, said, With M1NXT ITFS, our goal is to provide Indian exporters with easy access to working capital through a transparent and secure digital platform. This launch is a significant step in strengthening India's position in global trade. This aligns with our vision of cost-effective financing solutions for cross-border trade. We are grateful to IFSCA and GIFT SEZ authorities for their sup-

Munindra Verma, Chief Executive Officer of M1NXT, added. The launch of M1NXT ITFS at India's International Financial

Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City, Gandhinagar, India showcases our commitment to innovation in Global Trade Finance. By leveraging digital channels along with growing network of partners, we bring world class technology at the fingertips of exporter and importers. Referring to ADB's 2023 Trade Finance Gaps, Growth, and Jobs Survey, we believe India's Financial Services technology, like ITFS, will be a credible force to address the funding gap in global trade finance, accelerating global trade & amp; economic growth in the times to come. Mr. Sumant Kathpalia, Man-

aging Director CEO, IndusInd Bank, said: IndusInd Bank is delighted to be the first Bank to participate in export financing transactions on the M1NXT ITFS platform. This

collaboration our dedication to support cross-border trade finance through innovative and digital financial solutions. The success of these transactions highlight the transformative potential of digital trade finance platforms in enhancing efficiency, transparency, and reducing costs. At IndusInd Bank, we are committed to improving access to working capital for our customers globally and driving positive change in the trade finance Commenting on the new plat-

form, Ravi Valecha, Chief Executive Officer. India Factoring said "M1NXT, ITFS is set to play a crucial role as India aims to achieve an export target of \$1 trillion by 2030 and become the third-largest economy globally.

tivity among children and help tackle the growing concerns around childhood obesity Athletics Kids Cup starts in the Mumbai region and aims to get tens of thousands of children moving. Schools are Athletics Kids Cup. Simple concept - huge impact Athletics Kids Cup

tual social understanding, the Athletics Kids Cup is an ideal platform for young participants to build character, val-

ues, integrity, mutual respect

to organize school level competitions with the help of a ready-to-use toolkit containing the material required to organize the competition independently, such as competition materials, bib numbers. certificates of participation or a complete handbook. Dspowerparts and its partner Striders will provide all schools with the necessary help and advice to actively engage students in the initiative. A platform for aspiring athletes While it is of central importance to us to get all children moving, regardless of their background or talent, Athletics Kids Cup also has the potential to grow as the perfect platform for aspiring athletes. The initiative features a three-stage competi-



Samsung TV Plus Expands its Channel Offerings; **Debuts Aai Tak HD and The Lallantop for Consumers**

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung TV Plus, the brand's free ad-supported streaming TV (FAST) service in India, has announced the launch of Aaj Tak HD and The Lallantop on its portfolio.

The partnership between Samsung TV Plus and TV Today Network underscores Samsung's commitment to deliver top-quality programming and meet the evolving needs of viewers in an increasingly connected world. TV Today Network's FAST channel offering from The Lallantop and Aaj Tak HD, will meet audiences' need from the world of business, for compelling and premium free content on the biggest screen in the house.

The connected TV base in India continues to grow as more households opt for internet-enabled smart TV

"Our endeavour is to bring unparalleled access and exceptional value to our audiences and advertisers on the Samsung TV plus plat-

The addition of Aaj Tak HD and The Lallantop channels will provide increased access to the latest news

politics, entertainment and more. This partnership with TV Today Network is a testament to that commitment,' said Kunal Mehta, Head of Partnerships, Samsung TV

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our two new FAST channels on Samsung TV Plus India

This partnership represents a significant milestone for us, as it allows us to bring our diverse and engaging content to a broader audience through one of the most popular and innovative

smart TV platforms. With numerous options available for connected TV viewers, this collaboration enables us to broaden our audience and engage with those embracing new technologies, ensuring our content remains accessible across diverse viewing ecosystems," said Salil Kumar, CEO - Dig-

ital Business, TVTN. Samsung TV Plus, already delivers more than 100 FAST live channels and thousands of on-demand movies and TV shows to millions of users across India - all 100% free.

Revolutionizing Blockchain Technology: MAI Labs Introduces KALP Studio, a Complete Infrastructure for Blockchain Development

Pune (Voice news service):- MAI Labs is proud to announce the launch of KALP Studio, a revolutionary platform designed to democratize Blockchain and Web 3.0 development for developers of all experience levels. With the ability to build products on KALP DLT or even create entirely new chains, KALP Studio offers an unprecedented

As a powerful platform, KALP Studio is a unique, all-in-one platform that offers a complete eco-system with prebuilt DIY modules and robust infrastructure. It enables the fastest deployment of decentralized applications (dApps).

adaptable to any industry or use case ripe for Blockchain disruption. Solutions built on KALP Studio are not only scalable and secure but also fully compliant, making them ideal for enterprise-grade in-

Mr. Mrityuanjaya Prajapati,

Founder & CEO, KALP Studio. at the launch said. "By 2030, the Blockchain market is expected to cross \$3.1 trillion, worldwide. The Blockchain industry still faces three major challenges in such a rapidly growing market. Firstly, there is a lack of availability of Blockchain experts to meet the expediting requirements. Secondly, the turnaround time within the market is too long. And thirdly, the overall cost of development is too high to adopt the advanced Blockchain technology.

"The vision to build KALP Studio to address these challenges and support the Global Blockchain developers' community and businesses with a premium & wholesome infra-

Thus, the industry can leverage the full potential of the market with groundbreaking Blockchain & Web3 innovations." Tapan Sangal, Founder of MAI Labs, highlighting some of the unique offering said. "KALP Studio is a revolutionary platform for the

Blockchain industry. Being a chain-agnostic wholesome infrastructure with pre-built DIY modules, it can build disruptive industry solutions on Blockchain.

It exponentially reduces costs and accelerate the project turnaround time. Overall, KALP Studio is an exclusive experience for developers with its advanced customization options and the best UI/

Considering the advance technology capabilities of the platform, KALP Studio is already selected as an exclusive platform for building Blockchain Projects, for "BUILD Hackathon"

Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Unveils Two New EV Exclusive Retail Stores in Kochi

er-facing brand identity that

Pune (Voice news ser-Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEM), the pioneer of India's FV revolution and a subsidiary of Tata Motors, today unveiled two EV-exclusive retail stores under the TATA.ev brand identity in Kochi, Kerala, These premium retail stores are centrally located in Edappally and Kalamasserv, and will bring about a unique and upmarket purchase and ownership experience beyond traditional car sales to the discerning EV

As electric vehicle adoption grows in the country, consumer buying behavior is also undergoing maturity and evo-

An EV customer now expects the brand to offer a unique experience through the purchase journey, from the product to its ownership cycle. This ask from the consumer is addressed by a new consum-

strengthens the commitment to a future of mobility powered by the values of community. technology, and sustainability. As the physical representation of these values, the TATA.ev stores recognize the very different expectations of EV buyers. The in-store experience has been designed to offer information, advice, and guidance in a friendly environment. From new retail roles to passionate individuals immersed in the essence of the brand, TATA.ev's home of electric has been designed to

and fun. According to Mr. Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility and Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles, said, "As the leading market for electric mobility in the country with 5.6% EV penetration, the people of Kerala have led the way

be warm, welcoming, friendly,

in adopting future facing technologies, making it a clear choice for us to inaugurate our next set of premium Tata. ev stores in the state.

We have seen how the discerning EV consumer has matured and demands a premium ownership experience. To cater to this archetype, Tata Motors is committed to continue democratizing EVs for the mass market coupled with offering a sophisticated and digitized ownership experience. Furthermore, we will soon open a set of 5 exclusive EV service centres across key cities in Kerala. For us. creating an upscale purchase and ownership experience through Tata.ev stores and service centres is an important cog in India's electric revolution

These are critical milestones as we move firmly towards the inflection point for EV adoption in the country.'

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Partners with Union Bank of India to Offer Comprehensive Vehicle Financing Options

Pune (Voice news service):- In its continuous effort to enhance customer experience and streamline car ownership experience through innovative solutions Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Union Bank of India to enable comprehensive and accessible vehicle financing solutions. The partnership aims to offer innovative and attractive solutions curated to meet the evolving needs of the customers and making Toyota vehicles more accessible than

Key highlights of the partnership: Enhanced affordability and accessibility: The partnership will allow customers to enjoy up to 90% financing on the on-road price of any Toyota vehicles purchased for private use, exempting them from any foreclosure, or part-payment charges.

Flexible Financing under

Union Vehicle Scheme: The financing options under the Union Vehicle Scheme for private vehicle will aid customers to opt for flexible tenures up to 84 months with competitive interest rates starting from 8.80% per annum at present. Flexible Financing under Union Pariyahan Scheme The financing option under the Union Parivahan Scheme for commercial vehicle will aid customers to opt for flexible



tenures up to 60 months with

Broad Reach and Accessibility: Union Bank's extensive network will provide all Toyota customers with easy access to financing options nation-

Speaking about the new customer initiative, Mr. Sabari Manohar, Vice President, Sales-Service-Used Business of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "We are delighted to partner with Union Bank of India for enhancing vehicle financing options across the nation. This collaboration signifies our dedication to providing exceptional customer experiences by simplifying and making vehicle financing more accessible.

Our goal is to streamline financing options, offer seamless experiences, and provide timely support to make the vehicle purchase process en-

As an organization dedicated

to customer satisfaction, our primary focus is on meeting the dynamic needs of the market. We achieve this by continually introducing innovative products and services that enhance the ownership experience. Through the latest partnership, our aim is to broaden reach and extend support to more customers nationwide, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas, in their pursuit of owing a Toyota

Arun Kumar, General Manager, Union Bank of India, said, "As one of the largest Public Sector Banks, we are delighted to partner with Toyota Kirloskar Motor. The MoU is surely a big step towards providing financing solutions to a vast array of customers, nationwide. Union Bank of India's robust presence across India complements this partnership and we are confident that our digitized loan proce-

Speaking on the occasion, Mr.

dures will enable customers aspiring to purchase a new Toyota vehicle with utmost ease and convenience. Our commitment is to streamline the auto finance process, thereby enriching the customer experience in terms of both product and service."

The newly launched schemes are applicable to TKM's entire product line, including the Innova Hycross, Innova Crysta, Urban Cruiser Hyryder, Fortuner, Legender, Camry Hybrid, Vellfire, LC 300, Glanza, and Rumion. Additionally, the benefits extend to the newly launched Urban Cruiser Tai-

As the latest addition to TKM's robust SUV lineup, the All-New Urban Cruiser Taisor upholds Toyota's rich SUV legacy, offering a perfect blend of style, high performance, and fuel efficiency with a striking exterior design. The Urban Cruiser Taisor is available with three engine options:

1.0L Turbo, 1.2L Petrol, and E-CNG.

Over the years, TKM has strived to improve customer experience throughout the purchase & ownership cycle by implementing timely and relevant schemes such as easy financing options. In addition to the latest tie-up and a plethora of in-house financing solutions through Toyota Financial Services (TFS), Toyota over the years has also launched several other tailor-made services with serval other financing institutes to offer customers choices and convenience of financial solutions to meet their diverse needs. The offers go beyond purchase of just new vehicles to cover used cars as well as service packages thus creating overall positive buying and ownership experience of Toyota cars.

Additionally, in pursuit of its customer centric approach, the company recently launched its second Company Owned Toyota Used Car Outlet (TUCO). Operating under the brand name of "Toyota U-Trust" in New Delhi. These outlets aim at offering customers high-quality and safe used cars whilst ensuring convenience, transparency, and peace of mind during the process of buying as well as selling Toyota cars. In addition, TKM also has a reach of 683 customer touchpoints

Mastercard collaborates with Gramophone to enable agri input and credit access for 2 million farmers in India

Pune (Voice news ser-Mastercard announced a collaboration with Gramophone, a leading agritech platform, to enable 2 million smallholder farmers on the Mastercard Community Pass platform in India with access to agri inputs. The two entities will work towards powering offline payments for farmers in rural and remote areas through the Community Pass financial inclusion card. Gramophone is also expected to enable their existing five lac

farmers with offline payments

and credit.

Community Pass provides a digital ecosystem for buyers who are looking for sustainable sources of quality produce at favourable market prices and supply chain financing; and for smallholder farmers looking for reliable markets fair prices and access to credit. The platform brings together various agri sector stakeholders in a centralized agricultural marketplace, amplifying the collective positive impact on farming communities. Community Pass services

also include an offline payment card, and inputs credit that will be rolled out in the coming months.

This collaboration with Gramophone will ensure that farmers are able to buy the right inputs at a fair price.

The service will be rolled out later this year, starting with inputs and offline payments, while access to credit will be launched early next year. In addition, Gramophone plans to roll out innovative loyalty/ cash-back schemes for its members via the offline-enabled card. Through this collaboration, Gramophone also seeks to enable easier access to working capital for their farmer producer organizations and small retailers for driving inputs and scaling business. "In line with the Government

of India's vision to digitize the agriculture sector. Mastercard has been working to bring key stakeholders in the agri ecosystem onto one platform to ease credit and input access for farmers and enhance their incomes. This collaboration with Gramophone will en-

sure that farmers can access quality inputs of their choice, on easy credit terms, as well as the benefits of digital payments even without internet connectivity or smartphone availability." said Ricardo Pareia. Head of Community Pass Markets. Mastercard. "At Gramophone, we have consistently delivered top-tier agronomy advisory and quality products through our. in-house technology platform enabling Input Commerce. Now, we are excited to add Mastercard's advanced technology stack and partner networks to further enhance India's agricultural ecosystem. Starting with a pilot in Madhya Pradesh, we will aim to support farmers across India by increasing their incomes by 50-60%, through access to in-

> Mastercard Community Pass is a shared, interoperable digital infrastructure for rural populations that has benefitted over 2 million Indian farmers across 25 districts in eight states, to date.

> puts and credit," said Tauseef

Khan, Co-founder, Gramo-

phone.

Kotak Unveils Falcon Forex Card Exclusively for UAE Travelers

Pune (Voice news service):- Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited ("KMBL/Kotak") today unveiled Kotak Falcon Card - a single currency prepaid forex card for the growing number of Indians travelling to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Kotak Falcon Card's USP is the safety & convenience and cumulative savings up to Rs 20,000* it offers, making it lucrative for aspirational Indians.

Travelers using Kotak Falcon card for payments in UAE will get instant discounts at 100+ tourist attractions, adventure sports, shopping, dining, and unique experiences. Additional benefits include complimentary insurance cover, 24*7 reload service, instant refund, and hassle-free card

replacement. The Kotak Falcon Card was unveiled at the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai by Rohit Bhasin, President - Head Affluent. NRI. Business Banking and Chief Marketing Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank; Muzaffer Hamid, CEO, Mercury Payments Services: and dignitaries from NPCI.

Key Benefits: Safety & convenience of making payments during travel through prepaid forex card as against cash Travellers using Kotak Falcon

strategic collaboration is to drive

indigenisation efforts and harness

the collective expertise of both

organisations to accelerate inno-

vation and technological advance-

ments in areas of mutual interest.



discounts at 100+ tourist attractions, adventure sports, shopping, dining, and unique experiences. Up to 50% off on tickets to

explore various tourist attrac-Up to 20% discounts across

restaurants. Falcon forex cards will be accepted across all major merchant outlets and tourist

attractions in the UAE.

UAE represents an eclectic

blend of modernity and luxury. It is also India's third largest trading partner with an integrated financial and digital payment system. It is no surprise then that 2.46 million overnight travellers visited Dubai in 2023[^] - the highest from any country, as per news reports. The large Indian diaspora, direct flights from many cities across the country and growing aspiration for international travel including first trip abroad continues to attract more Indians every

Rohit Bhasin says, "As part of our focus to be most preferred bank for aspirational Indians, we are delighted to unveil a compelling value proposition Kotak Falcon Card – ex-

clusively for UAE travellers. The single currency prepaid forex card is a unique offering for the growing number of Indians traveling to the UAE, including first-time int'l travellers and provides them safety & convenience on payments made in the UAF and fantastic savings on payments towards leisure activities."

Muzaffer Hamid says, "By enabling the Kotak Falcon Card, Mercury is advancing our vision of inclusive payments. We are partnering with NPCI International and Kotak Mahindra Bank to expand RuPay's presence in the UAE, making financial services more accessible and reflecting our commitment to democratizing payments for the broader market.'

Study Group Empowers Indian Students with Diverse North American Educational Opportunities

global leader in international education, is proud to highlight its extensive portfolio of partnerships with prestigious North American universities. This diverse array of educational opportunities empowers Indian students to pursue world-class education tailored to their academic goals and personal preferences.

With partnerships spanning across the United States, including California State University San Marcos. University of Nebraska at Omaha, Long Island University, Florida Atlantic University, University of Hartford, and Towson University, Study Group offers unparalleled choice in terms of geography, academic programs, and cultural experiences Karan Lalit, Regional Director, South Asia, Study Group said, "Our partnerships with these esteemed institutions provide Indian students with a wealth of options for studying in the U.S. Each university in our portfolio offers unique strengths and specialized programs, ensuring students receive a world-class education that aligns perfectly with their aspirations. We're committed to guiding students towards the right fit, whether

Pune (Voice news ser- they're looking to pursue spevice):- Study Group, a cific courses, and career opportunities, or immerse them selves in particular cultural

The United States remains

environments."

the most sought-after destination for international students, with 17% of all global international students choosing America for their higher education. In 2022/23, 300,000 new international students were drawn to the U.S. by its globally respected universities and the country's tradition of embracing determination and success regardless of background. Study Group's partnerships offer several key advantages for aspiring students. Additionally, the wide range of academic programs available ensures that students can find the perfect fit for their career goals and interests. Study Group's pathway programs and partner universities provide comprehensive support, preparing students for both the academic and cultural aspects of studying in the U.S., crucial for adapting to a new environment. The career opportunities are extensive, with many partner universities located

Royal Enfield X REV'IT! - Icons Unite to Launch All-Weather Premium Riding Gear

Pune (Voice news service):- Royal Enfield, the global leader in the midsize (250-750cc) motorcycle segment, has launched the newest addition to its robust offering of motorcycling apparel. Designed by REV'IT! for Royal Enfield, the limited edition, premium line of motorcycle apparel is an outcome of exhaustive research and development conducted over a year by adventure riding experts.

Anchored in Royal Enfield's commitment to design, performance and innovation, the driving force behind the collaboration is to provide motorcyclists with high-performance, stylish, and protective riding gear that fuses Royal Enfield's heritage with advanced technology and de-

Commenting on the collaboration with REV'IT!, Yadvinder Singh Guleria. Chief Commercial Officer at Royal Enfield said, "Our partnership with REV'IT! reinforces our commitment to elevate the pure motorcycling experience of the riders. Adventure touring symbolizes the freedom to explore the unchartered, and that demands superiorly engineered gear that leaves riders feeling safe and comfortable.

shares our passion for design excellence and performance, has given way to a collection of premium gear that will do just that." Speaking about the collabora-

tion, Rafael Ruiz Folch, OEM Manager at REV'IT! said, "We've always prided ourselves on being a brand for motorcycle riders. We listen to riders, we design for riders and have operated with that core thought for almost three decades, now. Our collaboration with Royal Enfield is impactful not only because it continues our efforts to usher in pure, intelligent design to the motorcycle clothing market but also because they, too, have always operated with its community at the heart of evervthing it does.'

Featuring riding jackets, trousers, and gloves for both men and women, each product is crafted with a focus on protection, comfort, and adaptability offering versatile features such as detachable liners, advanced armours, and extensive adjustability to ensure optimal performance and safety irrespective of the weather and terrain conditions.

Sahara Air Riding Gear:-Sahara Air Riding Jacket:

Teaming up with a brand that For those who don't want to choose between a waterproof or a mesh motorcycle jacket, the Sahara H2O jacket (CE-CLASS AA) is the silver-bullet solution. This versatile multi-season jacket has all the features you need irrespective of the weather. I INR 26.990

Sahara Air Gloves: (CE-CLASS KP1) Engineered for summer rides these gloves are made with durable mesh stretch fabrics and a TPR knuckle protector to provide superior grip and ventilation. Featuring a convenient pull tab and hook-and-loop wrist strap, they're easy to wear and adjust mid-ride. | INR Darcha Pro Riding Gear:

Darcha Pro Riding Jacket: Designed for optimal movement, the Darcha Pro (CE-CLASS AA) boasts SEEFLEX CE-Level 2 protection at crucial areas like shoulders and elbows. Reflective detailing further enhances visibility, ensuring riders are protected day and night. | INR 29,990 Darcha Pro Riding Trousers: Darcha Pro riding trousers (CE- CLASS AA) excel in protection, mobility, and convenience, perfectly complementing the Darcha Pro iacket.

L&T Semiconductor Technologies The MoU delineates a comprenologies (LTSCT), a pioneer in inhensive framework for collaboradigenous semiconductor design & tive research, development, and development, has signed a Memtraining initiatives, with an emorandum of Understanding (MoU) phasis on the creation of Makein-India Integrated Circuit (IC) / with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), System-on-Chip (SoC) and Elecan autonomous scientific entity tronics System Design & Manunder the Ministry of Electronics ufacturing (ESDM) solutions for and Information Technology (Meautomotive, industrial, and energy iTY). Government of India. The applications.

> The opportunities to strengthen India's economic foundation through indigenous semiconductor design & development are immense, particularly by reducing reliance on electronic imports from abroad.

The collaborative efforts in developing specialised semiconductor technologies will be pivotal in advancing Indian processor cores, Intellectual Properties, and SoCs - the most cost-intensive components within the semiconductor value chain

Congratulating both the organisations, Dr Sunita Verma, Group Coordinator, (R&D E&IT) from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY), said: "The signing of this MoU between L&T Semiconductor Technologies and C-DAC indicates the Government's commitment to fostering public-private partnerships that drive innovation and economic growth. This collaboration not only underscores the importance of indigenisation in the semiconductor sector but also paves the way for India to take a leadership role on the global stage. We look forward to the transformative impact that this partnership will have on the nation's technological landscape." Speaking on the occasion. Mr Sandeep Kumar, Chief Executive - LTSCT, said: "This collaboration, led by LTSCT, will create a powerful commercialisation programme for advanced technologies created by C-DAC in semiconductor design & development, embedded software, open-source OS, HPC and power systems. C-DAC's deep pipeline of indigenous IPs, including the VEGA processor, application design and FPGA validation will be turned into global product opportunities by LTSCT The joint efforts are anticipated to vield innovative products and solutions that will benefit diverse sectors of the Indian economy while significantly enhancing the nation's technological capabilities and positioning India as a leader in each of the sectors."

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