



CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH RENAULT'S NIGHT & DAY LIMITED EDITION OF KIGER, TRIBER, AND KWID



Pune (Voice news service):- Adding a sophisticated flair to the festive season Renault India is excited to unveil the Night & Day Limited Edition of its popular models – Kiger, Triber, and Kwid. With a focus on stylish design and modern features, this limited edition brings together elegance and innovation for the discerning, new-age customer. The Night & Day Limited Edition introduces an exclusive Pearl White with mystery black roof dual tone body colour across the three models, offering an elevated look that blends urban-friendly design with a bold statement on the road. Speaking about the launch, Mr. Venkatram Mamillapalle, Country CEO and Managing Director, Renault India, shared, This is an exciting announcement not only for our new-age customers, but

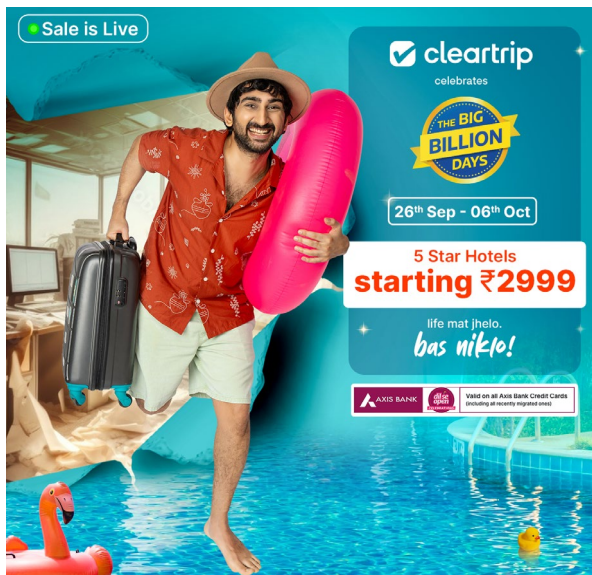
for our dealers & employees as well. The limited edition allows the customers make a bold statement with the Night and Day Limited Edition, where the three cars will be offered in new pearl white with mystery black roof. This reflects our dedication to crafting wow customer-centric experiences. We are confident that this new limited edition will enable us to welcome more customers to our growing Renault family. The Night & Day Limited Edition are attractively priced with a strong value proposition : Triber : INR 7,00,000 (INR 20K additional on Triber RXL manual) Kiger : INR 6,74,990 (INR 15K additional on Kiger RXL manual) : INR 7,24,990 (INR 15K additional on Kiger RXL EASY-R AMT). Kwid : INR 4,99,500 (same price as Kwid RXL(O) manual)

Cleartrip signals a new era of travel with The Big Billion Days 2024

Pune (Voice news service):- Cleartrip, a Flipkart company announces its highly anticipated year-end travel sale with The Big Billion Days (TBBD) from 26 September - 6 October 2024.

This year, Cleartrip aims to set a new standard in India's travel aspirations during the festive season with great deals on flights, hotels, buses, and holiday packages, empowering customers to escape their daily routines and embark on much-needed getaways. As consumer priorities shift towards valuing experiences alongside material purchases, travel has become a core part of festive celebrations. TBBD is perfectly aligned with this growing trend, offering value-driven travel deals that make the perfect festive escape possible while also making it affordable.

Speaking on the occasion, Anuj Rathi, Chief Business and Growth Officer, Cleartrip, stated, "We are witnessing a profound shift in Indian consumerism and travel is at the heart of this transformation. At Cleartrip, we are leading the charge to democratise travel by building an integrated ecosystem that connects airlines, hotels, and key trav-



el partners, making us a one-stop destination for all." He added, "With 120 million leisure travellers and 27 million outbound travellers, India's demand for international travel is stronger than ever. In response, Cleartrip has curated an exclusive selection of long-haul destinations to help users elevate their travel experience to luxury. Through strategic partnerships with airlines and hotel chains, we make these curated, high-end experiences not just aspirational but accessible and affordable." Clear-

rip has introduced these specially curated offerings for TBBD to help customers avoid price surges closer to the booking date:

- 5-Star Hotels starting from INR 2499
- Minimum 40% off on Hotels (Flash Sale - every day at 7 pm (until 9 pm))
- Special Discounts from key chain partners such as Royal Orchid, Ferns, Clarks, Pride, Sterling, Mayfair, and Summit
- International destinations starting at INR 5999
- Special fares from Air In-

dia, British Airways, Lufthansa, Etihad, etc. for long-haul destinations such as London, Australia, Berlin, and Paris

- Domestic destinations starting at INR 999
- Child Flies Free - Family travelling with 1 child less than 12 years can opt for this (Flash sale - for a limited period and subject to availability.)
- International Holiday Packages starting at INR 9999 per person for destinations such as Bali, Dubai, Maldives, and Thailand
- Up to 30% off on Bus Bookings
- Flipkart and Myntra users can avail of additional discounts of up to 15% over and above other discounts on hotels; cancellation of flights at INR 1, and can redeem extra discounts up to INR 1500 with Supercoins. Cleartrip has continued to redefine travel with customer-centric innovations. The company's latest offerings, Cleartrip For Work and Bus Pass, highlight its commitment to enhancing travel with exclusive benefits and unmatched convenience. The company recently clocked a remarkable 150% growth in the bus category since its launch in 2023.

Mahesh Shinde appointed as State Spokesperson of NCP

Pune: Mahesh Shinde, a senior leader from the Ambedkarite movement and the Vice President of the Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar), has been appointed as the State Spokesperson of the party. NCP's State President, MP Sunil Tatkare, handed over the appointment letter to Shinde. He has been serving as the Vice President of the party for several years. His oratory skills, presentation style, and scholarly approach were considered by the party while entrusting him with the responsibility of presenting the party's official stance and ideas. Shinde has made significant contributions to the Ambedkarite movement for the past 40-45 years. Leveraging this experience, he has established a distinct identity while working extensively as the NCP's State Vice



President across Maharashtra. His experience will play a crucial role in shaping the future strategies of the Nationalist Congress Party. Expressing his gratitude, Shinde said, "I am delighted that the party has given me the opportunity to work as the State Spokesperson after serving as the State Vice President. I would like to thank National President and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, and State President MP Sunil Tatkare for this. My focus will be on presenting the party's stance and ideas more effectively and thoughtfully in the coming days."

Tata Motors signs MoU with ESAF Small Finance Bank for commercial vehicle financing



Pune (Voice news service):- Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ESAF Small Finance Bank, to offer attractive financing solutions to its commercial vehicle customers. Initially focused on Small

Commercial Vehicles (SCVs) and Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs), the partnership will expand to include financing for Tata Motors' entire commercial vehicle portfolio. Mr. Vinay Pathak, Vice President & Business Head – SCV&PU, Tata Motors, said, "Our partnership with ESAF

Small Finance Bank enhances access to seamless financing solutions for our customers in deeper pockets of the country. It reiterates our commitment to support our customers with tailored and efficient solutions, empowering them to meet their business goals. This collaboration further strengthens our endeavour to boost entrepreneurship and job creation, particularly in first- and last-mile logistics." Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Hemant Kumar Tamta, Executive Vice President, ESAF Small Finance Bank said, "We are excited to partner with Tata Motors, to offer tailored financing solutions to customers. Our shared vision of empowering entrepreneurs aligns perfectly with this part-

nership. With our extensive network and expertise in financial inclusion, we are confident that this partnership will stimulate significant growth and support the ambitions of commercial vehicle businesses." Tata Motors offers extensive range of sub 1-tonne to 55-tonne cargo vehicles and 10-seater to 51-seater mass mobility solutions, ranging in small commercial vehicles and pickups, trucks and buses segments to address the evolving needs of logistics and mass mobility segments. The company ensures unparalleled quality and service commitment through its extensive network of 2500+ touchpoints, manned by trained specialists and backed by easy access to Tata Genuine Parts.

Turkish Airlines Takes Off to Santiago, Chile, Marking its 26th Destination in the Americas



Pune (Voice news service):- Turkish Airlines, the flag carrier of Türkiye, has announced it will soon connect its global network to the vibrant culture and captivating landscapes of Santiago, Chile. This new route marks the airline's 10th country served in the Americas. Starting 18 December 2024, Turkish Airlines will launch four weekly flights from Istanbul to Santiago, with a stopover in Sao Paulo in both directions. This new route brings the total number of destinations served in

the Americas to 26, further solidifying Turkish Airlines' presence in the region. Passengers eager to experience Santiago can book their flights now through the airline's website, mobile app, sales offices, and authorised agencies. The new route will provide travellers with seamless access to Santiago, a thriving metropolis renowned for its rich history, cultural attractions, and stunning Andean backdrop, further strengthening ties between Türkiye and Chile. For travellers around the world, this new route translates to convenient connections to South America, making it easier than ever to experience the wonders of Chile with a single stopover in Istanbul.

Commenting on the new route, Turkish Airlines Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee, Prof. Ahmet Bolat stated: "As the airline flight to more countries than any other, we continue to bridge continents and cultures. With the launch of flights to Santiago, our 26th destination in the Americas, we reaffirm our commitment to expanding our global flight network and providing travellers with unparalleled connectivity options. We look forward to welcoming passengers onboard to experience our signature services and our world-renowned Turkish hospitality while discovering the captivating beauty of Chile, Türkiye and beyond." Commenting on Turkish Airlines' flights to Santiago,

Nicolas Claude, CEO of SCL Nuevo Pudahuel Airport added: "We are delighted to see Turkish Airlines starting to operate from Istanbul to Santiago Airport in December this year. This new route between Chile and Türkiye will increase the air connectivity of both countries, enabling Chileans to reach Istanbul and the Far East more easily. This new partnership with this best-in-class airline will strengthen economic and touristic relationship between Chile and Türkiye. We will guaranty a warm welcome to Turkish Airlines, putting all our efforts to ensure both the commercial and the operational successes to this new route. Welcome, Turkish Airlines!"

Tata Motors to empower customers in Pune to unlock greater business profitability at Desh Ka Truck Utsav

Pune (Voice news service):- Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, is set to host Desh Ka Truck Utsav – an immersive daylong event in Pune on 23rd September 2024. The event is designed to empower the trucking community in Pune with actionable insights and hands-on experience with Tata Motors' latest range of trucks and value added services, all aimed at enhancing profitability and delivering a low total cost of ownership (TCO). During the event, attendees will receive expert guidance on enhancing fleet performance, improving fuel efficiency, and achieving greater profitability. They will also benefit from in-depth vehicle demonstrations and insights into Tata Motors' comprehensive after-sales support. This includes vehicle maintenance programs, fleet management solutions, annual maintenance packages, and 24/7 roadside assistance through the Sampurna Seva 2.0 initiative – designed to equip customers with detailed information to drive long-term success with their fleets. Additionally, the company will

honour also key customers for their partnership and support, making the overall experience more rewarding. Mr. Rajesh Kaul, Vice President & Business Head – Trucks, Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles, shared, "Tata Motors is committed to understanding and addressing customers' evolving needs. Desh Ka Truck Utsav offers a vital platform for us to engage directly with them, highlighting our latest digital solutions. The event allows us to not only showcase our robust truck range and value-added services, but also demonstrate their real-world impact on customers' long-term profitability and success. Our cutting-edge solutions are designed to make customers' businesses future-ready, ensuring they remain ahead in an evolving landscape. We look forward to interacting with our customers and partners to strengthen our collaboration and achieve

shared success." Tata Motors offers the widest range of trucks, with cabin options including the LPT, Ultra, Signa and the Prima. The trucks are available with fully-built body options, designed to meet the diverse demands of goods movement, including market load, agriculture, cement, iron & steel, container, petroleum, chemical, water tankers, LPG, FMCG, construction, mining, and municipal applications among others. The range is equipped with Fleet Edge, Tata Motors' connected vehicle platform for efficient fleet management. Engineered with advanced technology for durability and rigorously tested to meet specific customer needs, the vehicles are supported by Tata Motors' extensive network. With over 2500 sales and service touch points nationwide, including 250 in Maharashtra, the company ensures holistic support and the highest vehicle uptime.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Showcases Special-Purpose Iconic Hilux at Himtech 2024

Pune (Voice news service):- Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) showcased special-purpose Hilux (modified with the support of an authorized external vendor) at the Himtech 2024 symposium, organized by the Indian Army jointly with FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry). Moving towards the national goal of "Raksha Atamanirbharta", and to provide the defense forces with access to the best equipment and solutions available, these two organizations (Indian Army & FICCI) have collaborated for "HIMTECH 2024" with an emphasis on utilizing military technology for high altitude areas (HAA). The event, held at the Rinchin Auditorium Grounds, Leh, Ladakh, on 20th and 21st September 2024, witnessed the presence of senior officials from the Army Commands, Air Force, ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police), defense users and other key dignitaries along with representatives from TKM. Driven by Toyota's renowned QDR (Quality, Durability, and Reliability), this 4x4 all-terrain, off-road vehicle is expertly



engineered to perform in the most demanding environments, making it the perfect choice for diverse customers with specialized needs, including the specific purposes of the Indian Army which are modified with the support of an authorized external vendor. These curated vehicles signify TKM's commitment to identify unique solutions to cater to diverse consumers' needs across markets and verticals, enabling 'Mobility for All'. Sharing his views, Mr. V. Wiseline Sigamani, Vice President – Strategic Business Unit (North) of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, said, "We are honoured to participate in Himtech 2024 and showcase the distinctive features of specially-purposed Hilux (modified with the support of

an authorized external vendor). The global iconic reputation of Hilux being a powerful performer is the courtesy of its rigid Innovative Multi-purpose Vehicle (IMV) platform and a strong powertrain system. These modified vehicles reflect Toyota's technological capabilities in developing customised solutions to meet the unique customer requirements (e.g. army purposes) and great practicality for various commercial usages. Further, these vehicles have been engineered keeping in mind the operational challenges of army troops be it the drivability through rough terrains, patrolling movement, surveillance including night visions, digital video for recording and winch for rescue operations during emergency situations and more.

Samsung Begins Pre-Reserve for the Next Flagship Galaxy Tablets in India

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung, India's largest electronics brand, today announced the commencement of pre-reserve for its next flagship Galaxy tablets. Consumers can pre-reserve the next flagship Galaxy tablets starting today on Samsung.com, Samsung India Smart Cafés, online platforms including Amazon.in and Flipkart.com, and Samsung's authorized retail stores across India, to enjoy early access benefits. Customers can pre-reserve the new devices by paying a token amount of INR 1000.

Consumers who pre-reserve the next flagship Galaxy tablets will get benefits worth INR 3499. Samsung's flagship tablets offer ground-breaking innovations, including intelligent performance optimization, enhanced creative tools, and adaptive features that take productivity and creativity to new heights. The next flagship Galaxy tablets will further build on Samsung's stellar legacy of ground-breaking innovations by offering new features, making them the perfect productivity companions for multi-taskers.

LG ELECTRONICS BRINGS EARLY FESTIVE CHEER WITH 'INDIA KA CELEBRATION'



Pune (Voice news service):- LG Electronics, India's leading Consumer Durable brand, is set to light up this Diwali with its 'India Ka Celebration' Mega Consumer promotion. Designed to add extra cheer to the festive season, the promotion includes gifts worth 51 Crore and a chance for customers to win a LG Dream Home Package every day, which includes premium Consumer durables such as a Side-by-Side Re-

frigerator, OLED TV, Front Load Washing Machine, Microwave Oven, Water Purifier & Air Conditioner. LIFE'S GOOD offers: As part of the Life's Good offers, customers can enjoy up to 26% cashback on select models, with discounts of up to INR 26000. To make purchasing more convenient, LG is offering down payments as low as INR 1 and easy EMI options on select models, with fixed EMIs starting at INR 888.



Pune (Voice news service):- JWS MG Motor India, in its continued effort to redefine the passenger EV segment in India, has extended its recently launched unique BaaS program to its popular Comet EV and ZS

EV models. The BaaS concept was introduced with the launch of MG Windsor and since then has received encouraging responses. Under this unique BaaS program, customers can now bring home the Street-Smart Car

after three years of ownership, reassuring customers of a seamless and confident ownership experience. Speaking on the unique ownership program, Satinder Singh Bajwa, Chief Commercial Officer, JWS MG Motor India, said, "With BaaS, we have created a platform for easy ownership, making our EVs more accessible than ever. Given the strong response to Windsor under the BaaS program, we are now

extending its benefits to our popular EV models, the Comet and ZS. I am confident that this unique ownership model will further boost EV adoption in the country." The introduction of the BaaS program is supported by a robust network of finance partners, including Bajaj Finserv, Hero Fincorp, Vidyut, and Ecofy Autovert. This strategic collaboration ensures a seamless experience for customers across the country,

making the transition to electric mobility smoother. MG Comet EV is spacious inside and compact outside design gives you freedom from tricky turns while offering the certified range of 230 km on a single charge. It has This car meets urban mobility needs with its 55+ i-SMART features. MG ZS EV, India's first pure electric internet SUV offers a 50.3 kWh battery pack with a certified driving range of 461 km on a single charge.

Bhuvan Bam, Shriya Pilgaonkar and Prathamesh Parab promote Taaza Khabar in style in Pune city

Pune (Voice news service):- Chembur Ka Cheetah, Wadala Ka Wolf, aur Thane Ka Tiger aa gaye hain 'jhan-jhanit' Pune mein apni team ke saath dahaad marne! Disney+ Hotstar's highly anticipated show is back with another season of Taaza Khabar, unravelling the suspense and answering all the burning fan questions. The trailer has already turned heads, leaving audiences hungry for more. After an exciting grand reveal at the trailer launch, the action shifted to the heartland of Maharashtra cuisine and culture as Bhuvan Bam, Shriya Pilgaonkar, and Prathamesh Parab visited Pune. Excited and full of enthusiasm, the dynamic trio visited the sacred and revered Shrimant Dagdusheth Halwai seeking

blessings for the upcoming season of Taaza Khabar 2. The magic didn't stop there. Bhuvan Bam continued his journey by joining in the fun at Phoenix Mall of the Millennium. The build-up for Taaza Khabar Season 2 promises to exceed expectations, unravelling mysteries and suspense. With immense support from Pune's and blessings from Ganpati Bappa, the next season of Taaza Khabar is set to bring love and luck to the highly anticipated show. Get ready to witness the ultimate quest for money and fame with a touch of comedy with Taaza Khabar Season 2 only on Disney+ Hotstar streaming from 27th September 2024.



Jagdeep Singh Lifts Title at C T Pundole & Sons Golf Cup 2024



Pune (Voice news service):- Jagdeep Singh emerged victorious as the overall champion at the C T Pundole & Sons Golf Cup, in association with Omega Watches, held at the Poona Golf Course on Friday. With a handicap of 18, Singh scored an impressive 42 points, securing a birdie at hole 10 and five pars, to claim the title in this one-day event. The tournament, played in Stableford format, saw 91 golfers competing for top honors. The course was in pristine condition, and the day was marked by perfect weather and friendly competition. Participants lauded C T Pundole & Sons for their impeccable hospitality and flawless execution of the event, from the well-coordinated tee-offs to the grand prize distribution ceremony. Cawas Pundole presided over the prize distribution, alongside Hormuz Pundole and Sumit K Sharma from OMEGA India. Speaking after the event's success, Cawas Pundole said, "It was a pleasure to host this tournament with OMEGA. The synergy between the precision of golf and the craftsmanship of OMEGA is undeniable. We are already looking forward to hosting this event again next year."

As C T Pundole & Sons prepares to celebrate their 116th Anniversary in the coming week, this tournament adds yet another milestone to their rich legacy. For over a century, C T Pundole & Sons has been a symbol of luxury and craftsmanship, offering a curated selection of prestigious timepieces. Their dedication to excellence and personalized service has made them Pune's go-to destination for luxury watches, making every customer experience as timeless as the watches they offer. Results of the Tournament: Overall Winner: Jagdeep Singh (42 pts) Handicap 19 & Above Winner: Aditya Mishra (39 pts) Handicap 13 to 18 Winner: Vikas Sheware (39 pts) Handicap 13 to 18 Runner-up: Hitender Yadav (38 pts) Handicap 0 to 12 Winner: Aman Siwach (39 pts) Handicap 0 to 12 Runner-up: Yash Wadhawan (36 pts) This event was proudly sponsored by C T Pundole & Sons, India's oldest luxury watch retailer, in association with OMEGA Watches, continuing their commitment to offering experiences that celebrate both sport and luxury.

Van Heusen Announces Celebrated Actor Taapsee Pannu as its New Brand Ambassador for Women's Fashion

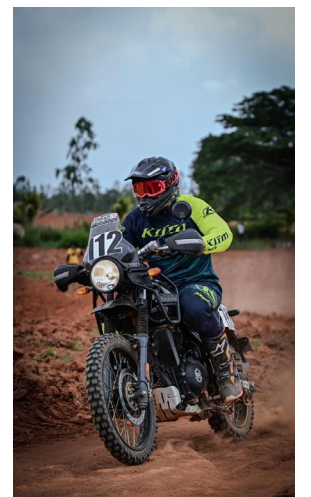
Pune (Voice news service):- Van Heusen, India's leading power dressing brand from Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd., proudly announces its association with the exceptionally talented and versatile actress, Taapsee Pannu, as its new brand ambassador. Van Heusen is a brand for the doers who are bringing about impactful change in modern India. The brand constantly endeavours to offer consumers the best of fashion and functionality. Taapsee is a leading actress who has created an impact through her movies. She represents the modern woman of today who is purposive, confident, powerful, and always on the go. Van Heusen's product portfolio is designed to be a catalyst in the dynamic lifestyle of the woman of today. The brand offers fashion choices and products across occasions, right from formals, casuals, travel, and evening, and thus

enables women to create an impact in every role. Through this association, Van Heusen's versatility is complemented by the multi-faceted personality of Taapsee, who has had extremely versatile roles in her career and personally, as she constantly aspires to excel in different things. The "Lead Every Role" campaign by Van Heusen is a perfect showcase of Van Heusen's versatile modern fashion and Taapsee's impactful personality. The campaign will be featured prominently across leading digital platforms. Commenting on this association, Mr. Abhay Bahugune, Chief Operating Officer, Van Heusen, stated, "We are committed to being the force multiplier for modern, discerning women. We are excited to have Taapsee on board as she truly represents the ambitious and relentless woman of today. Taapsee is a seamless



fit for Van Heusen as she has a confident personality and a strong personal mission, much like many of Van Heusen's women customers. This is a great leap for the brand to be able to live up to the mantle of being India's leading western wear brand for women." Commenting on her association with Van Heusen, Taapsee Pannu said, "I'm extremely happy and thrilled to be the new face of Van Heusen because I feel this brand truly represents today's modern Indian woman who is ambitious and self-made. Van Heusen has versatile and fashionable offerings, and I am super glad to be part of the Lead Every Role campaign, as this concept is extremely close to my heart." Van Heusen's focus on womenswear is only getting bigger, with a presence in over 150+ Van Heusen stores across the country, availability in leading departmental stores like Lifestyle, Shoppers Stop, Pantaloons, and Centro, across leading online marketplaces like Amazon, Myntra, and more, as well as Van Heusen's exclusive website and app.

Pune set to host third leg of FMSCI 2W Rally Sprint Championship tomorrow



Pune (Voice news service):- After two action packed rounds, in Chennai and Bangalore, the FMSCI Indian National Rally Sprint Championship 2024 for two wheelers will head to Pune for the third round tomorrow. The grounds surrounding the Nanoli Speedway will witness more than 95 entries, the highest participation ever for the West Zone, battle it out in the monsoon sprint rally, in a bid to qualify for the final round in December. "It's fantastic to see such strong participation in the third round. With over 95 entries, the competition will be fierce and I am happy to see top riders from the nation ready to set the trail ablaze in the FMSCI Indian National Rally

Sprint Championship 2024, in Pune. I am sure the riders are raring to go. We are happy to see more riders step up to take part, it is a great sign for a growing sport," said Gautam Shantappa, Vice President, FMSCI on the occasion. Suhail Ahmad, who dominated multiple categories, with victories in Group A Upto 550cc, Bullet Class upto 550cc, and Open Class upto 550cc in the Chennai leg and finished second in the Open Class upto 550cc and Bullet Class upto 550cc in the Bangalore leg, will also be seen attempting to better his timings with the Sahyadri mountains and perennial Indrayani River in the backdrop. "Pune is a city which boasts

a rich culture of dirt biking and off-roading; I am looking forward to some fierce competition from the riders in the West Zone. I am sure I will enjoy competing against some of the prominent riders at this circuit in one of the most beautiful settings for rallying in the country. With the final round a couple of months away, the pressure is on to better your timing and make sure you are in the best form," Suhail Ahmad commented. This picturesque monsoon rally is a highlight in the Indian racing calendar and Badal Doshi from Mumbai, Amarendra Sathre from Pune, Pinkesh Thakkar from Pune, and Rajesh N Swami from Raigad are a few of the prominent riders from West Zone vying

to qualify for the final round tomorrow. The FMSCI Indian National Rally Sprint Championship 2024 for two wheelers will feature 13 classes, designed to foster a fair and competitive environment to bring the best of Indian riders. Following the Pune leg of the FMSCI Indian National Rally Sprint Championship 2024, the series will continue to unfold across India. The championship will move to Indore for Round 4 on 05 October 2024, followed by Round 5 in Guwahati on 24 November 2024. The season will culminate with the finals in Pune or Bangalore on 14-15 December 2024, where the top contenders from each zone will compete for the ultimate title.

Disha Pariwar Charitable Trust Awards Scholarships to 250 Needy Students and Honors Deepak Hirve & Manisha Gade for Social Work



Pune (Voice news service):- A total of 250 needy students were awarded scholarships by the Disha Pariwar Charitable Trust in Pune. This marks the 18th year of the scholarship program. During the event at the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Hall (Ghole Road), the Disha Pariwar Social Worker Award was presented to Deepak Hirve and Manisha Gade for their remarkable contributions to social work. The program was graced by Dr. Bhausaheb Jadhav, Chairman of Marathwada Mitra Mandal; social worker Adv. Mitali Sawalakar; Dr. Milind Mujumdar; advisor B. L. Swami; Disha Pariwar President Manikrao Gote; Executive

Chairman Rajabhau Chavan; Pournima Janorkar; Kalpana Bhosale; Alpa Chavan; Panchali Harshe; Makarand Kulkarni; Arun Kulkarni; Chinmay Kulkarni; among other officials, students, and donors. On this occasion, renowned mathematician Prof. Dr. Ravindra Kulkarni stated that the Disha Pariwar Charitable Trust stands with the needy and marginalized sections of society, providing them with direction. This commendable initiative, which aims to break down the walls of caste and religion to ensure that everyone receives a good education, is truly inspiring. It is heartening to see many charitable hands contributing

to bring children who are deprived of education into the mainstream. Prof. Dr. Ravindra Kulkarni emphasized, "It is essential for the youth to be educated to keep up with the continuously evolving technology. Disha Pariwar's initiative of connecting donors with needy students ensures that young people with a passion for education are not deprived due to their circumstances. Once financial stability is achieved in life, everyone should contribute to social work. I will allocate 20% of my wealth for my close relatives and the remaining 80% for social work. I will assist the Disha Family through my foundation." Bhausaheb Jadhav re-

'Spectacular Saudi' brings a piece of Saudi to India from Sept, 25-October 2: Visas in 48 hours, travel discounts and exclusive giveaways

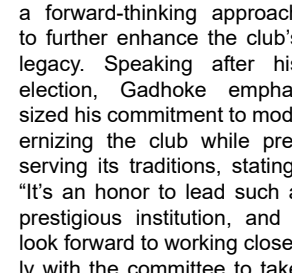


Pune (Voice news service):- Saudi's national tourism brand, 'Saudi Welcome to Arabia' will be hosting its first-ever immersive consumer event 'Spectacular Saudi', from September 25 to October 2, from 2:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at R2 Ground in BKC, Mumbai. Slated to transport visitors straight to the Heart of Arabia; the 8-day extravaganza promises a sneak peek into Saudi's many wonders and iconic experiences, all while extending the warm Saudi welcome. Visitors can expect unique immersive experiences including exhibits, culinary delights, Ardah dancers, Saudi coffee, traditional scents, and fashion—all under one roof. Each experience will offer an

interactive element, starting with traditional coffee, dates and Bakhour. Next, visitors will be guided through the 'mountains and mirrors' display, evocative of the iconic Maraya Hall in Alula. With many Instagram-worthy moments, visitors can start at the '360 Selfie Corner' and choose from a selection of backdrops showcasing the many seasons, and natural wonders Saudi has to offer, such as the wild lavender fields in Al Jouf. A must for fashion enthusiasts—the Sadu Art Installation—is bound to impress. Surrounded by colossal pieces of Sadu weaves, the display dwells into the history of this ancient craft that has been preserved by Bedouin women

and is recognized by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage practice. Gastronomy buffs can enjoy Saudi delicacies at the Al Balad-inspired culinary corner. Featuring exclusive giveaways and discounts tailored for Indian travellers, the Spectacular Saudi event is making it even easier for Indian travellers to apply for their Saudi visa! A true one-of-a-kind offering, all one has to do is present a valid Visa or Mastercard credit card at one of eight dedicated Tasheer kiosks, ensure the name on the credit card matches the passport and have sufficient funds available on the card. After that, sit back and relax as your visa will be in hand within 48 hours. On the travel front, SAUDIA Airlines is offering special deals, including a buy one get 50% off on the second ticket if travelling business class. Additionally, all economy class tickets will be 15% off. Attendees will also have the chance to participate in daily giveaways for free flight tickets for two to Saudi. With over 50+ travel trade offers, visitors can access incredible cashback and discounts on Saudi travel packages. Additionally, those booking Saudi packages will enjoy complimentary cultural city tours. Group tour packages to Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam will be available exclusively at the event, starting at INR 99,999 for 5 nights.

Gaurav Gadhoke elected as The President at The Poona Club Ltd Elections



Pune (Voice news service):- Gaurav Gadhoke has been unanimously elected unopposed as The President of The Poona Club Ltd. He is the youngest President. He is a Businessman operating in the road construction sector in the country and an avid Golfer. In his new role, Gadhoke is expected to bring fresh ideas, youthful energy, and

a forward-thinking approach to further enhance the club's legacy. Speaking after his election, Gadhoke emphasized his commitment to modernizing the club while preserving its traditions, stating, "It's an honor to lead such a prestigious institution, and I look forward to working closely with the committee to take The Poona Club Ltd to greater heights." Indraneel Mujugule has been elected as the Vice President. Mujugule, a businessman involved in building construction within the city, is also an avid golfer, sharing a deep passion for the sport with the new President. Together, Gadhoke and Mujugule are expected to form a strong leadership duo that will

steer the club through an ambitious new phase of growth and development. Results were announced at the 92nd AGM for the term 2024-2026. The following candidates were elected for The Managing Committee of The Poona Club Ltd- President: Mr. Gaurav Gadhoke- 1506 Votes, Vice President: Mr. Indraneel Mujugule-1490, Committee Members: Mr. Shashank Halbe- 1458, Mrs. Moshy Nagarkatti-Malaviya- 1414, Mr Vijay Advani-1337 and Mr.Pankaj Shah-1299. The Poona Club Ltd is one of the most prestigious clubs in the country, known for its cricket ground and extensive sports facilities, which include tennis, swimming pool,

squash, badminton courts, billiards etc. Its 18-hole championship golf course has been the stage for many memorable tournaments, making it a hub for golfers and sports enthusiasts alike. Under the new leadership of Gadhoke and his team, the club is poised for continued success and growth.

'Landscape & Legends: A Japanese Culture Mosaic' to be Held in Pune from 27 to 29 September

Pune: 'Landscape & Legends: A Japanese Culture Mosaic' will be hosted by Get Set Go Holidays, bringing a unique cultural experience to Pune. This three-day exhibition, set to run from 27th to 29th September 2024 at Yashwantrao Chavan Kala Dalan, Ko-thrud, will immerse visitors in the beauty and traditions of Japan through breathtaking photography and art. The exhibition will feature captivating landscape photography by Kiran Joshi and stunning paintings by artist Asawari Argade. Additionally, Japanese souvenir dolls, handcrafted items, and cultural artifacts will be showcased, highlighting the country's rich heritage. The event will be inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Medha Kulkarni, MP of Rajya Sabha, on 27th September 2024 at 11:00

AM. Junro Utsumi San, CMD of Hitachi Astemo FIE Pvt. Ltd., and Sudhir V. Gogate, Director of Hitachi Astemo FIE Pvt. Ltd., will be honored guests. The exhibition is expected to attract art and culture enthusiasts from across the city. With its wide range of Japanese cultural elements, the event offers a unique glimpse into the traditions of Japan.

Organized by Get Set Go Holidays' Directors, Mr. Amit Kulkarni, Ms. Asmi Kulkarni, and Ms. Manisha Nischal, the exhibition aims to promote cultural understanding and appreciation. The exhibition will be open all from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM on all three days. Visitors are encouraged to explore this vibrant cultural mosaic and discover the artistic treasures of Japan.

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Symbiosis launches Certificate Program in Entrepreneurship Development at Symbiosis Skills and Professional University (SSPU)

Pune: Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Symbiosis Skills and Professional University (SSPU) have collaborated to launch a certificate Program in Entrepreneurship Development- 'Launchpad 3.0' at its campus at Kiwale. This is a three month program including full time training, three industrial visits and one year incubation support.

Those who have Passed 12th ,ITI, or have completed Diploma, Graduation, or Post-graduation from a recognized board/university or those who have just started business at an informal level are eligible for this program (Age group 18-45 years). The program will admit 30 students after rigorous screening for entrepreneurial acumen and a personal interview. The last date for application is 30th

September 2024 . Apart from practical insights and hands on training, each successful venture has a chance of seed funding up to Rs 30,000/ The program launched by Symbiosis Skills and Professional University and SIDBI is in sync with our vision to create not only industry ready professionals but entrepreneurs who will drive our Nation into the future. SSPU is a centre not only for academics and graduation but a laboratory for young minds with entrepreneurship mindset to experiment with their ideas and bring them into reality. With best of infrastructure and state-of-the-art facilities SSPU is an ideal place to foster a culture of entrepreneurship. This is reflected in the fact that more than 25% students from SSPU are becoming entrepreneurs.

Royal Enfield Launches Exclusive Women's Wear Collection: She Rides Her Way

Pune: Royal Enfield, the global leader in the mid-size (250-750cc) motorcycle segment, launches its new range of lifestyle apparel & riding Gear exclusively for women. Supporting women in their pursuits of exploration this collection celebrates the ever-growing community of women riders. It offers premium gear and apparel that

seamlessly combines style, comfort, and protection, perfectly tailored to suit their every riding mood. Building on Royal Enfield's legacy of enhancing the pure motorcycling experience, the new Women's Wear Collection reflects the brand's dedication to crafting gear that aligns with the modern woman's personality and dynamic lifestyle.

Wellington College International Pune Celebrates Its Inaugural Founders' Day



Pune (Voice news service):- Wellington College International Pune (WCIP) celebrated its first Founders' Day with parents and pupils. Sir Anthony Seldon, the Founding Director of Wellington College Education (WCE) was the chief guest at this occasion. Pupils, parents and staff members participated in the auspicious event as WCIP marks a year since its inception. The event included speeches from Sir Anthony Seldon (Director, Wellington College Education), Mr. Anuj Aggarwal (Co-founder, Wellington College International Pune), Dr Murray Tod (Founding Master), Ms. Robin Shah,

a member of the Friends of Wellington community and a student council member, Maila Hekala. Ms. Resham Chordia, Director of Panchshil Reality, a member of the Board of Governors, also graced this special occasion. Following the speeches, Founders Day continued with the unveiling of the inaugural plaque and the carnival games and activities for the pupils, followed by a superb lunch. Sir Anthony Seldon threw light on how Wellington College UK decided to go global 15 years ago and with WCIP's completion of a successful year, he sees his vision translated. Mr. Anuj Aggarwal highlighted WCIP as one of the leading education institutes in India. He also recollected the achievements of the College in the past year. He made a special mention to the Founding Team of the school who with their vision, dedication, and perseverance



have created a strong foundation that has supported the pupils in their pursuit of knowledge, forging connections, embracing diversity, and fostering a sense of community. He also mentioned WCIP is aiming to introduce the IBDP in August 2025. Dr Murray Tod, the Founding Master of the school, provided insightful reflections. He highlighted that WCIP, with the completion of a successful academic year, has more than 150 enrolled pupils and that the schools feel remarkably different from its inception. He thanked all pupils, parents and colleagues for their unstintingly loyalty. The event also featured a speech from a student council member, Maila Hekala, who shared her experiences and the impact of the school on pupils' lives. She also mentioned how this year has brought not only age but growth and development. It is



rare, in a school community, to feel that you are making a clear difference to a growing organization and its culture, of which the most value to her is the warm nature of the school. Followed by this, Mr. Anuj Aggarwal and Dr Murry Tod inaugurated the plaque that marked the foundation of the school. As Wellington College International, Pune reflects on its first year and looks to the future, the Founders' Day celebrations highlighted the school's commitment to excellence and community.

MIT-ADTU Celebrates 7th Convocation Ceremony on September, 23, 2024



Pune: MIT Art, Design and Technology University, Pune, will celebrate its 7th convocation ceremony on Monday, September 23, 2024, at 3:00 PM at Vishwaraj Bagh, Loni Kalbhor, Pune. The event will be graced by the presence of Maharashtra Governor Hon. C.P. Radhakrishnan, who will confer degrees to 2,972 graduating students. The ceremony will be chaired by the esteemed Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, founder of MIT ADT University. This year, the prestigious Bharat Ratna Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Award will be presented to Padma Shri Dr. Jayantkumar M. Vyas from the National University of Forensic Sciences, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to science and technology. A total of 22 PhD scholars, 53 gold medalists, and 194 rank holders will be among the 2,972 students awarded degrees. The event is expected to draw over 8,000 attendees, including students and parents from across the country.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mangesh Karad expressed enthusiasm, stating, "This year's convocation holds special significance as Hon. Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan and Padma Shri Dr. Jayantkumar M. Vyas will be visiting MITADT for the first time. The excitement among students is palpable." The university, known for its transparent and digitalized examination system, has gained a reputation for producing impeccable results. Since its establishment in 2015, MIT ADT has rapidly grown, with this being the seventh successful convocation ceremony. Past convocations have seen distinguished personalities like Shri Nitin Gadkari, former Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, and ISRO Chairman Dr. S. Somnath in attendance, said by the Universities Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Ramchandra Pujeri, Dr. Mohit Dubej, Registrar Dr. Mahesh Chopade, Controller of Examination Dr. Dnyandeo Neelwara and other dignitaries in the recent press Conference.

Goethe-Institut Max Mueller Bhavan, Pune and SPPU sign MoU for teachers' training, arts, culture and literature

Pune: Goethe -Institut Max Mueller Bhavan, Pune and the Department of foreign languages (German Language) of Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding for teachers' training, arts, culture and literature. The MoU was signed by Mr. Markus Biechele, Director Goethe-Institut Pune, Ms. Alicia Padros, Deputy director and head of language department Goethe-Institut Pune, Prof. Dr. Swati Acharya, Head, Department of foreign languages, Savitribai Phule Pune University and Prof. Jyoti Bhakre, Registrar Savitribai Phule Pune University. The MoU will include taking forward the collaboration for teachers' training program (DLL -Deutsch Lehren Lernen or 'learning how to teach German') conducted by Goethe-Institute and will benefit those studying MA German at SPPU's foreign languages department and aspiring to become German language teachers. The MoU also extends to various activities related to arts, culture and literature. German section of SPPU foreign lan-



guages department will participate in various activities by Goethe-Institut and will also help reach to a wider audience. Mr. Markus Biechele, Director Goethe-Institut Pune said that Pune has a rich legacy of German language learning and presents a lot of career opportunities for students and in turn boosts Indo-German friendship and collaboration. We are extremely happy to partner with SPPU, this marks a significant moment for us. Dr. Swati Acharya, Head, Department of foreign languages, Savitribai Phule Pune University said that the pilot program of DLL was started in 2021 and more than 100 students have benefited so far. This MoU is a logical next

step in the long cooperation and very fruitful work which both the institutions have been doing together is an extension of ongoing collaboration between the two and paves the path for a sustainable partnership and co-operation. We already have courses in didactics for our MA students. We will officially incorporate many aspects and components of 'DLL' in the MA program which is conducted for four semesters. Apart from this selected number of students will be offered scholarships by Goethe Institute, Pune for select courses. Ms. Alicia Padros, Deputy director and head of language department Goethe-Institut Pune said that there is a

growing demand for German teachers in Maharashtra. Also growing number of students who decide to study German want to become teachers. So, this is the right time to consolidate the program and formalize the collaboration. It is here in Pune where German as foreign language began 110 years ago. It was the first place where German was taught. At Goethe- Institut we always look for partners and collaborate with those who want to learn German as a foreign language. All our activities are based on partnerships and mutuality. Mr. Markus Biechele, Director Goethe-Institut Pune added that "As the globally active cultural institution of the Federal Republic of Germany, we advocate for understanding between Germany, Europe and the world. 151 Goethe-Institutes in 98 countries (in India: 6 institutes) together with numerous partner institutions form the basis of our global network. With a wide range of educational and information programs, we support in particular students and skilled workers from abroad on their route to Germany."

Suryadatta emphasizes providing industry-oriented, holistic, and world-class education to students: Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordiya

Pune: Suryadatta Education Foundation's Suryadatta Institute of Management and Mass Communication (SIMMC) has been awarded an 'A' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). This prestigious recognition underscores the institute's commitment to excellence in education and its continuous efforts to enhance quality standards. The reaccreditation process, conducted by NAAC in the first week of September 2024, involved a comprehensive evaluation of the institute's academic and administrative performance. The 'A' grade reflects the high standards maintained across various parameters, including curricular aspects; teaching, learning, and evaluation; research, innovation, and extension; infrastructure and learning resources; student support and progression; and governance, leadership, and

management. Founder and Chairman of Suryadatta Education Foundation, Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordiya, expressed his delight at the achievement, stating, "This 'A' grade from NAAC has boosted our morale and motivates us to strive for even greater heights. The dedication and hard work of our faculty, staff, and students have been instrumental in this success." He reiterated that the Suryadatta Group remains driven by its vision of offering quality education, with a mission focused on skill-based training and research that meets industry demands. "We will continue our pursuit of excellence," he added. Suryadatta Institute of Management and Mass Communication is a leading educational institution dedicated to shaping the future of business leaders through innovative teaching methods,

cutting-edge research, and a commitment to academic excellence. The institute is AICTE-approved and offers two-year full-time MBA and MCA courses affiliated with Savitribai Phule Pune University. It follows a unique pedagogy for student development, which is experiential, holistic, integrated, inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centered, discussion-based, flexible, and enjoyable. The institute prepares its students to lead and succeed in a rapidly changing world. It also offers value-added certification courses that ensure holistic development, fostering 21st-century managerial and leadership acumen, work ethics, and technological expertise, leading to better employability and professional growth. In addition to academic rigor, SIMMC runs an Innovation and Incubation Center to promote entrepreneurship



among students. The center hosts startup festivals, design-thinking workshops, hands-on learning sessions, and various business idea competitions. It also organizes seminars, hackathons, and national and international conferences to nurture an entrepreneurial mindset. Centers of Excellence, such as AIMA Biz Lab, Innovation Next Lab, and AI Lab, further support research and innovation, preparing students to adapt to the evolving trends of the industry.

Umiya Mobile grandly launched its Punes first Showroom in Hadapsar

Pune: Umiya Mobile Pvt Ltd, a market leader in mobiles and accessories, grandly launched Pune's first mobile retail showroom in Hadapsar on Sunday. This is a unique showroom, where Umiya Mobile provides all brands of mobiles, accessories and other electronic devices under one roof at attractive prices and offers, for the customers. It is a spacious 1500 sq ft double showroom, located at Hadapsar Gadital on Solapur Road. Divisional Sales Manager of Samsung Satyajit Puri, Marketing Manager Rohit Bitharay, Distribution Head Vishal Maheshwari, Direc-



tors of Umiya Mobile Girish Patel, Kishore Patel & Bunni Patel, CEO of Umiya Mobile Amit Somani, Business Head Chandra Mohan D & other dignitaries were present for the launching ceremony. On the day of the launch the showroom received an enthusiastic response from the customers who took advantage of huge discounts, excit-

ing offers and attractive gifts. Amit Somani said, "Umiya Mobile is a leading mobile and accessories retailer in Gujarat. Now, Umiya has opened its first showroom in Pune at Hadapsar, and we are trying to provide the best quality mobiles at affordable prices to the Pune'ers. We are planning to open more shops in Pune along with

Pimpri-Chinchwad. Umiya Mobile has provided satisfactory service to the customers through more than 50 showrooms across Maharashtra, which has motivated us to reach more customers." "Umiya Mobile is one of India's fastest growing mobile retail chains. Pune has a huge market for mobiles and accessories and the customer base here is diverse. We provide them with quality mobiles, accessories, tablets, smartwatches, TVs, home appliances and other electronic products. We are also planning to start 9 more shops in Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad by Diwali," said Chandra Mohan D.

Stay Healthy and Safe This Monsoon: Dabur Chyawanprash Special Immunity-Boosting Event in Pune

Pune: As the much-awaited monsoon season arrives, offering a refreshing break from the sweltering summer heat, it also brings a host of seasonal ailments, especially for those with low immunity, including children. The drop in temperature and rise in humidity levels create an ideal environment for infections to thrive, making diseases such as cold, cough, malaria, dengue, typhoid, and pneumonia more prevalent. Ayurveda, a centuries-old science, provides a holistic approach to combating these seasonal threats. While modern medicine offers solutions for treating diseases, ancient Indian herbs and Ayurvedic formulations offer a preventive approach to maintaining a healthy and energetic lifestyle. One such powerful formulation rooted in the principles of Rasayana tantra—one of the eight specialties of Ayurveda focused on rejuvenation—is Chyawanprash. Dr. Deshmukh, said Chyawanprash is a well-known Ayurvedic formulation, used for decades for boost-



ing immunity and providing resistance against infections. Dabur Chyawanprash, based on an age-old formulation, is an Ayurvedic supplement, fortified with various herbs and minerals. Dabur Chyawanprash helps in prevention of a variety of diseases through its immunomodulatory effects. Dabur has conducted various clinical and preclinical studies which confirm Chyawanprash's beneficial effect on immunity, seasonal influences, nasal allergies and infections, etc. Chyawanprash helps balance tridoshas 'vata, pitta, and Kapha as mentioned in ancient ayurvedic scriptures. Dabur Chyawanprash helps activate Dendritic Cells, NK cells

& macrophages helping fight germs. Mr. Prashant Agarwal, Marketing Head - Health Supplements at Dabur India Ltd, emphasized, "With a rich heritage of Ayurveda and deep knowledge of nature, Dabur has always focused on providing safe, cost-efficient, and effective healthcare for all through the study of authentic Ayurvedic texts. Dabur Chyawanprash, a formulation created with ancient Indian knowledge of Ayurveda and the cutting edge of science, is the perfect way to protect ourselves from various day-to-day infections." Mrs. Medha Sinnarkar Principle Laxmanrao Apte Junior College expressed his grat-

itude, stating, "The Immune India campaign is in perfect sync with our school's mission to promote a healthy and active environment for our students. We believe that health and sports play a vital role in the all-round development of individuals." The event concluded with an interactive session where students actively participated and showcased their enthusiasm towards adopting a healthy lifestyle and engaging in sports activities. Dabur India, Corporate communication, Mr. Dinesh Kumar was present at the event. Dabur Chyawanprash's key ingredient, Amla (Indian gooseberry), is renowned for its immunity-boosting properties. Other ingredients, such as Guduchi, Pippali, Kantakari, and Shalparni, among others, work synergistically to alleviate common infections and allergies, particularly those affecting the respiratory system. This unique blend of herbs makes Dabur Chyawanprash a perfect ally in safeguarding health during the monsoon season. Each of them brings nearly two decades of experience in wealth management and private banking, with substantial expertise from leading institutions such as Centrum Wealth, HDFC Bank, HSB, Avendus Wealth, and Julius Baer.

Navchaitanya Hasya Yog Pariwar celebrated its 27th Foundation Day



Pune: "The laughter club has now become a movement, and the number of good initiatives like this should increase. Many non-political organizations are working in Pune to spread joy and bring new vitality to society. If we bring all such organizations together and work in coordination, Pune City will become happy and cheerful. For this, the Navchaitanya Hasya Yog Pariwar should take the initiative," stated State Minister for Higher and Technical Education Chandrakant Patil. "There should be a sentiment in society that 'serving humanity is serving God,' positivity should increase, and laughter yoga should become popular so that it can be recorded in world records like the Limca Book or Guinness Book. I will take the lead in organizing this world record event and will provide all necessary assistance. A record event where 25,000 people are practicing laughter yoga simultaneously should be organized in the coming months," appealed Chandrakant Patil. "Laughter yoga is a tonic for healthy living. The Navchaitanya Hasya Yog Pariwar has brought about a transformation in the lives of the elderly. This will certainly lead to the creation of a healthy society," expressed Murlidhar Mohol. "Navchaitanya is working to provide positive energy to society, and I will support efforts to take this work in Maharashtra to Delhi," said Prof. Dr. Medha Kulkarni. Vitthal Kate explained the expanding movement of laughter yoga, the benefits it brings to people, and the importance of laughter yoga. "We are working to bring joy to others," he said. Along with Makarand Tilou and Suman Kate, various laughter exercises were performed, spreading new vitality



in the hall. The Navchaitanya Hasya Yog Pariwar currently has 230 branches and 25,000 members. Our goal is to reach one lakh members, and we are attempting to start laughter clubs in 250 societies. We are pleased that laughter yoga branches are beginning to form online across the country and abroad. We are conducting laughter yoga workshops for professors, government employees, and companies," noted Makarand Tilou. During the event, around 400 members from various branches presented a cultural program.



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LGT Wealth India strengthens front-office

Pune: LGT Wealth India, a private wealth management firm within the LGT Group, announced the appointment of five senior leaders to its front office team. These appointments underscore the firm's unwavering commitment to growth in

India's burgeoning high-net-worth individuals (HNIs) and ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNIs) market. In a move to strengthen its market presence and enhance its wealth management platform for UHNI/HNI clients, LGT Wealth India has ap-

pointed five industry veterans and senior bankers as Executive Directors. Samish Patel, Bharat Anantvijayam, Nirav Desai, and Sameer Doshi have joined LGT from Centrum Wealth, while Raveena Yagnik joined from Avendus.

Each of them brings nearly two decades of experience in wealth management and private banking, with substantial expertise from leading institutions such as Centrum Wealth, HDFC Bank, HSB, Avendus Wealth, and Julius Baer.

HDFC Pension Becomes First Private Sector Pension Fund Manager to Surpass Rs. 1 Lakh Crore in AUM

Pune (Voice news service)-HDFC Pension Fund Management Limited (HDFC Pension), the largest private sector Pension Fund Manager under the National Pension System (NPS), has reached a significant milestone, surpassing Rs. 1,00,000 crore in Assets Under Management (AUM) as of September 12, 2024.

This achievement marks a doubling of AUM in just 16 months, from Rs. 50,000 crore in May 2023, driven by a remarkable 34.1% growth in the Company's Subscriber base, now totaling over 21 lakhs. As a wholly owned subsidiary of HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd., HDFC Pension's rapid growth underscores its leadership in the Pension Fund sector and its unwavering commitment to helping individuals secure their financial future.

HDFC Pension recently marked 11 years of successful operations and currently manages 43.6% of the total NPS AUM in the Retail and Corporate segment, with over 36.8% of all Subscribers in this segment choosing HDFC Pension as their preferred Pension Fund Manager (PFM), underscoring the Company's strong market leadership and the trust it enjoys amongst investors. The company has over 5000 committed Pension Agents and is the largest Corporate

NPS Point of Presence working with over 2800 companies servicing over three lakh employees across these Corporates. Sriram Iyer – Chief Executive Officer, HDFC Pension, remarked on this significant achievement, "We are truly humbled by the trust that so many individuals and institutions have placed in us. At HDFC Pension, our focus has always been on offering the best possible service to our Subscribers, Partners, Pension Agents, and Distributors. Reaching Rs. 1,00,000 crore AUM is a significant achievement and is the result of collective efforts and the faith of our stakeholders. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our customers, regulator - Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), National Pension System Trust, and our CRA partners – Protean eGov Technologies, KFin Technologies Ltd. and CAMS NPS for all their support." He further added, "The National Pension System (NPS) is an invaluable financial tool, empowering individuals to plan for their retirement with flexibility and cost-effectiveness. We remain committed to growing alongside our Subscribers, and we are confident that the NPS will continue to empower more individuals to prepare for their future with confidence."

Enhancing Debt Recovery through Respect: A Professional Guide to Field Collection

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Pune (Voice news service)- The landscape of debt resolution is one of the crucial aspects of the financial management for any bank and financial institution. The process of collecting overdue payments can be an arduous process especially when dealing with stressed borrowers. Dealing with distressed borrowers requires approaches that are respectful and professional to significantly enhance recovery rates.

Respect is the fundamental value for any human being which fosters positive interpersonal relationship. When borrowers are approached with respect and professionalism, it therefore results in enhanced communication and cooperation, and borrowers are more likely to be receptive about their financial hardship and finding better mutually agreed solutions. This is particularly essential in field collection, where face-to-face interactions can be delicate and sensitive. Moreover, respect helps maintain the dignity of the borrower. Financial difficulties can be a source of stress and embarrassment for many individuals. A respectful approach acknowledges the borrower's circumstances and avoids adding to their distress. This, in turn, can lead to a more productive conversation and a greater willingness on the part of the borrower to fulfill

their obligations. Strategies for Respectful Field Collection

1. Preparation and Professionalism: Before engaging in field collection, it is essential to be well-prepared. Lenders should have a thorough understanding of the borrower's account history and any previous communication. This preparation demonstrates professionalism and ensures that the interaction is based on accurate information. Additionally, lenders should dress appropriately and present themselves in a manner that reflects the seriousness of their role.

2. Active Listening and Empathy: Active listening involves paying full attention to the borrower's words, body language, and emotions. It is important to listen without interrupting and to show empathy towards the borrower's situation. Empathy does not mean agreeing with the borrower's perspective but rather acknowledging their feelings and concerns. For instance, if a borrower expresses anxiety about their financial situation, a lender can respond with understanding and offer support in finding a feasible solution.

3. Clear and Transparent Communication: Clear communication is key to avoiding misunderstandings and building trust. Lenders should explain the purpose of their visit, the outstanding

debt, and the potential consequences of non-payment in a straightforward and respectful manner. It is also important to provide information about available payment options and any assistance programs that may be helpful. Transparency in communication helps the borrower make informed decisions and reduces the likelihood of disputes.

4. Negotiation and Flexibility: Respectful debt resolution involves being open to negotiation and flexible in finding a solution that works for both parties. Collectors should be willing to discuss alternative payment arrangements, such as installment plans, that may be more manageable for the borrower. This flexibility demonstrates a willingness to work with the borrower and can lead to more successful debt recovery.

5. Maintaining Confidentiality and Privacy: Respect for the borrower's privacy is crucial. Lenders should conduct their interactions discreetly and avoid discussing the borrower's financial situation in public or with unauthorized individuals. Maintaining confidentiality helps protect the borrower's dignity and fosters a sense of trust. Benefits of a Respectful Approach

A respectful approach to debt resolution offers several benefits. Firstly, it enhances the



likelihood of successful debt recovery. Borrowers who feel respected are more likely to cooperate and make efforts to repay their debt. Secondly, it improves the reputation of the collection agency or business. A professional and respectful approach reflects positively on the organization's image and can lead to better relationships with clients and customers. Additionally, respecting the borrower can lead to longer-term benefits, such as customer retention and referrals. A borrower who is treated respectfully may continue to do business with the company in the future or recommend it to others. In conclusion, enhancing debt recovery through respect is a professional and effective approach to field collection. By prioritizing respect in interactions with borrowers, lenders can foster positive relationships, improve communication, and achieve better outcomes. This approach not only benefits the debt resolution process but also contributes to the overall reputation and success of the organization.

Global apparel market likely to reach US\$ 2.28 trillion by 2030: FICCI-Wazir Report on Textiles

Pune (Voice news service)- FICCI-Wazir today released a knowledge report 'Embracing Transformation: Sustainability, Digitalization and Innovation', which was released by Ms Roop Rashi, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India during the 15th edition of FICCI's Annual Textile conference 'TAG 2024', organized by FICCI and Department of Textiles, Govt of Maharashtra. The report highlights key trends in shaping the textile industry. These trends include buyers diversifying from China; Growing demand for synthetic textiles and evolving sourcing strategies of buyers including sourcing consolidation and preference towards vertically integrated setups. FICCI Wazir report provides a roadmap on the policy support required from government on each of the key pillars of Sustainability, Digitization and Innovation as well as Infrastructure support for the textile clusters for the sustainable growth. It also suggests role of private sector by way



of bringing increased focus on value-added products as well as Product Diversification. The report highlights how global brands are embracing sustainability amidst changing regulatory landscape, and how sustainability can be achieved through various measures. The report also provides an overview of the impact of digitalization for global competitiveness and how key technologies viz. Automation and Robotics Artificial Intelligence (AI), Blockchain, 3D Printing and Virtual Prototyping are driving digitalization. Ms Roop Rashi, Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India said, "The Indian textile industry must ensure that emerging

global trends in sustainability, digitalization, and innovation are effectively captured and utilized not only by large companies but also by MSME clusters. This will enable the entire textile value chain in India to make the most of new opportunities while simultaneously augmenting value returns and reinforcing quality assurance along the textile value chains across fibres." Ms Rashi also called for bringing greater support for MSME clusters for whom specific schemes and incentives are available from both the state as well as central government, however lack of awareness or capacity utilisation of some of the schemes. She also called for

stronger participation from startups to bring innovative solutions to the market and also get support from various government schemes. Mr Sanjay Arora, Business Director, Wazir Advisors stated that the global apparel consumption, which stood at US\$ 1.7 trillion in 2023 is expected to cross US\$ 2.3 trillion by 2030, growing at a CAGR of 4% from 2023. Whereas global textile and apparel trade is growing at a CAGR of 3% since 2010. "This has helped Asian economies greatly including India which grew at CAGR of 5%. Overall, the Indian textile and apparel industry is worth US\$ 172 billion in FY 24 and is growing at a CAGR of 6% over the last decade and requires more support to further grow at a higher pace," he added. The conference also deliberated on various issues concerning Aligning India Textile industry with global standards and transformation; Realigning Business to Build Sustainable Industry, Incorporating Digitalisation and Innovation in business DNA.

Freyr Energy set to redefine India's rooftop solar landscape with first-of-its-kind Experience Centre

Pune (Voice news service)- Freyr Energy, India's leading rooftop solar company for homes and small businesses, today announced its plans to open 45 Experience centers in all the cities in India. It will help homeowners and small businesses transition to solar with ease. This initiative aligns with the solar vision and sustainability goals of PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana MNRE. The solar experience centre will showcase and allow customers to interact with every component of a solar system, starting with solar panels, inverters, structures etc. Freyr's experience centers will offer a wide array of products, including KL Mono Perks and Mono Bifacial modules, as well as essential solar system components like inverters, ACDB and DCDB boxes, earthing cables, AC/DC cables, lightning arresters, and galvanized iron structures for modules.

This omni-channel approach complements the Freyr Energy App, where customers can get an instant quote, immediate loan approvals and track installation and system performance in real time. Every solar experience centre will generate a significant number of direct and in-direct jobs in the local community. Freyr Energy is launching its first experience center in Karimnagar, followed by two more experience centres next month in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam. Ms. Radhika Choudary, Co-Founder & Director of Freyr Energy, commented on the development: "Freyr Energy's initiative will open doors to potential customers who may have limited exposure to rooftop solar or rely on local service providers that often lack reliability for such long-term investments. The Solar Experience Centre will help us foster a deeper connection with customers



and make their decision to switch to solar simple. It will transform the Indian residential rooftop segment. Saurabh Marda, Managing Director of Freyr Energy, added, "This center strengthens our brand and helps build trust and awareness with customers. In the coming months, we will open one such centre in every city that we operate in. What sets Freyr Energy apart is our goal to provide a uniform customer experience to our customers across the country and ensure everyone has ac-

cess to the highest-quality solar solutions. We believe this differentiated approach will lead to more customers switching to solar and further accelerate growth for Freyr Energy." Freyr Energy has installed 60+ MW till date and aims to double its growth, with an end-to-end solar solution ecosystem approach. This retail expansion represents the next phase of its mission to empower individuals and businesses across India to harness the power of the sun.

Engineers' Day Celebrated by the Vidyarthi Sahayak Samiti

Pune: Engineers' Day was celebrated enthusiastically across the country on the birthday of the great engineer Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. In honor of Engineers' Day, a special program titled 'Pradyogiki: Sustainability' was organized by the Vidyarthi Sahayak Samiti. The objective of this special event was to celebrate innovations, collaboration, and outstanding contributions in the engineering field under the concept of 'Technology,' which symbolizes sustainability. The two-day celebration included various activities such as a hackathon competition, innovation fair, entrepreneurship competition, fun educational games, poster competition, a discussion session on 'Alasi Engineer,' and storytelling. Shailendra Chavan, Senior Manager at Bharat Forge, was present as the chief



guest. Also in attendance were Avinash Kumar Tiwari, Tech Lead at Roche Digital Center of Excellence; Manmohan Bhumkar, Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Pune Vidyarthi Griha's College of Engineering and Technology; Dr. Chandrashekar Talathi, CEO of Foundation for Make It Happen - Center for Innovation, Invention, and Incubation (FMCI); Nathaji Shelke, Founder of Helix Integrated Learning; engineer Vivek Salwaru; Rahul Chaudhary from Microp-

oint Computers; and Shri Deepak Narkhede, along with experts from the fields of AI, cloud computing, and the Internet of Things. In the competitions held on the occasion of Engineers' Day, the winners of the mock placement were Rajkanya Patil (first), Vaishnavi Lashkare (second), and Prathamesh Kate (third). In the hackathon competition, Dnyaneshwari Thorve (first), Dnyaneshwari Thorve (second), and Tanvi Gholap (third) were the winners. In the innovation fair and entrepreneurship

categories, Prasad Kade (first), Tanmay Bamdale (second), and Pallavi Shinde (third) secured top positions. In the poster presentation, Vaishnavi Biradar (first), Shivani Deshmukh (second), and Vaishnavi Harle (third) achieved success. This event was organized under the guidance of the Managing Trustee Tushar Ranjankar. Trustee Ratnakar Mate, President of the Vidyarthi Vikas Kendra Prabhakar Patil, former student and head of the Engineering Club Sunil Chore, former students Prof. Sachin Jaybhaye, Ganesh Chavan, Engineering Club Coordinator Akash Dubey, Club Heads Sashwati Kulkarni (Sumitratkuri), Anshu Kumari (Dr. Apte Hostel), and Rohit Gore (Lajpat Rai Student Hall) worked hard for the success of the program.

Tetra Pak and NIFTEM Sign MoU to Advance Food Processing Innovation in India

Pune (Voice news service)- Tetra Pak, a global leader in food processing and packaging, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli (NIFTEM-K) to drive innovation in the Indian food processing industry. Signed at World Food India 2024, a mega food event held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, this strategic collaboration aims to advance research, foster innovation, and enhance skill development in the sector.

Aligned with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries' (MoFPI) vision to enhance value addition, reduce waste, and promote sustainable growth and modernization within the industry, the partnership is poised to create impactful solutions that can benefit the Indian food industry at large. Cassio Simões, Managing Director, Tetra Pak South Asia, emphasized the significance of this partnership: "At Tetra Pak, we are committed to driving innovation and building a sustainable future for the food processing industry. India's food processing sector offers vast and diverse opportunities, with each sub-sector presenting unique growth potential. Our collaboration with NIFTEM-K is a key step towards nurturing talent and fostering research to tackle the evolving challenges. "Through this partnership, we aim to unite the strengths of academia and industry to de-



velop solutions that enhance food safety and quality, while supporting the growth and evolution of the entire ecosystem," he further added. Dr Harinder Singh Oberoi, Director & Head of Department, NIFTEM-K said, "As the global food industry continues to evolve, we move toward a future where food security, sustainability, and innovation are paramount, it is vital that we build strong partnerships across the industry. World Food India 2024 presents a unique platform to bring together thought leaders and innovators to address the evolving challenges of the global food landscape. At NIFTEM-K, we believe in the power of collaboration, and our recent MoU with Tetra Pak is a testament to that. By combining our expertise, we aim to push the boundaries of research and development, foster entrepreneurship, and create a stronger, more resilient food processing ecosystem in India and beyond."

The MoU focuses on the following key areas: Research and Development: Collaborate on joint projects for industrial and government-funded

initiatives, with outcomes like publications, patents, and technology transfer being jointly owned by both organizations.

Centre of Excellence: Establish a dedicated Centre of Excellence at NIFTEM-K, supported by Tetra Pak, to spearhead collaborative research and development activities.

Capacity Building: Conduct joint workshops, training sessions, and seminars to enhance knowledge and skills in food science, technology, and business management.

Internships and Placements: Facilitate internships and placements for students, providing them with valuable industry experience to help build successful careers in the food sector. Additionally, Tetra Pak will support post-graduate fellowships for PhD scholars, offering funding over three years to assist with research, including fellowship, contingency, and travel grants.

combining expertise, the two organizations aim to drive innovation through joint research and development projects. This will lead to new technologies and solutions that can significantly enhance food processing and packaging methods.

A study focused on food loss and waste (FLW) in India: Tetra Pak and NIFTEM-K are also working together on a pivotal study focused on food loss and waste (FLW) in India, specifically within the dairy and fruit value chains. The study aims to identify FLW hotspots, assess environmental impacts, and provide data-driven insights to guide policy development. Through bespoke research, the intention is to measure the environmental impact of losses, including GHG emissions that occur at various stages of dairy and fruit value chains across India. Further, the study will identify specific hotspots across India where these losses are most prevalent, and identify interventions needed to mitigate food loss at these hotspots. Loss rate data for production and post-harvest stages of milk in India will be analyzed from primary assessment-based national studies. Finally, GHG emissions as per the estimates of loss data in the years 2015, 2022, and the present study will be compared and analyzed. This collaboration underscores Tetra Pak's commitment to sustainability and to developing solutions tailored to India's unique challenges.

Maruti Suzuki WagonR Waltz Limited Edition launched with enhanced styling and features

Pune (Voice news service)- Continuing its endeavour to offer incredible value to customers, Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) has launched the WagonR Waltz Edition at Rs. 5,64,671 Lakh (ex-showroom). This limited-edition model combines stylish design upgrades with modern features, enhancing the appeal of the iconic WagonR for today's discerning customers.

The WagonR Waltz Limited Edition comes with a host of exterior elements such as fog lamps, wheel arch cladding, bumper protectors, side skirts, body side moulding, designer floor mats, interior styling kits, and a striking front chrome grille, among others. These features refresh the hatchback's look, enhancing the overall appeal. In ad-



dition, the WagonR Waltz Edition features advanced gadgetry* that includes a touchscreen music system, speakers, a security system, and a reverse parking camera—raising the overall driving experience. Since its debut in 1999, the WagonR has become one of India's most iconic hatchbacks, setting benchmarks for reliability and customer

satisfaction. Over 32.5 Lakh customers have placed their trust in the WagonR, making it one of the highest-selling cars in the country. Achieving its first 10 Lakh sales by 2012, and the next 10 lakh milestone by 2017, the hatchback has maintained its legacy, reaching an impressive 30 Lakh sales by 2023. In the last fiscal year, WagonR commanded

a 61% market share in the mid-hatchback segment, a figure that has grown to an impressive 64% in the current financial year. Maruti Suzuki WagonR comes with two advanced K-series engine options (1.0L and 1.2L) featuring Dual Jet, Dual VVT with Idle Start Stop (ISS) technologies. Both these units come with a choice between a manual and AGS transmission in petrol & with CNG fuel options being offered in 1.0L engine & manual transmission option. The popular hatchback also features a range of safety aids such as dual airbags, Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) with Electronic Brake-force Distribution (EBD), Electronic Stability Control (ESC) and Hill-Hold in AGS to offer a safe and confident driving experience.