



Pune Lights Up as Candlelight Concerts

Pune (Voice news service):- After captivating audiences in Mumbai, Delhi, and Ahmedabad, the globally renowned Candlelight Concerts brought their mesmerizing blend of live music and candlelit ambiance to Pune. The series made a spectacular debut in the Queen of the Deccan with the "Best Movie Soundtracks" performance. Produced by Live Your City, a division of Fever Labs Inc., Candlelight Concerts continue to broaden their reach in India by collaborating with local talent and curating a diverse array of musical experiences, ranging from classical masterpieces to contemporary hits. With the successful launch in Pune, Candlelight Concerts are poised to further expand their footprint across Maharashtra and beyond, making live music more accessible and enjoyable for music lovers throughout the region.



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Celebrate Onam with an Authentic Sadya Experience at Grand Hyatt Mumbai



Pune (Voice news service):- Step into the rich cultural heritage of Kerala with a lavish Onam Sadya at Grand Hyatt Mumbai's Fifty Five East on 15 September 2024. Renowned Chef Marina Balakrishnan is all set to curate an elaborate feast that promises to transport you to the heart of Kerala. Served on a traditional banana leaf, this multi-course vegetarian meal features over 27 distinct dishes, each representing the essence of Kerala's cuisine. Enjoy the

tangy and spicy flavors of Sambar and Rasam, alongside the comforting richness of Avial and Olan. As you savour this festive meal, your culinary journey begins with crispy banana chips and Sharkara Varatti, followed by delicacies like Kootu Curry, Thoran, and Pachadi. The meal culminates with a selection of traditional Payasams, each a sweet tribute to the festival's joyous spirit. Every dish is prepared using traditional methods to ensure an au-

thentic and unforgettable dining experience. **Menu Highlights:** Banana Chips: Crispy and golden, the perfect start to the Sadya. Avial: A mixed vegetable dish cooked with coconut and seasoned with curry leaves. Olan: A light and delicate preparation of ash gourd and cowpeas in coconut milk. Sambar: A tangy and spicy lentil-based stew with vegetables. Payasam: A selection of traditional sweet dishes made with milk, rice, and jaggery.

Hyundai Motor India Limited Introduces S+ (AMT) and S(O) + (MT) variants in Hyundai EXTER

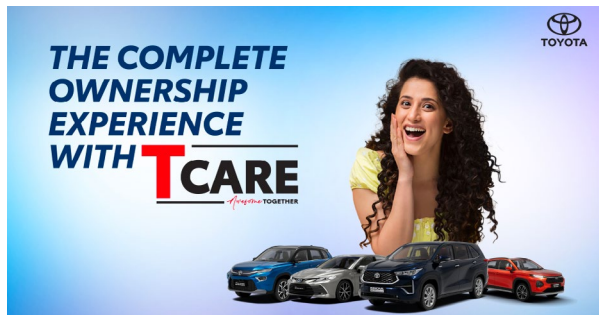
Pune (Voice news service):- Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) today introduced two new exciting variants S+ (AMT) and S(O)+ (MT) featuring smart electric sunroof in its popular entry SUV, the Hyundai EXTER. Designed with India's dynamic Gen MZ in mind, the Hyundai EXTER is perfect for customers driven by a passion for adventure and exploration. Both the S+ (AMT) and S(O)+ (MT) variants are powered by the robust 1.2L Kappa petrol engine, delivering exceptional performance on every journey. The Key features of S+ (AMT) and S(O)+ (MT) variants include Smart Electric Sunroof, Digital Cluster with Color TFT Multi-Information Display (MID), 20.32 cm (8")

touchscreen infotainment system with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, rear AC vents, all power windows, LED DRLs, front and rear skid plates, headlamp escort function, floor mats, and more. Safety remains a top priority for HMIL, and the new EXTER variants are equipped with a comprehensive suite of safety features, including 6 airbags, 3-point seatbelts for all seats, Day & Night IRVM, Tyre pressure monitoring system - Highline +, Electronic Stability Control (ESC), Hill-Start Assist Control (HAC), Vehicle Stability Management (VSM), burglar alarm, ABS with EBD, impact-sensing auto door unlock, and emergency stop signal (ESS), among others.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Introduces T CARE:

A New Initiative to Elevate Customers' Ownership Experience

Pune (Voice news service):- In its constant endeavour to exceed customer expectations by delivering exceptional experiences, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the introduction of "T CARE", an innovative initiative aimed at delivering a holistic ownership experience to their esteemed customers.



T CARE integrates a range of supports with value-added proposition under a single brand, ensuring that every engagement with the customer reflects Toyota's core values of reliability, quality, and exceptional care. Driven by a customer-centric approach, "T CARE" provides a comprehensive range of services that demonstrates the company's dedication to enriching customer delight and fostering long-term relationships. Covering everything from presales to aftersales and repurchases, T CARE integrates these offerings under one unified brand that includes, to name a few, T DELIVER brings unique last mile logistics of new car delivery via flatbed trucks, ensuring the vehicles reach their final Toyota touch point in brand new condition. T GLOSS offers end-to-end car detailing services, keeping the customers' cars in top condition always. T WEB provides a us-

er-friendly online platform for purchasing Toyota vehicles, providing customer convenience. T ASSIST offers 24/7 roadside assistance for 5 years, ensuring timely support to the customers. T SECURE provides peace of mind with an extended warranty for an additional 2 years. T SMILE offers customizable, hassle free and cost-effective pre-paid maintenance package. T SAATH ensures timely delivery of service parts and reaching closer to customer, thereby providing convenience. T CHOICE provides multiple service parts choice to the valued customer. T INSPECT provides vehicle inspection services under various used car related activities such as during the sale of used cars, used car financing, break in insurance renewal, etc. T SPARSH facilitates as a one-stop solution, focusing

er exceptional products and services, but also to foster a deep, lasting connection with our customers throughout their entire ownership experience with Toyota. The newly introduced T CARE initiative incorporates a wide array of offerings such as T DELIVER, T GLOSS, T ASSIST, T SAATH, T SECURE, T CHOICE and more, under a single brand allowing us to deliver seamless and personalized support that addresses the diverse needs of our valued customers across the rural and urban areas. We believe that T CARE will further strengthen our customer connect and fortify their immense trust placed in us over the years, thereby support Toyota's purpose of becoming a mobility company. Our aim is to ensure a truly satisfying experience for our discerning customers and continue to be the most trusted partner that caters to their ever-evolving mobility needs." Notably, TKM currently has 685 customer touch points plus 360 T Sparsh outlets, which cumulatively stands at a total of 1045 touch points across India, ensuring easy accessibility to Toyota's varied products and services, and thereby making it convenient for their esteemed customers.

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Samsung 'Solve for Tomorrow' 2024 Reveals the 10 Finalist Teams for the Grand Finale



Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung India today announced the Top 10 teams of 'Solve for Tomorrow' 2024, its flagship CSR programme. The top 10 teams will now advance to the grand finale where they will present their unique ideas to a grand jury comprising Samsung leadership and other key industry leaders. The shortlisted teams come from some of the country's remotest regions, including Golaghat and Kamrup Rural in Assam, Jhalawar in Rajasthan, Udipi in Karnataka, and Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh, highlighting the programme's deep regional penetration. These finalists underwent a rigorous selection process involving multiple rounds of pitch presentations to Samsung jury members and mentoring sessions by experts from Samsung and Foundation for Innovation & Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi. As a reward, each of these 20 teams received a grant of INR 20,000 for prototype development. In addition to this, the shortlisted teams from the youth track received latest Samsung Galaxy laptops while the teams from the school track received Galaxy tabs. In the 3rd edition of the programme, students submitted their ideas under two overarching themes: 'Community and Inclusion' and 'Environment and Sustainability.' Under these broad themes, most of the ideas focused on tackling key issues such as education and resource access for underprivileged communities, challenges in experiential learning, digital literacy, water conservation, and arsenic pollution. The teams also participated in an 'Innovation Walk', designed to provide mentoring, expert sessions and exposure to the students. This was held at various Samsung offices including Samsung R&D Centres in Bengaluru, and Noida, as well

as the regional headquarters in Gurugram. The students participated in sessions that were instrumental in providing insights to the product development process, which also helped them improve their ideas. This was followed by a National Pitch Event, where the final 10 teams were selected. "We are thrilled to witness the journeys of these 10 shortlisted teams from across the nation, which are nothing short of remarkable. The 'Solve for Tomorrow' programme has been able to expand the boundaries of creativity and capability for all participants, ultimately preparing them not only for the finale but for their future endeavours as well. Through the programme, we aim to equip the participants with technical skills, instill them with confidence and help them in thinking innovatively. As we approach the grand pitch event, we are excited to see how these participants will bring their path-breaking ideas to life and create positive social change," said SP Chun, Corporate Vice President, Samsung Southwest Asia. "The innovation and creativity displayed by these young minds are truly inspiring. Samsung's 'Solve for Tomorrow' programme has been a substantial contributor in providing these students with the right mentorship and training needed to refine, elevate and nurture their ideas. FITT takes immense pride in being a part of this esteemed platform, where young innovators are empowered with the skills and confidence that will remain integral to their future journeys," said Dr. Nikhil Agarwal, Managing Director, FITT, IIT Delhi. This edition of the 'Solve for Tomorrow' 2024 programme has seen participants from some of the country's most remote regions, including Imphal in Manipur, East Khasi Hills

of Meghalaya, and Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh. All students were inspired to develop ideas aimed at addressing societal issues, fulfilling Samsung's mission to leverage technological innovation to improve the lives of people, particularly those in underprivileged communities. Here are the finalist 5 teams of the School Track and the problems they are solving: SkyGuard Wildfire Monitoring: Reduce the adverse impact of air pollution and wildlife risks on communities, especially those in peri-urban, rural, and forested areas by developing solutions that focus on environmental monitoring and public health improvement by providing real-time data to mitigate the adverse effects. Eco Tech Innovator: The team is developing a solution to reduce the ill effects of arsenic contamination in drinking water sources, leading to reduction of essential minerals. Praeter VR: The team envisions developing affordable VR-based learning solutions for students who cannot afford the expensive ones. You: Provide support to the LGBTQ community by offering legal, and educational initiatives to encourage acceptance and equality. Hamaralabs: Developed an app that gives course information, breaking it down to make decision-making easy. Here are the finalist 5 teams of the Youth Track and the problems they are solving: Metal: Finding a solution to the problem of arsenic contamination, particularly in groundwater. Team Hema: Developed solutions to reduce the burning of agricultural waste. BioD: Offering solutions to help the overdependence of single-use plastics that contribute to carbon footprint as well as oceanic and landfill pollution. Ramdhan Lodha: Addresses agricultural challenges by offering sustainable and farmer-friendly solutions. EnvTech: Offering groundwater solutions to help reduce overdependence on borewells. Samsung India, for Solve for Tomorrow 2024, partnered and collaborated with the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi; the Ministry

of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY); Manthan, Office of Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India and the United Nations in India for the 3rd edition of the programme in India. This year, the 'Solve for Tomorrow' programme introduces two distinct tracks - School Track and Youth Track, each dedicated to championing a specific theme and targeted towards different age groups. Both the tracks will run simultaneously, ensuring equal opportunity and a level playing field for all students. The programme also introduced a new learning module - design-thinking workshops in over 100 schools across India to train and mentor students in school track. These workshops aimed at nurturing their problem-solving mindsets by providing them situational challenges and inducing them to build solutions. **What do the winners get: School Track:** The Winning Team will be declared as the "Community Champion" of Solve for Tomorrow 2024 and will receive a seed grant of INR 25 Lakh for prototype advancement. The schools of the winning teams will also receive Samsung Products to boost educational offerings, encouraging a problem-solving mindset. **Youth Track:** The Winning Team will be declared as the "Environment Champion" of Solve for Tomorrow 2024 and will receive a grant of INR 50 Lakh for incubation at IIT-Delhi. The colleges of the winning teams also receive Samsung products to boost their educational offerings, encouraging social entrepreneurship. First launched in the US in 2010, Solve for Tomorrow is currently operational in 63 countries globally and has seen over 2.3 million young people participate worldwide. With the global CSR vision of "Together for Tomorrow! Enabling People", Samsung Electronics is committed to provide education to young people around the world to empower the leaders of tomorrow. Read more stories on Samsung Electronics' CSR efforts on our CSR webpage <http://csr.samsung.com> SN: Samsung 'Solve for Tomorrow' 2024 Reveals the 10 Finalist Teams for the Grand Finale

Celebrating Teachers' Day: Honoring Our Learning Champions

Pune (Voice news service):- Think back to the teacher who made you feel seen, who recognized your potential even when you doubted yourself. Remember the lessons that stayed with you long after the school bell rang, the words of encouragement that gave you the confidence to chase your dreams. Teachers are the unsung heroes of our lives, dedicating themselves to shaping not just our minds, but our characters and futures. At DPS Varanasi, Nashik, Lava Nagpur, and Hinjawadi, we recognise our teachers as "Learning Champions"—individuals who go beyond the call of duty, committing themselves to the noble task of nation-building by nurturing young minds. These educators are more than just teachers; they are mentors, guides, and role models who inspire students to reach for greatness, dream without limits, and embrace lifelong learning. **Building a Community of Appreciation:** At our schools, we believe that teaching is not just a profession but a noble vocation that deserves immense respect and recognition. As the Director of these institutions, I am deeply committed to ensuring that our educators feel valued and supported, both professionally and personally. To achieve this, we have instituted several unique initiatives to connect with our teachers' families, recognising the crucial role they play in supporting our Learning Champions. One such initiative is our

"Happy Calling" program, where the school principal personally calls the families of our teachers to express our gratitude and appreciation. These calls serve as a heartfelt acknowledgement of the sacrifices and support that families provide, enabling our teachers to excel in their roles. We also invite families to our school to witness firsthand the impact of their loved ones' work and to join us in celebrating their achievements. This sense of community and shared pride helps create a supportive environment that extends beyond the classroom, fostering a culture of gratitude and respect. **Empowering Teachers as Nation Builders:** Teaching is one of the most honourable professions, and I firmly believe that teachers are the true nation-builders. They play a pivotal role in shaping not just the minds but also the character of our students, preparing them to become responsible and informed citizens. At DPS, we are committed to empowering our educators through continuous growth and professional development. To this end, we have established a dedicated Professional Development Cell that works tirelessly throughout the year to create diverse learning opportunities for our teachers. From workshops and seminars to collaborative learning sessions, we ensure that our educators are equipped with the latest knowledge, skills, and methodologies to provide the best

educational experience to every child. Moreover, we encourage our teachers to travel across the nation, exploring the best learning experiences and broadening their horizons. These journeys allow them to immerse themselves in different educational environments, observe best practices, and bring back innovative ideas that enhance our teaching methods. By equipping themselves with the skills and knowledge needed to excel, our teachers continue to grow as educators, ensuring that they can inspire and empower every student they teach. **A Vision for Nationwide Impact:** While my focus has been on empowering the teachers and school leaders within our schools, I am now looking to expand this vision to a national level. With this goal in mind, we have launched "Equanimity Learning," a pioneering initiative aimed at fostering a success mindset among educators across the country. Through Equanimity Learning, we strive to empower schools to continuously improve themselves, embracing innovation and excellence in their teaching practices. By investing in the professional growth of our educators, we hope to spread this wave of learning and empowerment to schools nationwide. My aim is to ensure that every child in India receives a world-class education. **Celebrating Our Real Heroes:** On this Teachers' Day, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every educator across the



nation. These are the true heroes who, day in and day out, dedicate themselves to shaping the minds and hearts of our future generations. They work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, to prepare our children for the challenges and opportunities that await them in life. As we celebrate the invaluable contributions of these educators, let us also reaffirm our commitment to supporting and empowering them in every possible way. Our teachers deserve more than just recognition; they deserve our full support to continue their journey of inspiring, guiding, and nurturing the leaders of tomorrow. To all the Learning Champions out there—thank you for your dedication, boundless passion, and deep commitment to the art of education. You are the backbone of our society, the pillars upon which our future stands, and we are profoundly grateful for everything you do. Today and every day, we celebrate you. **Authored By: Siddharth Rajgarhia Chief Learner & Director Delhi Public School Varanasi, Nashik, Lava Nagpur and Hinjawadi Co-Founder Equanimity Learning**

DPS Nashik's Aryan Shukla Receives Rs. 10 Lakh from Maharashtra Govt to Compete in Mental Calculation World Cup 2024

Pune (Voice news service):- Delhi Public School Nashik, student Aryan Shukla, an international mental calculation prodigy and Guinness World Record holder, has received financial assistance of Rs. 10 lakh from the Government of Maharashtra to participate in the Mental Calculation World Cup 2024. The upcoming tournament, scheduled from September 13-15, 2024, will take place in Paderborn, Germany, where Aryan will proudly represent India on the world stage. The cheque was presented to Aryan by the Honorable Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Eknath Shinde, along with Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Devendra Fadnavis and Shri Ajit Pawar. This significant gesture of support was facilitated by Maharashtra's Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Protection, Shri Chhagan Bhujbal, who responded to the Shukla family's request



for aid during a visit to Nashik for the Women Empowerment Meet. Aryan, a student of Delhi Public School, Nashik, expressed his immense pride and gratitude upon receiving the aid. "I am truly honored to have the opportunity to represent not just Maharashtra but also India at such a prestigious international event. This financial assistance will ensure I can compete to the best of my ability," Aryan said. Aryan's remarkable achievements include setting a Guinness World Record for "The fastest time to mentally add

our heartfelt gratitude to Shri. Chhagan Bhujbal, the Hon'ble Minister of Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Protection, Government of Maharashtra, Shri. Eknath Shinde, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri. Devendra Fadnavis, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri. Ajit Pawar, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, and the Government of Maharashtra for their support in nurturing talent from the grassroots level." Aryan, along with his father, Mr. Nitin Shukla, will depart for Germany on September 11, 2024, as he continues his journey to elevate the name of Nashik, Maharashtra, and India in the world of mental calculation. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Aryan for his success in the Mental Calculation World Cup 2024. Nashik is proud to have such a brilliant and dedicated young talent.

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Haier India Celebrates Ganesh Chaturthi with Exciting Discounts on Appliances

Pune (Voice news service):- Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated to honor the birth of Lord Ganesha, the god of wisdom, prosperity, and new beginnings.

In celebration of this divine festival, Haier Appliances India has announced an array of exceptional deals and discounts across its extensive range of consumer durables, including air conditioners, washing machines, robo vacuum cleaners, refrigerators, LED TVs, microwave ovens, and more.

These special offers are designed to enhance the spirit of celebration and togetherness during this festive season.

As part of the special Ganesh



Chaturthi sale, Haier India is offering a 22.5% instant discount on products across all categories, making it the perfect time to purchase consumer durables and elevate your festive celebration. Additionally, Haier India has introduced a fixed EMI plan starting at just ₹994, along

with flexible payment options of up to 36 months and an extended warranty for added peace of mind, allowing you to enjoy Haier appliances with ease and confidence. Glimpse of Haier Ganesh Chaturthi discount offers*: Enjoy up to 22.5% Instant discount on your purchase

Get EMIs starting as low as Rs 994/-, making it more affordable than ever. Benefit from Long EMI tenure of up to 36 months, providing flexibility in payments. Extended Warranty available on your select appliance, ensuring peace of mind. This Ganesh Chaturthi, whether you're seeking a new refrigerator, washing machine, TV, or any other home appliance, Haier has the perfect solution for you. Seize these exciting offers by visiting any Haier retail outlet across India and bring home the best in innovation and quality. Enhance your festive celebrations and make this joyous time even more special.

SMFG India Credit Launches its 1000th Branch; Commemorates Milestone with Special Cover & My Stamp Release

Pune (Voice news service):- SMFG India Credit Co. Ltd., a prominent player in India's Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) sector, proudly announces the opening of its 1000th branch, located in Vashi, Navi Mumbai.

This landmark event underscores the company's unwavering commitment to expanding its footprint across the country and bringing financial services to underpenetrated markets. To mark this significant milestone, SMFG India Credit has collaborated with India Post to release a Special Cover & My Stamp.

The official unveiling was graced by the presence of Mr. YAGI Koji, Consul-General of Japan in Mumbai, Mr. Abhijeet Bansode, Director - Postal Services (HQ) Maharashtra Circle, alongside Mr. Shantanu Mitra, CEO & MD of SMFG India Credit. The launch of the 1000th branch is a testament to SMFG India Credit's strategic vision of deepening



its presence within the large and diverse Indian market. Since its inception in 2007, the company has consistently pursued growth, evolving into a Pan-India institution that now operates in over 670 towns and 70,000+ villages, supported by a workforce exceeding 23,000 employees. Over the past two years, SMFG India Credit has added approximately 300 new branches, with a significant 95% of these branches established in Tier-2+ cities and

semi-rural areas. This expansion aligns with the company's mission to extend formal credit access to diverse populations across India, empowering them to achieve financial independence. Reflecting on this momentous occasion, Mr. Shantanu Mitra, CEO & MD of SMFG India Credit, stated, "The inauguration of the 1000th branch is a significant milestone that demonstrates our deep commitment to providing formal credit access to people

across India and helping them achieve financial independence. As we celebrate this achievement, we are proud to release a Special Cover with My Stamp in association with Department of Post, symbolising the significance of the growth achieved by the company so far and the contributions to India's financial services sector. Our journey has been one of continuous evolution, adapting to the changing needs of our customers while staying true to our mission of enabling access to financial services to all and achieving fulfilled growth"

This milestone not only highlights the success of the company's growth strategy but also reaffirms its role as a vital contributor to India's financial services sector. With the inauguration of the 1000th branch, SMFG India Credit sets the stage for further achievements in its pursuit of becoming the financial partner of choice for every Indian.

JW MARRIOTT AND FLAMINGO ESTATE DEBUT A BRAND PARTNERSHIP TO GUIDE TRAVELERS ON A SENSORIAL JOURNEY ROOTED IN WELL-BEING

Pune (Voice news service):- JW Marriott Bengaluru Prestige Golfshire Resort & Spa, Bengaluru, September 4, 2024 - Scent. Sound. Taste.

Three of the most powerful senses are at the core of the new brand partnership by JW Marriott, part of Marriott Bonvoy's portfolio of over 30 extraordinary hotel brands, and Flamingo Estate, the celebrated, California hillside-based lifestyle company dedicated to radical pleasures from the garden. Grounded in a shared ethos of fostering holistic well-being through a deep connection with nature, this dynamic collaboration will traverse several sensorial touchpoints and bridge the many paths to mindfulness.

The JW Marriott collaboration with Flamingo Estate, was unveiled by an elegant evening of celebrations held on September 3, 2024, at the JW Marriott Bengaluru Prestige Golfshire Resort & Spa. This significant event also served as a tribute to the 40th anniversary of the iconic JW Marriott brand, which has spent four decades epitomizing luxury and refinement in its properties and distinctive resorts in 40 countries and territories around the world. In honor of this milestone, the brand is celebrating with a series of signature Garden Parties hosted across select JW Marriott properties globally. These exclusive events seamlessly fuse the sophistication of luxury hospitality with the tranquil beauty of nature.

Guests were invited to embark on a refined multi-sensory journey; enveloped in an elegant garden-inspired fragrance entitled "Expansion", accompanied by curated nature-infused soundscapes. A celebration of true hospitality, the exclusive dinner featured exquisitely presented cuisine and décor that showcased the unique offerings of Flamingo Estate. Each dish was meticulously prepared with fresh, locally sourced produce from the resort's JW Garden and was enhanced by the soft, flickering glow of butter candles.

"Together, JW Marriott and

Flamingo Estate are reimagining luxury hospitality by cultivating a fusion of elegance and sensorial experiences that deeply resonate with travelers seeking to elevate their path of well-being," said Bruce Rohr, Vice President and Global Brand Leader, JW Marriott. "JW Marriott and Flamingo Estate have strong commonality between their guiding principles which makes this collaboration a natural, well-balanced, and symbiotic fit. JW Marriott is dedicated to curating an atmosphere that allows our guests to be present in the mind, body, and spirit."

"We are honoured to be the first to unveil the JW Marriott and Flamingo Estate collaboration in India, while celebrating the brand's 40th anniversary milestone," said Ronan Fearon, General Manager of JW Marriott Bengaluru Prestige Golfshire Resort & Spa. "This event embodies our commitment to redefining luxury by blending elegance with immersive experiences, offering a setting that harmoniously combines sophistication with genuine hospitality. The occasion was both memorable and transformative, nurturing the well-being of our guests."

The celebration was beautifully themed around Alice's Garden, brought to life through the signature Breaking of the Bread ritual. This meaningful tradition was elevated by the gentle flicker of edible butter candles, creating an ambiance of warmth and connection. The toast was raised as a salute to good health and gratitude, encapsulating the spirit of the evening. Inspired by Alice Marriott's love of flowers, the Seed paper menus added a thoughtful and sustainable touch. The dinner's signature ingredients, fresh mint and pomelo, were sourced directly from the JW Gardens, adding a fresh and locally grown essence to the event. This celebration seamlessly blended tradition, innovation, and a deep appreciation for nature, making it a truly unforgettable experience.

In tribute to its founder Alice Marriott, each guest received a commemorative gift of raspberry jam made from her orig-

inal recipe.

Serenity Through Scent Inspired by the JW Garden, a space to connect with nature at JW Marriott properties around the world where herbs and produce grow in harmony as part of the guest culinary experience, Flamingo Estate, together with JW Marriott, has carefully crafted an exclusive, co-branded scent: Expansion. The moment they are welcomed in, guests at JW Marriott Bengaluru Prestige Golfshire Resort & Spa will be met with an herbaceous and uplifting scent that beckons presence and expansion. The verdant aroma provides a direct conduit to the natural world with notes of lush greenery, damp earth, and rich flowers, adorned with a base of warm, creamy woods. Other complementary ingredients include white lotus flower and rosemary. The scent is energized by the Holy Basil plant, known as the "Queen of Herbs", which is revered for its adaptogenic qualities and has a unique ability to promote balance depending on the individual's needs. This elixir has traditionally been used in Ayurvedic medicine as a tonic for the mind, body, and spirit. The Expansion scent will also be encapsulated in a signature candle that is hand poured in Los Angeles.

Harmonizing Wellness with Sound JW Marriott and Flamingo Estate have developed four exclusive playlists, each meticulously crafted to correspond with the distinct energy of the different times of the day, respectively titled: Aurora, Sun, Dusk, and Moon. These signature playlists have been designed to foster a profound connection to Mother Nature and encourage mindfulness. The playlists will be incorporated into the global sound strategy which will launch in public spaces at JW Marriott Bengaluru Prestige Golfshire Resort & Spa, serving as a soundtrack to welcome guests upon arrival in the lobby and seamlessly integrate into the guest's stay. JW Marriott and Flamingo Estate's perspective on sound is to ignite feelings of self and revitalize the spirit - morning, afternoon, evening, and night. The Aurora playlist, designed

to be played in the morning, creates a peaceful ambience grounded in meditative jazz and minimal instrumentals; the Sun playlist, created for daytime listening, raises energy levels with uplifting music featuring mid-tempo beats; the Dusk playlist, intended for the evening transition period, sets a dreamy atmosphere with soft and soulful tunes; and the Moon playlist, suitable for nighttime, cultivates the perfect blend of warmth and spirit with melodic compositions to wind down from the day. Curated playlists will also be accessible on Flamingo Estate's Spotify channel.

Sweetening the JW Journey As the third product of the sensorial partnership, JW Marriott and Flamingo Estate have expertly crafted a signature honey. This classic California wildflower co-branded honey features adaptogenic Holy Basil and Bergamot to promote well-being and resilience to stress. It will be available to JW Marriott Bengaluru Prestige Golfshire Resort & Spa guests, where they will delight in the sumptuous taste of one of the world's most ancient elixirs. The co-branded honey captures a fleeting moment in the season where flowers burst into blooms, fossilized in a sweet nectar full of nuance and promise. "We both believe in real hospitality, and it's at the heart of what we do. The rare art of making someone feel loved and cared for," said Richard Christian, Founder, Flamingo Estate. "This is communicated through all these senses, but especially taste, touch, and smell, which is why we are excited to collaborate with JW Marriott."

Shop the Senses With the inaugural launch of Flamingo Estate in India, JW Marriott Bengaluru Prestige Golfshire Resort & Spa features a retail pop-up where guests can purchase exclusive products from the Flamingo Estate product line, including the signature Expansion scent and artisanal honey. This stylish space allows guests to take home a piece of their luxury experience with an exclusively crafted Candle, body oil, Soap and honey.

First edition of Vednirmitee Reality Presents Dixit Lifestyle® Half Marathon on November 17th, 2024

Pune (Voice news service):- Inspired by late Dr. Shrikant Jichkar, public health expert and researcher, Dr. Jagannath Dixit initiated "World free of obesity and diabetes" campaign in 2013. Dixit Lifestyle (R) of eating only two meals and walking 4.5km in a day became popular. Today it has reached 43 countries with millions of followers. Dr. Dixit and his colleagues founded a charitable trust namely, Association for Diabetes and Obesity REversal (ADORE) at Pune in 2018 to realise the dream of obesity and diabetes free world. ADORE runs 14 diabetes reversal counselling centres in India including one centre at Pune. These centres have helped more than 25 thousand diabetics.

In fight against diabetes, improving lifestyle should be the main advice, as it is a lifestyle disorder. Unfortunately patients go on taking medicines throughout their lives and in increased dosages and numbers of medicines. Dr. Dixit's campaign gives a hope to patients of obesity and diabetes that by following Dixit Lifestyle they can definitely revert these conditions. This is a revolution happening in treatment of type 2 diabetes. In this uneven battle, people are with the campaign supporting it wholeheartedly. The



campaign is free of cost and not a single rupee is taken from any patient. ADORE is organizing this first edition of Vednirmitee Reality Presents Dixit Lifestyle® Half Marathon on 17th November as World diabetes day is on 14th November. The purpose of organizing the half marathon are manifold. Firstly we want to create awareness about Dixit Lifestyle as an effective and scientific method to cause weightloss and diabetes remission. Secondly it will give an opportunity for our followers and sympathizers to stand with us in solidarity against the dreadful diabetes. Thirdly it will connect more obese and diabetic people with the campaign who shall get benefitted. Fourthly it gives opportunity for donors to support this noble cause. Also to make people aware about the importance of exercise and running along with a healthy

lifestyle as an effective tool in diabetes management. Lastly this event will instill hope and positivity in the minds of suffering lay people and empower them to take responsibility of their own health. blueBrigade Sports Foundation having an emotional involvement in diabetes, is organizing this event in collaboration with ADORE. blueBrigade has the expertise in organizing running events since 2015 and has in the past organised key running events in Pune & Nashik. The recently concluded Vednirmitee Reality Presents NDA Marathon by blueBrigade had around 15000 participants to commemorate the 75 glorious years of NDA. For the Dixit Lifestyle® Half Marathon we are expecting a participation of thousands of people from all walks of life. Participation of not just the running community in India but also the thousands of

followers of Dixit Lifestyle® across 22 states in India. We also have a virtual run segment for thousands of Dixit Lifestyle® followers from 43 countries around the globe. Come run in the heart of Pune City.

On the momentous day of 17 November 2024 thousands of participants will converge at Pt Nehru Stadium, Near Swargate, Pune, to participate in the first edition of Vednirmitee Reality Presents Dixit Lifestyle® Half Marathon which is slated to be an annual event in the running calendar of India. The event will have different distance categories of 3K Family Walk/Run 5K, 10K & 21K with attractive prize money. Registrations are open for Vednirmitee Reality Presents Dixit Lifestyle® Half Marathon with a 20% Early Bird Discount Offer till 25th September.

Free training for all registered participants of the Vednirmitee Reality Presents Dixit Lifestyle® Half Marathon will be given at 8 training locations of blueBrigade Sports Foundation at Lullanagar, Kothrud, Katraj Kondhwa, Vimanagar, Salisbury Park, NIBM Raheja Vista, Vimanagar & Baner.

For Registration and joining the training sessions call Mr Ajay Desai - 9766353337 / www.bluebrigade.club.

Sprinting to Glory: Celebrating India's Sporting Triumphs Documented in the Limca Book of Records

Pune (Voice news service):- As India celebrates National Sports Day on 29th August, we shine a spotlight on the extraordinary achievements that define India's sporting legacy with the Limca Book of Records. As a nation that celebrates each victory like a festival, we revel in the glory of our athletes who sprint, soar and score to make history. From setting new world records to inspiring generations, Indian athletes consistently push the boundaries of excellence to earn their place in India's first-ever record book, now in its 33rd edition.

The Limca Book of Records commemorates these awe-inspiring milestones, capturing the essence of our country's passion for sports, and igniting a spark of determination in the hearts of millions of readers.

Join us as we dive into the latest edition and catch a glimpse of the sporting excellence that leaps off the page, showcasing the unbeatable spirit that truly makes India a powerhouse of talent.

First Indian fencer to win a medal at the Asian Fencing Championships - C.A. Bhavani Devi became the first Indian fencer to win a medal at the Asian Fencing Championships by winning the bronze medal in 2023.

Most medals won by a female athlete at the Asian Games - Shooting Shooter Esha Singh, an 18-year-old pistol shooter from Telangana, emerged as the most successful athlete in terms of medals won at the Asian Games 2023.

Longest Bakasana Virendra Vikram Singh (b. 2 December 1954) from Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh, performed the Bakasana (crane pose) for 5 mins from 6:10 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. on 16 May 2022 at the M.P.P Inter college, Balrampur.

Youngest World Champion - Archery Teen archer Aditi Swami became the youngest-ever senior world champion in the World Cup era (2006 onwards) at the age of 17 when she won the gold medal at the World Archery Championships 2023 in Berlin, Germany.

Fastest GQ expedition - group - Women Sukraty Saxena, Rupam Devedi, Swaranjali Saxena, and Aparala Rajvanshi completed the Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) expedition, covering a distance of 6,263 km in 6 days 14 hrs 5 mins. They started their expedition at 1:35 a.m. on 10 May 2023 from India Gate, New Delhi, and concluded it at 4:30 p.m. on 16 May 2023 at Subroto Park Air Force Station, New Delhi.

Adventure (WR): Youngest in the world to complete the Ocean's Seven Challenge Prabhat Koli (b. 27 July 1999)

This achievement places him alongside discus thrower Vikas Gowda and javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra as one of the few Indians to earn a top-three finish in Diamond Leagues.

Most runs in a single cricket World Cup edition Virat Kohli became the batter to score the most runs in a single World Cup edition with 765 runs in 2023, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's earlier record of 673 runs in 2003.

First pair to win the mixed doubles gold medal in squash at the Asian Games 2022. Dipika Pallikal and Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu became the first pair to win the mixed doubles gold medal in squash at the Asian Games 2022.

First to finish among podium places at Diamond League - long jump Murali Sreeshankar, a long jumper from Kerala, made history by becoming the first Indian long jumper to secure a podium finish at a Diamond League event. He finished third at the Paris Diamond League 2023 with an impressive leap of 8.09 meters.

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SFA Championship 2024 to Kick off on October 4



Pune (Voice news service):- Sports For All (SFA) announced the launch of the SFA Championships 2024-25 across 10 cities in India and will feature over 150,000 participants from more than 7000 of India's best sporting schools. Students will compete in 31 sports across all the centres. The SFA Championships will also be going to Nagaland (Dimapur) for the first time in its nine-year history. Registrations for the SFA Championships are now open on www.SFAPLAY.com

The SFA Championships have consistently grown since its inception. Starting with Mumbai in 2015, 21

championships have been held since then in Pune, Hyderabad, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Bengaluru, Indore, Ahmedabad and Jaipur. The 2024 edition will kick off on October 4 in Uttarakhand, and Jaipur will host the final championship from December 6-16.

SFA is an organisation that is professionalising, organising and monetising grassroots sports with a mission to develop India into a country that believes in the value and invests in the culture of sport.

"Rajaz Joshi, Founding Member and Chief Operating Officer of SFA, further added, "At SFA, our com-



mitment goes beyond just organising the SFA Championships; it's about elevating grassroots and participative sports across India. By keeping the athlete's needs at the forefront and integrating technology we have built one unifying platform to discover talent at the click of a button, across multiple sports. Our championships have already ignited a sporting passion among over 350,000 young athletes from close to 7000 schools.

This will help us build a resilient and resurgent sporting nation as we take school sports to the centre stage" The SFA Championships

offer athletes between the ages of 3-18 the opportunity to participate in 31 different sports.

SFA also enhances the experience of and benefits to competing athletes by integrating technology in the form of AI-powered match videos and tech-enabled fitness assessments thus providing athletes and coaches with detailed performance analytics so that they can take strategic data-driven training decisions.

The SFA Championships will also be showcased in a series on grassroots and participative sports on one of India's largest OTT platform - JioCinema.

42nd Annual General Meeting of 'Association for the Promotion of Plastics'



Pune (Voice news service):- The Association for the Promotion of Plastics (APP) held its 42nd Annual General Meeting (AGM FY 2023-24) at PTC Gymkhana on Wednesday 4 September 2024. Mr. Anil Naik, President APP, Mr. Pranav Belhekar, treasurer, Sameer Kothari Secretary and N. Shankaraman Vice President were present on the occasion. Mr. Anil Naik, President APP said that the number of member companies have increased during this year and demonstrates the progress of the organisation and its commitment for the welfare of the sector. He added that 'Plasto Exhibition' the flagship project of APP to be held on 8-11 JAN 2025 has received a very good response. 'Plasto 2025' will be held at a much grander scale at Moshi International Exhibition centre with an area of 1,00,000 sq ft out of which 70 percent has been already booked. The annual general meeting

also discussed the work in progress for Plasto 2025. During the meeting it was also decided to expand the Plasto committee with advisors which will benefit the endeavour. All new members were handed over certificates, bags and pins. A moment of silence was observed for late Mr. Radheshyam Bhattad and late Mr. Yashwant Karve who were senior members of the association and passed away this year. Association for the Promotion of Plastics (APP) was established in Pune in 1981. The basic objectives of the Association are to promote the growth of Plastics and related industries, create common platform and to bring together the members, solve common problems of Plastic and Polymer Industry and to educate the members and propagate up-to-date knowledge related to Plastics-Polymers and spread technical advancement.

Indian School of Business and Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad feature on the LinkedIn Top MBA list for 2024

Pune (Voice news service):- To help professionals develop their skills and expand their career opportunities, LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, has launched a list of Top 20 MBA Programs to help professionals identify the top business schools to grow their careers. The Indian School of Business (#6) and the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (#19) have been ranked among the Top 20. Stanford University, leads the global list, followed by Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires (INSEAD), France and Harvard University, USA, at second and third rank, respectively. The list evaluates each program on five key pillars including Job Placement, Ability to Advance, Network Strength, Leadership Potential and Gender Diversity to

determine the ones that best set their alumni up for long-term career success. Nirajita Banerjee, Senior Managing Editor and Career Expert, LinkedIn News India, said "An MBA can be a powerful tool for professionals looking to accelerate their careers, whether they're aiming for leadership roles, exploring new industries, or even starting their own business. Beyond earning a degree, it's a chance to hone key in-demand soft skills like strategic thinking, leadership, and problem-solving - all while building connections that can open doors to new opportunities long after graduation. LinkedIn's Top MBA list aims to help aspiring professionals find the right fit, making their investment truly impactful by connecting them to the programs that can best help them achieve their career goals."

Emerging technologies can help bridge the care gap - Dr. P. Jagannath

Pune (Voice news service):- Technology and AI will transform healthcare and way doctors are going to work. It will not replace doctors, not compete, but assist them, so we doctors need to adopt and use these technologies. Emerging technologies can help bridge care gap opined Dr. P. Jagannath Chief of GI oncology Lilavati hospital and Director Continental Cancer Centre, Continental Hospitals, Hyderabad. He was delivering 'Prof. Dr. Shashank Shinde Memorial Lecture' at the inauguration of the second annual conference of 'The Oncology Group of Pune'. Dr. Sanjay Deshmukh, founder President of The Oncology Group Pune, Dr. Girish Phadke, organizing chairperson, organizing secretaries Dr. Sujay Hegde and Dr. Chetan Deshmukh, renowned surgeons Dr. Jaising Shinde, Dr. Ramesh Dumbre Dr. Manish Bhatia, Dr. Debanshu Bhaduri among others were present at the inauguration. The two-day conference was based on the theme 'Navigating Controversies: Unravelling Dilemmas in GEJ & Colorectal Cancer'. The conference hosted 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 were discussed. Dr. P. Jagannath said that for Cancer Care or any Clinical Care, technology is the way to make sure transformation happens. Like UPI completely disrupted the financial system, healthcare will be disrupted in the next two to three years and for good. It will change the way we work. Considered as a pioneer in Hepato Biliary Pancreatic Surgery in India, Dr. P. Jagannath invoked memories of his earlier days at Tata Memorial Hospital, he spoke about the brilliance of Dr. Shashank Shinde and how he was glued to patient care. He added that clinical output is fine but with such a large clinical volume in our country, we should have collaboration between centres, better documentation, research, good quality publications to have good academic output. 'The Oncology Group Pune', was formalised in 2019, first conference took place in 2022. Today the group comprises of over 200 oncologists from in and around Pune.

Dyson Opens Maharashtra's Largest Demo Store in Pune

Pune (Voice news service):- Dyson, the global technology company, today announced the opening of Maharashtra's largest Demo store in Pune. Located in the city's premier shopping destination, Phoenix Mall of the Millennium, the Dyson Demo store showcases Dyson's full portfolio of products, helping customers better understand how the technology works. From showing the effectiveness of Dyson vacuums on different floor types and debris (from cereal to confetti and various types of dust) in a 'real-life' setting to air quality demonstrations that show real-time indoor air quality data, there are also two Dyson styling stations where shoppers can have their hair styled with the latest Dyson beauty technologies. Additionally,



the store features a dedicated zone for Dyson's audio category, where customers can experience and purchase Dyson's high-fidelity headphones. "Dyson Demo stores are about discovery and experience, not just selling products. With the opening of Maharashtra's largest Demo store in Pune, we invite Dyson

owners and shoppers to visit our Dyson Demo stores for an uninterrupted, hands-on experience, leading to the ultimate Dyson's try-before-you-buy retail experience," said Ankit Jain, Managing Director of Dyson India. To experience Dyson's latest technologies first-hand, including the recently launched

Dyson Airstair™ Straightener, customers can consult with a Dyson Expert for personalised advice. At the styling stations, Dyson stylists offer live demonstrations using Dyson beauty products, catering for all hair types and styling needs. Complimentary in-store styling appointments and masterclasses can be booked through the website at www.dyson.in. **Dyson Demo Stores in India** - The new Dyson Demo Store, located on the upper ground floor of Phoenix Mall of the Millennium is officially open to the public from 10 am to 10 pm. -The new Dyson Demo Store in Phoenix Mall of the Millennium spans 1016 sq. ft. -Dyson Demo stores are also present across multiple locations in India.

Ride the Tide of New Technology to achieve success



Pune: The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI) felicitated the achievers of the Cost and Management Accountants intermediate and final exams at an event organized at CMA Bhawan in Karve Nagar. On this occasion, Dr. Vivek Sawant, Chief Mentor of Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited (MKCL), guided the students on how using technological innovations has become pivotal in achieving success. The felicitation program was graced by CMA Neeraj Joshi, a Central Council Member; CMA Dr. Sanjay Bhargave, a former Central Council Member of ICMAI; CMA Chaitanya Mohir, a Regional Council Member; CMA Nilesh Kekan,

Chairman of ICMAI Pune; CMA Shrikant Ippalalli, Vice-Chairman; CMA Rahul Chincholkar, Secretary; CMA Amey Tikale, Convenor of the program; CMA Tanuja Mantrawadi, Executive Committee Member; and others. Dr. Vivek Sawant said, "The technological revolution has made everything digital, smart, and accessible from our mobile phones. Innovations like artificial intelligence, data science, and machine learning have changed how we perceive products, services, and knowledge. Today, these innovations are integral to our lives. It is easy to get carried away, so we need to learn how to utilize technological advancements to the best of our ability to achieve



success." Continuing his discussion with the students, Dr. Vivek Sawant added, "More importance is being given to automation; virtual reality is booming, and everything around us is becoming digitalized. Technology is bringing people together, and fostering connections. Everything from financial transactions to healthcare, education, food supply, and justice is within reach of a few clicks. Understanding these changes and incorporating them will help you grow as a professional in the modern arena. The more adaptable you are to these changes, the more opportunities you will have." CMA Dr. Sanjay Bhargave advised the students to bal-

ance their personal and professional lives. Physical and mental equilibrium is important for your career. Allocate time for yourself and pursue your hobbies. Regular study will help you succeed in any competitive exams in the future, he added. CMA Neeraj Joshi mentioned that students should focus on learning new things and acquiring new skills that align with their careers. Former Chairman CMA Nagesh Bhagane and CMA Sujata Budhkar were also felicitated. CMA Nilesh Kekan delivered the welcome address. Shreya Deokar and Priyanka Jadhav hosted the event. CMA Amey Tikale provided a brief overview of the program.

Pune's Shreemant Dagdusheth Halwai Sarvajani Ganapati Trust receives state-of-the-art ambulance from Pinnacle Industries

Pune (Voice news service):- The Shreemant Dagdusheth Halwai Sarvajani Ganapati Trust has received a state-of-the-art ambulance from Pinnacle Industries, India's leading manufacturer of automotive, railway seating & interiors, and specialty vehicles. This donation is set to bolster the Trust's free-of-cost ambulance service across Pune and its surrounding areas, expanding the Trust's ability to provide essential medical care to communities in need, ensuring faster response times and broader healthcare coverage. The ambulance donated by Pinnacle Industries will enable the Trust to offer timely medical assistance to individuals across Pune, free of charge. This donation aligns with Pinnacle Industries' ongoing commitment to supporting



healthcare services and making a tangible difference in the lives of residents. Speaking at the ambulance hand-over ceremony, Shri Mahesh Suryavanshi, Treasurer, Shreemant Dagdusheth Halwai Sarvajani Ganapati Trust, said, "We are grateful to Pinnacle Industries for their generous donation of a fully equipped ambulance, especially during the auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi. This donation will significantly enhance our ability

to provide free emergency medical services to the people of Pune and surrounding areas, further strengthening our commitment to community welfare. We thank Dr. Sudhir Mehta and Pinnacle Industries for their trust in our cause and for helping us continue our mission of serving society." to fulfil their requirement. Mr. Arihant Mehta, President of Pinnacle Industries, said, "We are pleased to contribute to the Shreemant Dag-

sheth Halwai Sarvajani Ganapati Trust's free ambulance service, which is a critical lifeline for many in Pune and surrounding areas. With this new ambulance, we hope to help the Trust expand its reach and continue offering vital medical support to those in need." The Shreemant Dagdusheth Halwai Sarvajani Ganapati Trust has been at the forefront of numerous charitable initiatives, and its free ambulance service has provided much-needed assistance to thousands of people. The addition of this new ambulance, equipped with modern medical facilities, will further strengthen their ability to respond to emergencies swiftly and efficiently. This donation reflects Pinnacle Industries' dedication to society's well-being and supporting healthcare infrastructure through meaningful partnerships and philanthropy.

Pune's Alarming Rise in Hypertension: Health Expert Urge Lifestyle Changes and Plant-Forward Diet for Better Health

Pune: Data from the public health department reveals that a significant number of men in Pune district are affected by hypertension. Out of 31.79 lakh men screened under the 'Nirogi Aarogya Tarunaiche Vaibhav Maharashtra' programme, over 5.53 lakh (17%) were found to have hypertension. Hypertension, often referred to as the 'silent killer,' is a significant cause of premature death globally. According to the World Health Organization, more than 1 in 4 men and 1 in 5 women globally are affected by this condition. In India, the situation is particularly alarming. A study published in the JAMA Network Open estimates that

over 90% of adults with hypertension in India remain either undiagnosed, untreated, or treated but with uncontrolled hypertension. The ICMR report released earlier this year highlights that healthy diets and physical activity can reduce a substantial proportion of coronary heart disease and hypertension and prevent up to 80% of type 2 diabetes. Dr. Vanita Rahman, an Internal Medicine Physician and Certified Nutritionist with the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), emphasizes the importance of dietary and lifestyle changes in managing hypertension. "Eating minimally-processed plant-based foods can signifi-

cantly lower blood pressure and, in some cases, reduce or eliminate the need for medication. Minimally-processed plant-based foods are low in sodium and rich in potassium and fiber, which helps to lower blood pressure. These foods also improve other conditions commonly associated with high blood pressure, such as diabetes and high cholesterol levels." A study in Progress in Cardiovascular Disease found that a plant-based diet can reduce the risk of hypertension by 34%. Another study shows that a healthy plant-based diet index (hPDI) is associated with lower blood pressure, while an

unhealthy plant-based diet index (uPDI) is linked to higher blood pressure. An adequate intake of foods such as citrus fruits, garlic, pumpkin seeds, spinach, beans, lentils, amaranth, pistachios, berries, beets, and carrots, combined with reduced consumption of refined grains, added sugars, and meat, contributes to lower blood pressure. With the increasing cases of hypertension affecting Pune, it is crucial to focus on preventive measures. A shift towards plant-forward diets, combined with other lifestyle changes, could play a vital role in combating this silent epidemic and improving public health outcomes in the city.

'Spectacular Saudi' Campaign Invites Indian travellers to Discover the Heart of Arabia

Pune (Voice news service):- Saudi's national tourism brand, 'Saudi Welcome to Arabia' has launched its first-ever integrated consumer campaign for the Indian market - 'Spectacular Saudi'. With a captivating blend of ancient tales and modern marvels, this campaign reveals a side of Saudi that transcends all expectations. Launching in English across the country, 'Spectacular Saudi' takes viewers on an immersive journey through

Saudi's golden sands, pristine waters, and endless skies, revealing the country's iconic landscapes and experiences. Speaking on the campaign, Alhasan Aldabbagh, President of APAC Markets at Saudi Tourism Authority, said, "Indian travellers have long shown a deep appreciation for authentic and unique experiences. They are keen to explore novel destinations, cultures and gastronomy, and that is exactly what Saudi has to offer. With iconic destina-

tions like Diriyah, Al Balad, and Hegra in AlUla - three of Saudi's eight UNESCO World Heritage sites, they can walk through history dating back millennia, and with tailor-made packages, experience world-class culture, adventure, and cuisine. We are excited for Indians to experience the warm Saudi welcome, a core part of our heritage, and something intrinsic to Indian culture as well. India holds an incredibly special place in our hearts,

and we are committed to making India the number one source market by 2030. In 2023 alone, 1.6 million Indians travelled to Saudi. We are thrilled to welcome Indian visitors to truly experience the Heart of Arabia." With a 240% surge in leisure visits from India as compared to last year - It has never been easier to visit Saudi, with over 330 direct weekly flights and 8 airline operators. Indians holding a valid tourist or business visa from the USA.

'Meta Awakening', Awaken the genius in you An experience-rich concert

Pune: The Meta Awakening, a spiritual-cultural concert, is designed to inspire and uplift lives around us. This remarkable event is organized by the Circle of Consciousness and Happiness, based in California, United States, through its representative body in India, Soul Foundation. This event represents a profound fusion of spirituality, modern science, and culture, designed to expand our collective consciousness. The Meta Awakening allows you to find your real self through soul-stirring activities and thought-provoking discussions. Sri Bhupendra, an internationally acclaimed philosopher-scientist from San Francisco, will share his unique pearls of wisdom about life, distilled from decades of dedicated research.



As a pioneer in the realm of consciousness, his 'Meta Awakening' mission focuses on translating profound spiritual concepts into practical forms that can bring lasting positive change to anyone's life. This spiritual-cultural summit provides a unique chance to connect with like-minded individuals and embark on a collective journey toward inner awakening and spiritual enrichment. The organizers warmly invite all professionals, scholars, entrepreneurs, dreamers, scientists, seekers, and leaders.

A Nutritional Guide to Managing Pre-Diabetes by Dr. Rohini Patil, MBBS and Nutritionist

Pune: According to a study published in The Lancet Diabetes and Endocrinology, 136 million people in India, or 15.3% of the population, may be living with prediabetes. This is a significant increase from 2017, when 6-15% of the population was estimated to have prediabetes. [1]With a rising tide of pre-diabetic cases in India, it's crucial to take proactive steps to manage your health. Clean, mindful eating is key to maintaining blood sugar levels and can even reverse pre-diabetes. Dr. Rohini Patil, MBBS and nutritionist, emphasizes the importance of incorporating specific foods into your diet to control blood sugar before it escalates into diabetes. Alongside dietary changes, she advises an active lifestyle, avoiding ultra processed foods, and engaging in regular physical activities like post-meal walks to curb blood sugar spikes.

making them a good addition for managing blood sugar levels. These vegetables are rich in vitamins and antioxidants that support overall health. Their low glycemic index (GI) makes them crucial for pre-diabetes management. **Greek Yogurt** Greek yogurt is a good source of protein and probiotics, which benefit gut health. The protein content slows carbohydrate digestion, leading to a gradual release of sugar into the bloodstream. Dr. Patil advises choosing unsweetened Greek yogurt and pairing it with nuts or fruits for a blood sugar-friendly snack. **Lean Protein** Lean proteins like fish, chicken, eggs, and legumes are vital for blood sugar management. Fish, especially fatty types like salmon, is rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which improve insulin sensitivity. For vegetarians, paneer and tofu offer similar benefits. Including these proteins in meals can help prevent blood sugar spikes.

Foods to Include in a Pre-Diabetic Diet: Almonds - Almonds are protein dense, contain healthy fats, and are rich in fiber, all of which help regulate blood sugar. Two new research studies published last year authored by Dr Anoop Misra and Dr Seema Gulati showed that a small addition of almonds to the diet may help reduce the burden of diabetes. More specifically, a handful of almonds eaten 30 minutes before breakfast, lunch and dinner for three months reversed prediabetes to normal blood sugar levels in nearly one-quarter of the people studied - improvements as potent as taking prescription diabetes medication. Diabetes researchers described this reversal from prediabetes to normal blood glucose regulation as "the holy grail of medicine." Therefore, Dr. Patil recommends a handful of almonds daily, whether as a snack or in salads and yogurt, to stabilize blood sugar and curb overeating. **Green Leafy Vegetables** Leafy greens like spinach, fenugreek, and amaranth are low in carbs and high in fiber,

Whole Grains Whole grains such as brown rice, quinoa, and barley are high in fiber, which slows sugar absorption. Their lower GI makes them ideal for managing blood sugar. Dr. Patil suggests starting your day with oatmeal or incorporating brown rice into meals for sustained energy and better blood sugar control. If you're pre-diabetic and not on medication, Dr. Patil stresses the importance of clean eating habits and incorporating these foods into your daily routine. Staying physically active is equally important. She recommends at least 30 minutes of physical activity, five days a week, such as walking, yoga, or moderate exercises, to manage blood sugar and prevent the progression to type 2 diabetes. By making these dietary changes and staying active, you can take control of your blood sugar levels and maintain overall health. Dr. Patil's balanced nutrition and sustainable practices offer an effective approach to managing pre-diabetes.

Jawa unleashes the Striking 42 FJ

Pune (Voice news service):- Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles, the pioneers of the 'Neo-Classical' segment in India, proudly launch the all-new 350 Jawa 42 FJ, the latest member of the Jawa 42 Life series. Building on the success of the 42 and 42 Bobber, the 350 Jawa 42 FJ marks an exciting new chapter for the "42 Life" theme, celebrating a commitment to superior design and an unparalleled riding experience. The name of this motorcycle is inspired by František Janeček, the visionary founder of Jawa, which aims to deliver a bold, modern riding experience for today's motorcycling enthusiasts. With this addition to the line-up, Jawa makes big strides, blending design, power, presence, and cutting-edge technology, to set the new benchmark for the segment in 2024. "The 2024 Jawa 42 embodies our design-led approach to motorcycle engineering," says Anupam Tharaja, Co-founder of Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles. "We've taken our time with

this bike, pushing the boundaries of the 'price-performance' matrix and achieved a great blend of edgy performance, gorgeous form, and precision engineering. As pioneers of Neo-Classics in India, the 42 FJ is a testament to our challenger spirit and disruptive approach." With the expansion of the '42 Life' series, Jawa has extended the ideal balance of design, price, and performance across motorcycle formats, to appeal to a wide swathe of discerning riders. This is more than just a motorcycle—it's a redefinition of the neo-classic category. **Stunning design language** The 350 Jawa 42 FJ bridges classic Jawa DNA with contemporary flair, embodying a neo-classic motorcycle. Its standout feature is the anodised, brushed aluminium fuel tank cladding - a segment first. This finish enhances the bike's appeal and allows for personalisation through various colour options and Jawa branding choices.

“India Needs a Unified Online Gaming Regulator,” says Gujarat National Law University in New Report

Pune (Voice news service):- The Gujarat National Law University (GNLU) unveiled a landmark report on regulating online gaming in India titled “Evaluating Blanket Bans and Mandatory Limits in Gaming”. This first-of-its-kind report offers comprehensive recommendations to the government on regulating the rapidly growing online gaming industry, with a focus on user safety and balanced economic growth. The report provides critical insights into the requirement of a uniform regulatory framework and evidence-led policy intervention for online gaming in India, as well as the need to strike a balance between the economic potential of the industry and user protection. “This report is the culmination of extensive research and consultations with experts from various fields. We believe that its recommendations will be instrumental in shaping the future of online gaming in India.” Said Dr. Sanjeevi Shanthakumar, Director of GNLU, highlighting

the significance of the report. “The online gaming sector has immense potential to contribute to our economy and provide entertainment to millions. However, it is important to have a robust regulatory framework that ensures user safety and prevents any potential harm.” He added. Online gaming has evolved from a niche pastime to become one of the largest segments of the global entertainment industry. In India, the sector has seen remarkable growth, with the community now comprising of over 500 million gamers, making it the second-largest market globally after China. However, this rapid expansion, as with any emerging technology, has brought forth challenges, particularly concerning user safety and financial risks. The absence of an overarching regulation has left users in a grey zone. The GNLU report reflects on these challenges including the ongoing debates around implementing time and money limits on gaming activities and recommends the path

forward towards a sustainable and responsible gaming ecosystem. It suggests that India should adopt a regulatory framework that mandates operators to incorporate limit-setting features for users, thus ensuring a fine balance between fostering economic growth and safeguarding users. The report calls for a dedicated regulatory body to oversee online gaming, ensuring compliance and promoting responsible practices. It advocates for a uniform central law to replace fragmented state regulations and mandates limit-setting features for users. Comparing international frameworks, the report supports the risk minimisation strategies used in the EU and UK while cautioning against restrictive measures like those seen in China. Emphasising risk minimisation, it highlights the importance of user education and industry standards, outlining five key principles for effective limit-setting: operators must legally offer these features, users should be required

to set limits before playing, increasing limits should be challenging, decreasing limits should be immediate, and a centralised self-exclusion facility should be available across platforms. Commenting on the recommendations of the report Mr Rakesh Maheshwari, Ex Sr Director and GC (Cyber Laws and Data Governance), Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) said: “This report from GNLU provides a fresh perspective on regulating online gaming in India. It accentuates the urgent need for a comprehensive regulatory framework that strikes a balance between empowering users and ensuring industry accountability. Online platforms should empower users with tools to control their gaming and they also have a duty of care toward users to make sure they don’t go overboard by setting upper limits. Educating the users is also key to ensure responsible gaming. This approach balances player protection while ensuring industry growth and is based on global best practices.”

MG Windsor India’s First Intelligent Crossover Utility Vehicle to launch on September 11, 2024

Pune (Voice news service):- JSW MG Motor India announced that MG Windsor India’s first Intelligent CUV (Crossover Utility Vehicle), will be launched on September 11. The Intelligent CUV will have the best of both worlds- the comfort of a sedan and the expanse of an SUV. The CUV’s ‘AeroGlide Design’ seamlessly integrates advanced aerodynamics with superior craftsmanship and will have largest in-segment wheelbase with 18” Diamond Cut Alloy wheels. It will offer an elevated ground clearance for offering a smooth drive experience. The MG Windsor EV has passed high endurance, capability tests in some toughest environments and

extreme heat. It has traversed and proven in challenging terrains of Rann of Kutch, Leh and Udaipur. MG Windsor will be the 6th product from the auto-tech brand’s portfolio and will host lot of segment-first features. A notable feature is the segment-first 15.6-inch ‘GrandView Touch Display’, which acts as a central hub for entertainment, navigation, and vehicle settings. The expansive screen size will allow occupants to effortlessly navigate, control entertainment, and adjust vehicle settings with ease. The 15.6-inch touchscreen in the MG Windsor is designed to redefine the in-car experience that transforms the vehicle into a hub of entertainment, gaming, and

learning, whenever it is stationary. Enhancing the cabin experience, the MG Windsor will have the ‘Infinity View Glass Roof,’ which provides a panoramic view while enhancing the aesthetics and spaciousness in the cabin. This expansive glass roof will enable the customer to enjoy an uninterrupted connection with the outdoors, whether navigating through urban landscapes or the serene countryside. This one-of-a-kind feature not only adds a touch of luxury but also enhances the sense of space, resulting in an airy feel inside the advanced cabin, making every journey more enjoyable. Another segment-first feature of the MG Windsor is its ‘Ae-

ro-Lounge’ seats with a 135° recline, designed to offer an unmatched aura of luxury and relaxation. The meticulously crafted recline angle ensures that passengers can relax in style, whether on a short city drive or a long-distance journey. With these features, the MG Windsor aims to attract Indian buyers seeking a premium driving experience that balance luxury with practicality and performance. CUVs, with their aerodynamic design and spacious interiors, are ideal for India’s evolving road network. Their versatility makes them perfect for both urban commutes and long-distance travel, offering families comfortable and convenient transportation.

Kia India Launches Gravity trims of Seltos, Sonet and Carens

Pune (Voice news service):- Kia India, a leading premium and fastest car maker to cross the 1 million domestic sales milestone, is marking its 5th year of operations with the launch of the Gravity variants for its top-selling models: the Seltos, Sonet, and Carens. These new trims enhance the premium value proposition of Kia’s offerings, further solidifying the brand’s position in the Indian market. **Seltos Gravity: Expanding the Flagship’s Appeal** With the introduction of the Gravity trim, Kia’s flagship model, the Seltos, now boasts an impressive 24 variants. The newly launched Gravity variants include the Petrol G1.5 Gravity IVT, Petrol G1.5 Gravity MT, and Diesel 1.5L CRDI VGT Gravity 6MT. The Seltos Gravity trim features a range of premium upgrades, such as a dash cam (PIO), a 10.25” Digital LCD Cluster, Ventilated Seats for both driver and co-driver, BOSE speaker system, and an Electronic Parking Brake (EPB) with auto-hold. The Gravity trim also flaunts 17” Machined Wheels, a Glossy Black Rear Spoiler, Body-Coloured door handles, and an exclusive Gravity

Emblem (PIO). Available in three elegant colours—Glacial White Pearl, Aurora Black Pearl, and Dark Gun Metal (Matte)—the Gravity trim is positioned above the popular HTX trim, adding more luxurious features which further enhance the Seltos’ appeal in its segment. **Sonet Gravity: Elevating the Compact SUV Experience** Kia’s best-selling compact SUV, the Sonet, now features the Gravity trim, available across all three powertrains: G1.2 (5MT), G1.0T (6iMT), and D1.5 (6MT). Positioned above the HTX+ trim, the Sonet Gravity trim is offered in Pearl White, Aurora Black Pearl, and Matte Graphite. It stands out with stylish enhancements such as White Brake Calipers, Indigo Pera Seats with Navy Stitching, a TGS Leather Knob, Spoiler, and R16 Alloy Wheels. Additional features include a Wireless Phone Charger, Dash Cam (PIO), Front Door Armrest, 60:40 split seats, Rear Adjustable Headrests, a Rear Centre Armrest with Cup Holders, and the Gravity Emblem. With the introduction of the Gravity trim, the Sonet lineup now expands to 22

variants, consolidating its status as a leading product in the segment. **Carens Gravity: Premium Features for the Family-Oriented RV** The Carens, known for its customer-centric design and popularity with over 1.5 lakh families, will also be offered in Gravity trims. The Carens Gravity trim offers premium features such as a Dash Cam, a Sunroof—a favourite feature among Indian consumers, Artificial Black Leather Seats, a D-Cut Leather Steering Wheel, Leatherette Door Centre Trims and Armrests, LED Map and Room Lamps, and the Gravity Emblem. Positioned above the Premium (O) trim, this new variant adds an even more feature-rich and tech-loaded option for discerning buyers. Commenting on the Gravity trims launch, Mr Joonsu Cho, Chief Sales Officer of Kia India, said “India’s love for our

products has been phenomenal, and as we celebrate our 5th year of operations, we are proud to introduce the Gravity trim across our product lineup. These new trims embody comfort, reliability, and luxury, reinforcing our leadership in innovative recreational vehicles and reshaping mobility preferences. Moreover, the strategic introduction of premium features in these trims will undoubtedly aid in boosting sales and further expanding our segments.” Kia India has also announced that it will launch its two global products, World Car of the Year EV9 and the new Carnival, in the month of October. The brand has also achieved the milestone of 1-million-unit sales within 59 months and over the years, Kia India has set a benchmark in terms of active safety, design, and innovative features among its competitors.



Maruti Suzuki ARENA turns 7: India’s largest automotive retail network with over 82 Lakh happy customers

Pune (Voice news service):- India’s largest automotive network, Maruti Suzuki ARENA celebrated its seventh anniversary recently. Since its inception in 2017, ARENA has spread the joy of mobility to over 11 lakh families annually, creating a community of over 82 Lakh happy customers nationwide. Over the past seven years, Maruti Suzuki ARENA has consistently served its customers with a modern, tech-enabled, and youthful experience. Furthermore, ARENA’s popularity and customer trust are evidenced by its market leadership, with 5 out of the top 10 cars sold in India in FY23-24+ (Wagon-R,

Swift, Brezza, Dzire and Ertiga) belonging to the ARENA channel. Speaking on the momentous occasion, Mr. Partho Banerjee, Senior Executive Officer, Marketing and Sales, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, said, “As we celebrate seven years of Maruti Suzuki ARENA, we are immensely grateful. This journey has been about more than just selling cars; it has been about transforming the entire car-buying experience. The scale of ARENA’s impact is remarkable – with a vast network of over 3069 outlets across 2596 cities, Maruti Suzuki ARENA is not only the largest but also the most accessible retail chan-

nel in India”. I am particularly excited with the interest we have received from our young customers, who make up 49% of Maruti Suzuki ARENA’s volume.” He further added, “ARENA’s contribution to Maruti Suzuki remains strong. About 68% of total sales from MSIL in FY23-24 were driven by the ARENA portfolio of cars. As we move forward, we remain committed to deliver exceptional experiences for years to come.” The ARENA channel boasts of an unmatched, seamless and connected car buying experience. In its effort to fulfil ever-evolving customer needs and offer them experiences at par with global benchmarks, the ARE-

NA channel has emerged as the definitive choice for Indian car buyers. Promoted as a destination where the young “Find their Match”, Maruti Suzuki Arena is positioned as a channel where customers not just buy cars, but also begin a cherished journey with their new automobile. Driven by a deep understanding of the dynamic, social, and trendy lifestyles of young Indian consumers, Maruti Suzuki ARENA has successfully resonated with this demographic by offering a highly personalized car-buying experience. Leveraging innovative technologies such as ARENAverse and a wide range of Maruti Suzuki Genuine Accessories.

The new Hyundai CRETA Earns Top Accolades at India’s Best Design Awards 2024

Pune (Voice news service):- Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) and Hyundai Motor India Engineering (HMIE) were presented with ‘India’s Best Design Projects Award’ at ‘India’s Best Design Awards 2024’ by Design India, for the new Hyundai CRETA. This accolade is a testament to Hyundai’s global design language of ‘Sensuous Sportiness’, personifying itself in the captivating, modern and bold stance of the new Hyundai CRETA. Speaking on this coveted recognition, Ms. Chohee Park, Head of Department, HMIE Hyundai Advanced Design

India said, “Through Hyundai Motor Company’s ‘Sensuous Sportiness’ design language, Hyundai is recognized world over for its breathtaking designs. Winning ‘India’s Best Design Projects Award’ is a key recognition of this design philosophy. The new Hyundai CRETA showcases a seamless fusion of contemporary aesthetic and modern technology, ensuring it is not just an SUV, but a visual masterpiece. With its rugged design lines and authoritative presence on the roads, the new Hyundai CRETA continues to captivate the senses and enthral new-age

customers.” The new Hyundai CRETA is an all-rounder SUV that ticks all the right boxes. Its audacious design goes beyond mere style, combining bold aesthetics with functional practicality and a rich heritage. The refreshed design appeals to the growing popularity of SUVs, offering a distinctive and modern look. Inside, the Hyundai CRETA seamlessly blends practicality with a premium feel, using high-quality materials and a design focused on the Indian user experience. This facelift builds on the success of the Hyundai CRETA nameplate.

The new Hyundai CRETA continues to fulfil dreams of those seeking a contemporary and adventurous SUV, thus making India ‘Live the SUV Life.’ Since 2015, ‘India’s Best Design Awards’ has established itself as a standard of excellence across diverse design categories including product design, communication design, digital design, spatial design and more. These awards are a recognized symbol of accomplishment, shining the spotlight on exceptional design and showcasing brilliance in a highly competitive design landscape.

A Staggering 85%* of Indian Youth wake up fatigued, according to a Recent Supradyn Survey

Pune (Voice news service):- Supradyn, India’s leading multivitamin brand from Bayer’s Consumer Health division, commissioned the Supradyn Fatigue Survey, a study conducted across 10 cities, revealing that 85%* of young Indians wake up tired among other astounding findings. Released in conjunction with National Nutrition Week, the survey underscores Supradyn’s mission of ‘One Nation 100% Nutrition,’ aimed at raising awareness of the growing nutrition gap and promoting self-care. The findings shed light on the alarming rise in fatigue among India’s working population, with significant regional and demographic variations. India, with its large and dynamic youth population, faces significant challenges related to fatigue and exhaustion. The Supradyn Fatigue Survey highlights the urgent need to

address factors contributing to this issue and to implement supportive measures to enhance energy and well-being. Conducted by Hansa Research Group, across 10 cities and involving men and women aged 25-45 from NCCS A and B categories, the study represents a population of 20 million. The survey states that 96% of Indians feel they lack essential micronutrients and multivitamins, leading to low energy levels. The survey on fatigue among young Urban India in the 25-45 year age group reveals that 83% frequently need breaks due to tiredness, while 74% struggle with daytime sleepiness or staying alert hampering their productivity. Furthermore, 69% find it difficult to start or complete tasks, and 66% are unable to finish daily activities due to fatigue implying extremely low energy among our working population. Geographically as well, metros

like, Pune (57%) and Bengaluru (59%) have the highest proportion of people who feel their diet lacks sufficient micronutrients. Moreover, 78% of those aged 25-35 experience daytime drowsiness, compared to 72% of the 36-45 age group. These findings highlight the significant impact of fatigue on daily life. Sandeep Verma, Country Head of India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka at Bayer Consumer Health Division, commented on the survey’s findings, “Supradyn has led the conversation on nutrition and has been a strong advocate for the importance of addressing micronutrient deficiencies. Our Supradyn Fatigue Survey reveals significant fatigue among the workforce, which directly impacts their productivity. These findings underscore the urgent need to address the nutritional gaps in our country. At Supradyn, India’s leading multivitamin

brand, our mission is to champion the vital importance of 100% nutrition for optimal health of all Indians. Don’t let fatigue slow you down—energize your day with Supradyn’s balanced multivitamins and thrive! Prof. Dr. Ketan K Mehta, Sr. Consultant Physician, CardioPulmonologist & Diabetologist, Mumbai comments, “Increased tiredness among youth is a growing concern across the country, as noted by many healthcare professionals. It’s crucial for healthcare providers to address this holistically by promoting not just a balanced diet but also the use of multivitamins to bridge nutritional gaps. Food alone can provide up to 70% of essential micronutrients, leaving a significant gap. As a healthcare practitioner, I recommend a healthy diet combined with daily supplements to ensure up to 100% nutrient intake.”

Škoda Auto India launches all-new Slavia Monte Carlo

Pune (Voice news service):- Škoda Auto India has launched the all-new Slavia Monte Carlo edition in India. Taking the sport theme further, the company also introduced an all-new Sportline range within the Kushaq and Slavia line up and announced a path-breaking offer for these cars upping the value and choice quotient for Indian customers.



Commenting on the new introductions, Mr. Petr Janeba, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India said, “The Monte Carlo badge has a strong connect with customers, reflecting the spirit of sport and victory. I am happy to share that we launch the Slavia Monte Carlo today. This is part of our strategy to grow the Škoda brand in India, which is one of the largest markets for us outside Europe. This special car will have a strong appeal with customers looking for unique, subtle and sporty aesthetics, projecting a discrete sense of style. It is homage to our 112 years in Rallye Monte Carlo, 129 years of rich heritage, and 24 years in India. We have also introduced two new trims – Slavia Sportline and Kushaq Sportline -- reflecting our intent to keep the range evolving and contemporary, offering greater choice and value to customers. The Sportline is perfect for customers who seek the sporty aesthetics of the Monte Carlo at a more accessible price point. Together with the new Monte Carlo and Sportline offerings, we look forward to substantially growing the Škoda family in India.”

The anniversary offer As the launch of this all-new range marks the 112th anniversary since the company’s debut at Rallye Monte Carlo, Škoda Auto India have lined up benefits for customers buying the sport-inspired Monte Carlo and Sportline range of the Kushaq and Slavia. The first 5,000 customers booking any of these four cars will receive benefits of ₹30,000. The offer is operational immediately and will be valid until September 6, 2024. **Monte Carlo in the metal** At the heart of this car beats the proven and tested 1.0 and 1.5 TSI engines. The 1.0 TSI is available with a six-speed manual and automatic. And the 1.5 TSI sends power to the front wheels through a seven-speed DSG. The cars come exclusively in the Toranado Red and Candy White colours. Both these options come with a contrasting Deep Black roof as standard. The Window Garnish houses an all-black theme as do the ORVMs. The black treatment continues to the Radiator Grille Surround, the Garnish around the Fog Lamp, and over the Black R16 Alloy wheels.

Continuing the subtle embellishments is the Monte Carlo badging on the front fenders and the Darkened Taillights. Sporty, black spoilers adorn the car’s front and side skirts and are also on lip of the boot at the rear. The rear also gets a Black Sporty Rear Diffuser and a Black Bumper Garnish. Rounding off the Monte Carlo highlights outside are the subtle and classy door handles finished in Dark Chrome and all the lettering in the exteriors of the Slavia Monte Carlo are in Black. **Monte Carlo within** Inside, the car wears the Monte Carlo Red Theme interior in the all-black sporty cabin. The Décor Frame, Air vents all adorn black. As do the Lower dashboard, the Centre Console Décor, and the Handbrake push button. The steering wheel and gear knob replace their chrome inserts for all black ones. The dark, sporty theme allaying Škoda Auto’s rally roots, continue in the rest of the interior with the and handles all taking on a dark demeanour. To lend the black interiors with dashes of sporty dynamism are subtle slashes of red across the interiors. The centre of the dash has a single red element continuing through the vents. The Monte Carlo Leatherette seats in Black are bordered by red elements. The two-spoke steering wheel also gets red stitching on them, and the black and red Monte Carlo Theme extends to the infotainment system and the driver’s virtual cockpit. However, the first visual homage before entering this sporty cabin is the Monte Carlo inspired scuff plates by the front doors. And the driver will immediately notice the Sporty Ala Pedals in the footwell area as they stand out in this red and black Monte Carlo themed décor. **The Sportline** Škoda Auto In-

dia also expanded the Kushaq and Slavia range with the debut of the Sportline across the two best-selling Škoda cars. In a move that is the result of customer feedback, Škoda Auto India have now introduced the Sportline, which adds to the existing Classic, Signature, Monte Carlo, and Prestige variants of the Kushaq and Slavia furthering choice and value for customers.

The enhancements The Sportline trim of both the Kushaq and the Slavia get the blacked-out design elements from the Monte Carlo like the taillights, aero kit and other details. The Slavia Sportline gets R16 Black alloy wheels and the Kushaq is shod with R17 Black alloys. The Sportline also gets LED Headlamps and DRLs in both the Kushaq and Slavia. **Features within** The Sportline, like the rest of the Kushaq and Slavia line-up, comes standard with six airbags. In addition, this sporty trim gets an electric sunroof, alloy foot pedals, a connectivity dangle, rain-sensing wipers and an auto-dimming internal rear-view mirror among various other features. **Enhanced choice and safety** With the addition of the Sportline, the Kushaq and Slavia range further expands with both cars now available in the Classic, Signature, Sportline, Monte Carlo and Prestige variants. Every Škoda comes standard with a minimum of six airbags. Further, the Kushaq and the Slavia have a full 5-star rating for adult and child safety under Global NCAP. The Superb and the Kodiaq are rated the same under Euro NCAP. With the addition of the Slavia Monte Carlo and the Sportline trim across the Kushaq and Slavia, Škoda Auto India has further expanded its fleet of 5-star safe cars.

L&T carves out Renewable Business Vertical amid energy transition led growth

Pune (Voice news service):- Clean energy transition has accelerated in recent years with decarbonized electricity being central to the fight against climate change. The rapid technology development in renewable generation has facilitated this trend. Renewable penetration, particularly in solar and wind generation, is set to grow in the global

mix. New drivers of electricity demand growth are emerging with stringent reliability and power quality requirements. The spatial and temporal variability of renewable energy sources necessitate a hybrid approach of combining different sources and addition of energy storage devices, so that the supply is dispatchable on demand, any time of

the day, throughout the year. In addition to energy-only markets, innovative market structures like capacity market and flexibility market are set to evolve. There is a strong momentum in India’s pursuit of promoting renewable energy especially towards increasing the share of non-fossil fuels-based electricity. India sees green jobs

and renewable growth as important aspects of achieving the visionary Viksit Bharat and equitable climate justice for the world. Renewable Energy Implementing Agencies have chalked out clear capacity addition trajectories and several schemes including Green Energy Corridors are being implemented.