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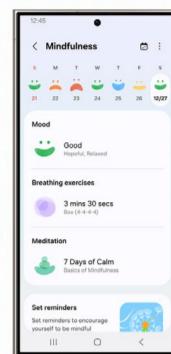


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Samsung Leads Sleep Technology With Galaxy Ring Expansion and Samsung Health App Update



Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. announced that Galaxy Ring is introducing two new larger sizes of 14 and 15, to now range from sizes 5 to 15, and will soon be available in 15 additional markets starting in February, bringing the total to 53 markets. Starting today, Samsung is also updating the Samsung Health app to provide advanced features that help you achieve a good night's sleep, going beyond analyzing sleep patterns from the previous night. These updates include the Sleep environment report, Sleep time guidance, and Mindfulness tracker. With this expansion, Samsung is reaffirming its commitment to improving sleep health through innovative technology, ensuring more people can benefit from its cutting-edge solutions.

Galaxy Ring, built for comfort with a lightweight fit and extended battery life, simplifies everyday wellness with a particular emphasis on sleep. Since its global launch in July 2024, Galaxy Ring has expanded to 38 markets, including Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Kuwait, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Türkiye, UAE, U.K. and USA. Galaxy Ring will soon be available in 15 additional markets, including

Cyprus, Czech, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Taiwan, Vietnam and Zambia. Also, it will be offered in eleven sizes, ranging from 5 to 15, including the two newly added larger options and in three colors – Titanium Black, Titanium Silver and Titanium Gold.

In addition to the Galaxy Ring expansion, new updates to the Samsung Health app will provide more personalized and comprehensive health capabilities, supporting optimal sleep and goals for a healthier daily life.

• Together with SmartThings, Samsung Health analyzes your sleep environment, assessing factors such as temperature, humidity, air quality, and light intensity in the room. In the morning, you will receive a Sleep environment report advising how to optimize the conditions of your surroundings. You can also leverage SmartThings to automatically adjust room settings to create the ideal sleep environment when you fall asleep, conveniently supporting a restful night's sleep.

• Sleep time guidance suggests optimal bedtime tailored to unique sleep patterns, habits, and conditions. Going beyond sleep analysis, Samsung Health provides actionable insights for better sleep, recommending the most suitable sleep times based on a combination of your sleep quality and daily routines.

• The new Mindfulness tracker empowers you to improve your mental health and achieve a better night's sleep. You can monitor your moods and follow Samsung Health's guides for breathing exercises and meditations, all easily accessible within a single tracker.

New sizes of Galaxy Ring will begin to roll out for purchase starting January 22. Find your perfect fit at home with a free sizing kit from Samsung.com or visit a nearby Samsung store.

Fleetguard Filters Private Limited (FFPL) undertakes a mega plantation drive under its CSR Initiative at Village Tamhanwadi, Daund

Pune (Voice news service):- Fleetguard Filters Private Limited, a leading manufacturer of filtration products and solutions for various on- and off-highway applications, extends support for a mega plantation drive with the Forest Department and Being Volunteer Foundation (Non-Governmental Organization). 2000 saplings were planted at Biodiversity Park in Tamhanwadi, Daund Pune on 15th January 2025 Wednesday. Over 42 FFPL employees, some Being Volunteer Foundation volunteers, officials from the Forest department, and people from the local community participated in planting the saplings. FFPL via the NGO and gram panchayat will be contribut-

Hydration, Refreshment, and Connection

Pune (Voice news service):-

Coca-Cola India is set to make a splash at Maha Kumbh 2025, bringing its iconic brands—Coca-Cola, Thums Up, Sprite, Charged, Maaza, Kinley, Fanta, and Minute Maid—closer to millions of attendees at one of the world's largest cultural gatherings. With Coca-Cola products available every 400 meters, the brand ensures that no visitor is far from hydrating themselves.

To mark the occasion, the company is launching Maha Kumbh special edition packaging for select beverages, a tribute to India's rich cultural traditions. The exclusive designs bring a local cultural touch to its products, creating memorable keepsakes. In addition, the on-ground pres-



ence is crafted with consumer convenience and delight in mind. Hydration carts and food court activations ensure visitors can quench their thirst with ease, while pairing Coca-Cola beverages with the delicious array of Kumbh's culinary offerings enhancing every bite. With iconic visuals and engaging activations, Coca-Cola India is enhancing

with local foods and flavours and bringing to life immersive experiences to make Maha Kumbh even more memorable for all who visit. We are committed to creating social impact through multiple initiatives at the event, that showcase the potential of repurposed packaging and raise awareness about recycling to inspire collective action."

In pursuit of making a difference, the company has introduced waste management initiatives for collection and recycling of PET waste. Coca-Cola India is adding a new dimension to Maha Kumbh 2025 by creating lasting moments of joy and connection, ensuring that visitors take home not just memories but a deeper sense of shared responsibility.

Ajeenkya DY Patil University Signs Prestigious MoU with Global Policy Institute (GPI)

Pune (Voice news service):-

In a world grappling with an ever-evolving geopolitical crisis, fostering cross-pollination of ideas, research, and policies is more critical than ever.

Recognizing the need for global collaboration, Ajeenkya DY Patil University (ADYPU) has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Global Policy Institute (GPI), Washington D.C.

Ajeenkya DY Patil University boasts of being the only institution in India to be associated with the prestigious Global Policy Institute, Washington D.C.

This exclusive association not only makes ADYPU a pathfinder in the world of strategic studies but also brings laurels to the university regarding its research capabilities and academic prowess.

The MoU was signed on January 13, 2025, at the prestigious International Seminar on "Strategic Geopolitics and Security Issues" held at the ADYPU Auditorium. The seminar was an extraordinary convergence of thought leaders, academics, policymakers, and students, who deliberated on pressing issues such as regional security in the Indo-Pacific and the role of academic institutions in shaping global policy.

The International Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Ajeenkya D. Y. Patil, President of ADYPU, whose inspiring address underscored the importance of global discussions on geopolitical and security challenges.

With a packed

agenda and participation from eminent personalities, the seminar set the stage for meaningful dialogue and collaboration.

Important points and highlights from the seminar: – Dr. Patil emphasized the university's commitment to fostering global conversations and innovation in strategic studies. The President of GPI and professor of Political Science at Bay Atlantic University delivered a thought-provoking speech on the topic of "Strategic Geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities."

A global strategic expert, Dr. Ojha elaborated on the significance of the ADYPU-GPI partnership, which has the potential to contribute groundbreaking research on pressing geopolitical issues. The signing of the MoU marks the formal establishment of an ADYPU-GPI Chapter, which will serve as a hub for collaborative research and policy development. This partnership aims to: –

Foster Academic Exchange

The MoU is intended to spur the collaboration between the faculty members and students from ADYPU and GPI concerning developing advanced

research on hot issues like regional security, policymaking at strategic levels, and other emerging challenges globally. Shape policy impact. The partnership will focus on developing influential policy frameworks to address pressing geopolitical issues, especially in the Indo-Pacific region, by leveraging shared intellectual expertise.

Fostering Dialogue and Critical Thinking This collaboration will foster an inclusive platform for thought leadership and meaningful discussions on global security challenges through seminars, workshops, and publications.

Reflecting on the MoU, Dr. Ajeenkya D. Y. Patil stated, "This collaboration signifies ADYPU's dedication to becoming a global leader in fostering research and discussions on the most pressing geopolitical and security issues of our time. Together with GPI, we are committed to shaping the leaders and policies of tomorrow."

Ms. Pooja Patil, the Chairperson and the force behind the Ajeenkya DY Patil Group expressed her joy on this occasion and exclaimed - "At Ajeenkya DY Patil University, we believe in building bridg-

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Brings the Spirit of 'Happier Paths Together' to Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025

Pune (Voice news service):-

Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) has showcased its exciting range of products and advanced technologies at Auto Expo - The Motor Show, Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, designed to meet the evolving needs and aspirations of the customers, while delivering on its promise of 'Mass Happiness for All'. In pursuit of achieving carbon neutrality through a multi-pathway approach, the Toyota pavilion demonstrates its holistic strategy in India under the banner of 'Happier Path Together' a vision that aligns with the company's global commitment to sustainable growth and societal wellbeing.

Experience the Toyota Pavilion Through Dedicated Zones Toyota's pavilion at BMGE 2025 has been designed around four unique zones, each offering a distinctive experience and reflecting Toyota's multi-pathway approach:

1. Multi-Pathway Zone – Driving Carbon Neutrality This zone emphasizes Toyota's advanced electrified and alternate fuel technologies, contributing towards a carbon-neutral future: Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV):

Highlighting the Hilux FCEV: Hydrogen-powered technology demonstrates Toyota's expertise in zero-emission mobility.

2. Hybrid Zone – Toyota's Own Hybrid Leadership This zone features Toyota's existing strong hybrid electric vehicles, which have set benchmarks in efficiency and performance: Innova Hycross: A versatile MPV equipped with a 5th-generation self-charging strong hybrid electric system.

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3. SUV Zone – Designed for Thrill Seekers This zone celebrates the ruggedness, luxury, and style of Toyota's SUV lineup:

Land Cruiser 300: A global legend, renowned for its toughness, power-packed performance, and premium features.

Land Cruiser 300 GR Sports: A rugged off-road SUV from Gazoo Racing, blending extreme durability with sporty design for ultimate adventure and commanding presence.

Hilux Concept: A lifestyle vehicle known for its extreme toughness and bold design, the Hilux is showcased as an off-road concept, highlighting its unmatched capabilities and performance.

Hilux Black Edition: A bold, black version of the Hilux, combining tough off-road capabilities with premium styling.

4. MPV Zone – Showcasing Versatile Mobility This zone highlights Toyota's innovations in the MPV segment, offering flexibility and comfort: X-Van Concept: Futuristic vehicle with innovative concept that reimagines spaciousness and utility for varied customer needs.

Innova Crysta: A family favourite, renowned for its reliability, comfort, and versatile performance.

Rumion: A compact MPV designed for urban and family mobility, combining practicality with stylish design.

Furthermore, the company's participation also aims to showcase its enhanced commitment to society that extends from "putting customers first" to "putting people

first" and striving to serve society. This stems from Toyota's value of "Happiness for ALL" and showcases how the company has created a scalable societal intervention in the critical areas of safety, skilling, education and community programs, all linked to its long-term strategy of contributing to national goals.

In addition, the Toyota pavilion also displays a Sustainability corner featuring Toyota Environmental Challenge 2050 (TEC 2050), announced in 2015, that comprises six environmental challenges, namely New Vehicle Zero Carbon Emissions; Lifecycle Zero Carbon (CO2) Emissions that extends beyond vehicles and manufacturing activities to encompass the entire value chain; Plant Zero Carbon Emissions; Minimizing and Optimizing Water Usage, Establishing a Recycled-based Society and Systems as well as a Future Society in Harmony with Nature.

We warmly invite you to visit the Toyota pavilion to experience our diverse range of products and cutting-edge technologies, thoughtfully designed to address the varied mobility needs of the customers in the country. Discover the future of mobility and join us on the journey toward creating 'Happier Paths Together'.

Fortuner: A robust and stylish SUV built for both urban roads and tough terrains, offering power, comfort, and reliability.

Legender: Positioned as a premium SUV, the Legender offers a blend of sophistication, power, and unmatched style, catering to both enthusiasts and luxury seekers.

Urban Cruiser Taisor: Toyota's sporty and compact SUV designed for urban adventures, combining agility, style, and cutting-edge features for a dynamic driving experience.

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SOCIAL Elevates India's First Co-Working Space

Pune (Voice news service):-

SOCIAL, India's favourite neighborhood café announces the expansion of its co-working model – SOCIAL Works to 50+ locations in 10 cities. Introduced 10 years ago as the country's first co-working space, SOCIAL Works was designed to cater to freelancers and professionals seeking an alternative to traditional offices. Now, with SOCIAL Works, SOCIAL is extending its reach to new neighborhoods and pincodes, offering dynamic workspaces where professionals can collaborate, create, and thrive in cities like Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Bangalore, Pune, Hyderabad, Indore, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Dehradun, and Kolkata.

Available from Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM, the SOCIAL Works seamlessly blends functionality with SOCIAL's signature vibe.

Designed to resonate with Millennials and Gen-Z, it creates an environment that fosters productivity, creativity, and community.

A Vision for Modern Workspaces

Over the years, SOCIAL Works has become a thriving hub where connections are forged, ideas take shape, and success stories continue to unfold. From freelancers to budding entrepreneurs, the space has nurtured ventures of all scales—from small startups to prominent companies like BOAT, IVM Podcasts, Food Talk India, Lazy 8, and many more which began their journey here. SOCIAL Works has also been a creative haven for artists and freelancers, offering them a platform to connect, collaborate, and grow. It has witnessed connections and partnerships flourish in the most unexpected ways in the Works section, making it more than just a workspace—it's a place where ideas come to life, and creativity thrives.

Dr. Nishant Ojha, a renowned Global Strategic Expert celebrated for his profound insights into national security and counterterrorism, particularly within the complex and volatile landscapes of West Asia and the Middle East.

He has been the driving force behind the ADYPU-GPI collaboration, pivotal in conceptualizing and bringing this partnership to fruition.

He expresses his enthusiasm and says – "By bridging academic and policy-making expertise, we are paving the way for innovative solutions to the pressing challenges of geopolitics and security."



month—fully redeemable on SOCIAL's delectable food and drinks. The cover can also be clubbed with other ongoing offers at the outlet, ensuring every workday comes with a side of culinary delight.

Workspace pass includes free Wi-Fi, a confirmed seat in the workspace area, and access to SOCIAL's vibrant atmosphere.

Monthly members enjoy exclusive access to up to 4 SOCIAL events, such as workshops, conferences, networking meetups, live music, and DJ nights.

Earn loyalty points through The SOCIAL Club, unlocking exciting offers, topical events, and freebies.

Discover exciting new food and beverage offerings, featuring special limited-time menus, unforgettable experiences such as meeting your favorite artist, winning exclusive branded merchandise, or indulging in drinks at unbeatable prices!

Divya Aggarwal, Chief Growth Officer of Impresario Entertainment & Hospitality Pvt Ltd, shared her vision for the SOCIAL Works. "When we launched SOCIAL Works, our goal was to create a workspace that broke away from the rigidity of traditional offices.

Over the years, it's been incredible to see how this concept has supported startups, freelancers, and professionals in building their dreams. We're creating spaces that are not only functional but also inspiring, blending work and leisure seamlessly as per different requirements. It's about evolving with the needs of today's workforce and continuing to offer a place where ideas can thrive, and connections can flourish.

Keeping in mind the future of co-working, SOCIAL Works is designed to cater to diverse work styles, whether you're working solo, brainstorming with a team, or catching up with colleagues. The experience is a testament to SOCIAL's commitment to staying ahead of the curve, blending work and play in a way that's uniquely their own.

Unmatched safety: Škoda Kylaq secures a 5-star rating in Bharat NCAP crash test



Pune (Voice news service):-

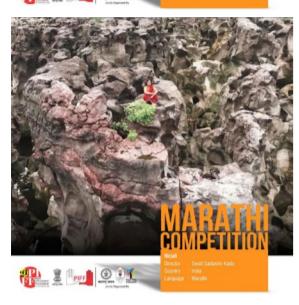
Škoda Auto India's Kylaq, its first sub-4m SUV, has achieved the prestigious 5-star safety rating in the Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Programme). This makes the Kylaq the first Škoda vehicle to participate in Bharat NCAP testing, continuing the brand's legacy of safety excellence established by the Kushaq and Slavia. Both Škoda Auto India's 2.0 cars have achieved 5-star safety ratings in their respective Global NCAP crash tests for both Adult and Child Occupant protection.

Petr Janeba, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India said, "Safety is intrinsic to the Škoda DNA and since 2008, every Škoda car has been crash-tested globally, and in India, with a 5-star safety rating. Škoda Auto has been leading the campaign on car safety

in India, with a fleet of 5-star safety-rated cars. We were the first brand to score a full 5-stars for adults and children under the Global NCAP tests. And now Kylaq, our all-new sub-4-metre SUV, has topped the charts in its segment, in the Bharat NCAP testing. Kylaq comes with comprehensive safety systems which include a wide range of active and passive safety features as standard, including six airbags. The use of hot-stamped steel, with a redesigned crash management system ensures the best possible safety in the Kylaq.

This rating is a further testament to our commitment of democratizing European technology on Indian roads, which includes one of the foundations on which a car should be built, which is safety."

List of Marathi films in the competitive section of PIFF announced



Film Foundation, Cultural Department, Government of Maharashtra and Dadasaheb Phalke Chitrangarai has announced the lineup of Marathi films competing in its prestigious competitive section today by the festival director Dr. Jabbar Patel.

A total of 40 Marathi films registered their participation for this competition. Out of these, 7 films have been selected for the final competition. The selected films include: Giran

(Director - Vijay Shirang Khude), Sangla (Director - Raoba Gajmal), Magic (Director - Ravindra Vijay Karmarkar), Cineman (Director - Umesh Bagde), Nirjali (Director - Swati Sadasiv Kadu), Raosaheb (Director - Nikhil Mahajan), Snow Flower (Director - Gajendra Ahire).

An esteemed international jury will evaluate these films during the festival and the winner will be awarded the Maharashtra Government's Sant Tu-karam Best International Marathi Film prize, which includes a cash award of ₹5 lakh. The award will be presented ceremoniously during the festival's grand closing ceremony.

essential skills in leadership, presentation, and digital education, while offering a platform to build confidence. In alignment with the vision of 'Digital India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' promoted by Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi, the program provides marginalized communities with vital cyber safety knowledge.

of Quick Heal Foundation. The occasion was also attended by Quick Heal's leadership team, including Dr. Kallash Katkar, Chairman and Managing Director, Dr. Sanjay Katkar, Joint Managing Director, and Mr. Vishal Salvi, Chief Executive Officer. The "Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha" initiative focuses on empowering youth with

Pune (Voice news service):- The 23rd Pune International Film Festival (PIFF), scheduled from 13 to 20 February 2025, organised in collaboration with Pune

Quick Heal Foundation Impacts 64.78 Lakh Lives with CSR Initiatives
Pune: Quick Heal Foundation, the CSR arm of Quick Heal Technologies Limited, held the 2025 edition of the 'Cyber Shiksha for Cyber Suraksha' Awards on January 12, 2025, in Pune, Maharashtra. This prestigious event celebrated the exceptional contributions of volunteering institutions, teachers, and students dedicated to

Advancing robotic technologies, a boon for knee and total hip replacements



procedure, with the surgeon maintaining overall control of programming and robotics. The Mako Surgical Robotic System is considered the most accurate and advanced robotic surgical system in the world for hip and knee replacements, including partial knee replacements which can be complex surgeries.

Damage from arthritis is the most common reason for needing a hip replacement. Left unchecked, inflammation can lead to significant damage, causing a loss of function and disability. Arthritis can impact almost any part of the body, but most often affects the hip, knee, spine or other weight-bearing joints. Direct Anterior Approach (DAA) bringing much relief

imal damage to the muscles and since the muscles are not cut, the patient can sooner bear his or her weight and start walking. Robotic system adds pin point accuracy to the procedure including placing the implant into right position. It helps us in getting the exact offsets as per the patient's native anatomy of the hip and there is minimal chance of implant malposition and the risk of dislocation is nearly zero. One of the most crucial parts of robotic procedures is planning which ensure accuracy and safety for patients. The sizing of the implant is done with the CT scan before the operation. So we do a CT scan, we get a 3D virtual model of the hip and then we see what implant will best fit the patient and according to the anatomy the surgery is planned for the Robotic system to execute it to perfection. Also one very big advantage is that the limb length can be checked easily with this approach because the patient is lying supine (flat on the back with face up) and not lying on side. This approach is proving to be a game changer, he said.

Dr Shailesh Hadgaonkar receives Marathwada Gaurav award 2025 for his pioneering work in Spine surgery



Pune (Voice news service):- Dr Shailesh Hadgaonkar, a renowned spine surgeon from Pune continues to lead the way in optimising the spine treatment, revolutionising advanced spine surgery, setting a standard of excellence and innovation in spinal practice. Dr Shailesh Hadgaonkar, Head of Spine & Neuroscience unit at Sancheti Hospital, Pune has recently received the Marathwada Gaurav Award 2024 from the AOA. This recognition celebrates his pioneering work in navigation based spine surgery & Endoscopic spine surgery highlighting his significant contributions to the field. This award was presented during the MOA - AOA Spine Conclave (Maharashtra Orthopaedic Association-Au-rangabad Orthopaedic Association) on 5th January

2025 at Hotel Hyatt Place in Ch.Sambhajinagar. Dr Faisal Khan the President of AOA & Vice President was present on the occasion.

Dr Hadgaonkar's dedication, innovative spirit & leadership have made a difference in the lives of many across the globe. He is the CD office of AO Spine (AOSIN) where he is responsible for the community development and is the Fellowship officer.

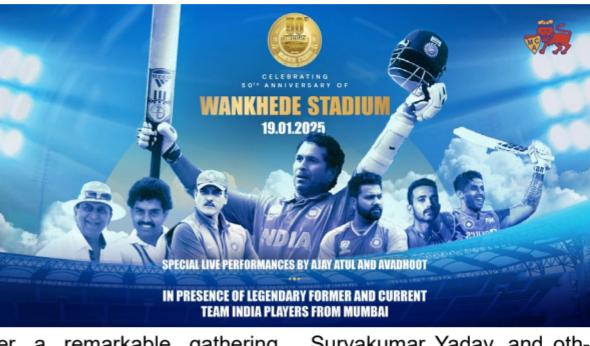
Additionally, he is trained in England, France, Greece & South Korea which talks about his expertise and proficiency. He is enthusiastic in exploring alternative therapies & non surgical treatments for painful conditions, such as slip disc, sciatica, spondylolisthesis, spinal injury, and scoliosis. He is also a believer of cost effective treatment for most of his patients.

Dr Shailesh Hadgaonkar has spearheaded few groundbreaking techniques including the Fracture dislocation of TL spine using parallel rods

which was published in Global API e journal and is cited frequently.

Dr Faisal Khan, the President of Aurangabad Orthopaedic Association, Ch.Sambhajinagar said that Dr Hadgaonkar is the most worthy recipient of this honour. He has brought the name of this region and Maharashtra to every corner of the globe. Young spine surgeon from this region finds inspiration in Dr Hadgaonkar, he added. Dr Vivek Deshmukh a prominent spine surgeon added Dr Shailesh is a great academician & person, his patient care values are phenomenal. Many thanks for giving 1st Dr Rajeev Mohagaonkar Oration, added Dr Shailesh Hadgaonkar who is instrumental in upgrading the advanced spinal practice. He has a few techniques as LIMO Delta for osteoporotic spondylolisthesis. Also, he was the first one in India doing the Spine Stent (Vertebral body Stenting) under navigation & Cervical and Dorsolumbar UBE endoscopic spine surgery in Navigation. He has conducted numerous seminars, webinars nationally and internationally. He is an active part of many free health camps, awareness programmes. He wants to do more research on spinal cord injury, he added.

Wankhede Stadium Celebrates 50 Years of Cricketing Glory with a Grand Celebration on Sunday



Pune (Voice news service):- Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai's iconic cricketing landmark, will mark its 50th anniversary with a spectacular celebration on Sunday (January 19). This unique fusion of sports and entertainment, organised by the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA), will feature special live performances of renowned artists, celebrating the stadium that has witnessed countless unforgettable cricketing moments.

The evening will bring together

Suryakumar Yadav, and other iconic players, all honoring Wankhede Stadium's incredible contribution to the sport.

The celebration will also feature soul-stirring musical performances from Avadhoot Gupte, an electrifying set by the renowned Ajay-Atul, and a mesmerizing laser show that will light up Mumbai's skyline. Wankhede Stadium, a true pride of Mumbai, has seen some of cricket's most historic moments.

This celebration, blending cricket and live entertainment, is your chance to be part of the action and experience a spectacle you won't want to miss.

Backed by high-performance training in Bengaluru and Pune, Falcon Risers Hyderabad are all set for power-packed ISPL Season 2



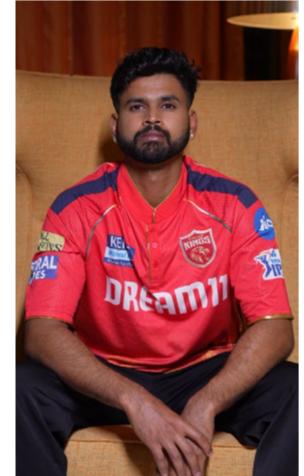
Pune (Voice news service):- Falcon Risers Hyderabad have kicked off their Season 2 preparations for the Indian Street Premier League (ISPL) with a week-long high-performance training at the Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence in Bengaluru. With the aim to build cohesion and strong synergy in the team, rigorous training sessions are underway to prepare the team for a strong campaign ahead of Season 2. Led by Head Coach Chetan Padiyar, Batting Coach Yogenesh Pawar, and Head of Cricket Anant Tambavekar,

with emerging talent to ensure adaptability and resilience across formats.

Retaining Krishna Satpute was an obvious choice, while players like Irfan Umar and Aryan Kharkar stood out for their ability to perform under pressure. Preparations in

Bengaluru are in full swing, with high-intensity training sessions aimed at refining skills and building team cohesion. We're confident this well-balanced squad is ready to deliver strong, consistent performances throughout the season."

Shreyas Iyer to lead Punjab Kings



Pune (Voice news service):- The Indian Premier League franchise Punjab Kings announced Shreyas Iyer as their captain. The right-handed batter roped in by the franchise at the auctions in December 2024 will rejoin hands with Head Coach Ricky Ponting to lead the franchise.

The 30-year-old expressed gratitude to the Punjab Kings management. "I am honoured that the team has reposed its faith in me. I am looking forward to working again with Coach Ponting. The team looks strong, with a great mix

of potential and proven performers. I hope to repay the faith shown by the management to deliver our maiden title."

Head Coach Ricky said, "Shreyas has a great mind for the game. His proven capabilities as captain will enable the team to deliver. I have enjoyed my time with Iyer in the past in IPL, and I look forward to working with him again.

With his leadership and the talent in the squad, I am excited about the seasons ahead." Punjab Kings CEO Satish Menon added, "We had identified Shreyas as our captain

and were delighted with the auction result. He has already proven himself to master the format, and his vision for the team aligns perfectly with our goals. With him and Ponting joining hands again, we are confident our team has a solid leadership group to guide us to our first title."

In 2024, Iyer had a banner year. He was part of the Mumbai team that won the Ranji and Irani trophy. He captained Kolkatta Knight Riders in their victorious 2024 IPL campaign. Under his leadership, Mumbai won their second Syed Mushtaq Ali trophy.

Chennaiyin FC Strengthen Backline with Experienced Indian International Defender Pritam Kotal

Pune: Chennaiyin FC have completed the signing of seasoned Indian international defender Pritam Kotal from Kerala Blasters FC, to add strength to their backline.

The 31-year-old has penned a two-and-a-

half-year deal with the Marina Machans, bringing a wealth of experience from both his Indian Super League journey and an international career that has already produced more than 50 caps for the national team. Kotal, a key defender in Indian

football, has consistently excelled since the ISL began in 2014. Originating from West Bengal, a known football hub in India, his youth career commenced with Chirag United before he made a name for himself in the I-League.

Divyang Rojgar Melava for employment, Self employment and free distribution of equipment



Pune: Rotary District 3131 Human Development Avenue 2024-25 is organizing 'Divyang Rojgar Melava' on 19th January 2025, Sunday at Ganesh Kala Krida Manch, Pune from 8.30 am to 4.00 pm. Host Clubs are Rotary Club of Pune South and Rota-

ry Club of Talegaon Dabhade Challengers. Bhagyashree Sakhi Foundation is a co-partner in this event.

This information was given by Mr. Shital Shah, Governor Rotary District 3131, Dr. Dilip Deshpande, District Director Human Development Avenue

2025, Rotary District 3131 along with Bhagyashree Borkar and other dignitaries.

Around 700 Divyang persons and about 25 companies will be participating in this Melava for screening of Divyang Candidates for employment in manufacturing, admin, packaging, housekeeping and other sections.

Spark Minda Foundation will also participate in the Melava for giving equipment like Crutches, walkers, canes and artificial limbs free of cost.

In this Melava needs of the Divyang persons will be identified and needy will be registered for free donation of these equipment and then in due course the equipment will be distributed to them.

This Divyang Persons Melava will be a milestone in the lives of Divyang Persons for sustainable source of earnings and for ease of mobility in their day to day working life.

Divyang persons or companies interested in participating in this event can contact

Managing the twin challenges of hypothyroidism and anaemia in India

Pune (Voice news service):- In India, 42 million people are affected by thyroid diseases, with hypothyroidism being the most prevalent impacting 1 in 10 adults. Anaemia, often the first sign of hypothyroidism, affects 41.8% of those with hypothyroidism. This World Thyroid Awareness month, it's important to remind people about this dual challenge that may significantly affect overall productivity and quality of life, if left untreated. Anaemia, a condition characterised by a lower-than-normal count of red blood cells, often coexists with hypothyroidism. In hypothyroidism, the butterfly-shaped thyroid gland located in your neck doesn't produce enough thyroid hormones. These hormones are crucial because they regulate your body's metabolism, which affects how your body uses energy. The symptoms of these conditions can overlap, particularly during winter, when pale skin can mask the signs of anaemia. Despite this connection, it is often overlooked. In winter, the body's heightened demand for thyroid hormones

to generate heat and regulate temperature can worsen common symptoms, including weight gain, fatigue, depression, dry and coarse skin and hair, difficulty dealing with the cold, and a tingling sensation in the hands, amongst others. Women are three times more likely to be affected by hypothyroidism than men – and the elderly are another group typically affected by it as well.

Dr. Rohita Shetty, Medical Affairs Head, Abbott India said, "Hypothyroidism and anaemia are significant health concerns in India, but they can be effectively managed with timely diagnosis and consistent treatment. Educating more people about the link between these two conditions and encouraging those with symptoms to seek medical advice promptly is key. For example, if you notice a family member feels cold even in the summer or a friend often complains about never-ending fatigue, encourage them to see a doctor and get tested."

Dr. Uday Phadke, Consultant Endocrinologist, Sahayadri Hospital, Pune added, "Today, the burden of both hypothyroidism and anaemia is on the rise. For instance, anaemia amongst women between 15 and 49 years increased from 53% in 2015-16 to 57% in 2019-2021.[vi] It's extremely important for people to understand the connection between these two conditions, as it will aid in diagnosis and ensure appropriate advice and treatment."

How are they linked? Low thyroid levels slow down the production of red blood cells, a process further complicated by the effects of thyroid diseases like hypothyroidism or Hashimoto's thyroiditis. These conditions often lead to vitamin B12 deficiency, which can also affect red blood cell production. Additionally, low thyroid levels can interfere with iron absorption, disrupting various metabolic processes.[vii] If either is not treated, these issues can amplify the problem and make management of the condition harder. Raising awareness about this connection is necessary, not only for timely and accurate diagnosis, but also to ensure patients receive the appropriate care and treatment.

People in high-risk groups who should routinely screen for these conditions:

Women (especially pregnant women), The elderly, People with autoimmune diseases (like Celiac or Crohn's disease), Those with nutritional deficiencies (including of various vitamins from B12 to D, iron, and more), People with chronic illness (such as diabetes, chronic kidney disease, and liver disease), Those with chronic acidity and digestive disorders

Diagnosis is key for better management of both conditions

What's important is staying vigilant about your health. It's good to remember that early detection and treatment can make a significant difference. Individuals experiencing these symptoms should consult their doctor for next steps on screening. This may include a thyroid function test or checking their complete blood count and markers like ferritin, vitamin B12, and folate levels for anaemia.

Take charge of your health to lead a better quality of life every day!



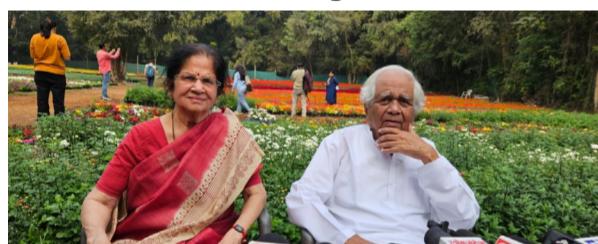
Oasis Fertility Unveils 'In the Good Hands of Science' Campaign at ART Conclave 2025



Pune (Voice news service):- Oasis Fertility, a leading fertility care provider in India, in collaboration with the Pune Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society (POGS), have launched the Artificial Reproductive Techniques (ART) Conclave 2025 with the unique campaign – 'In the Good Hands of Science' at Sheraton Grand, Bunder Garden Road, Pune. Following the inauguration, Dr. Durga G Rao, Co-Founder and Medical Director of Oasis Fertility, remarked, "ART Conclave 2025 showcases how science transforms challenges into possibilities. We are excited to offer a hands-on workshop to enhance practical skills, along with sessions on 'ART Law' and 'Unexplained Infertility' to address legal frameworks and advanced diagnostic strategies. These sessions aim to equip professionals with the tools to ensure better patient outcomes and uphold ethical practices in reproductive medicine."

Dr. Krishna Chaitanya M, Scientific Head and Clinical Embryologist, said, "The theme 'In the Good Hands of Science' highlights our commitment to addressing infertility through innovation. At ART Conclave 2025, we will focus on critical aspects of male fertility, including a session on the 'Interpretation of Basic Sperm Analysis and Its Optimal Management,' and examine advancements

Empress Garden to Host Pune's Biggest Flower Show from January 24 to 27



Pune (Voice news service):- The historic Empress Garden in Pune is all set to host its annual flower show, a vibrant celebration of nature and creativity, from January 24 to 27. Organized by the Agri Horticulture Society of Western India, this much-anticipated event will showcase an array of stunning floral displays, bonsai trees, and artistic flower arrangements that promise to captivate flower enthusiasts. The inauguration ceremony will be graced by Dr. Suhas Diwase, Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, on Friday, January 24, at 12 noon. Speaking at a press conference, event co-ordinators Suresh Pingle and Anupama Barve highlighted the uniqueness of this year's show, with Japanese-style flower decorations and intricate bonsai displays set to be the main attractions. The flower show will feature participation from nurseries across the country, including Pune, Kolhapur, Sangli, Nashik, and even Andhra Pradesh. This wide representation ensures a diverse collection of plants, flowers, and gardening techniques for visitors to explore. Adding a special touch to the event, painting and handwriting competitions for schoolchildren, including those with special needs, will take place on Sunday, January 27. Over

Crescendo'25: Rock the Night with Silver Spirit



Pune (Voice news service):- One of Pune's top business management schools, the International School of Business & Media (ISB&M), successfully hosted Crescendo'25, a celebration of its 25th Silver Jubilee. Established in 2000 under the creative leadership of Dr. Pramod Kumar, ISB&M had built a reputation for excellence by producing individuals who thrived in the international business environment. This historic occasion honored ISB&M's 25-year history of promoting leadership, innovation and creativity.

Management is not confined to classrooms; it thrives in action. While theoretical knowledge forms the base, true mastery comes from real-world practice. The essence of management lies in execution. It's about turning strategies into results, bridging the gap between ideas and outcomes.

Effective managers transform vision into reality, proving that success lies in doing, not just planning. Crescendo, the flagship cultural festival of the International School of Business and Media brings together over 200 colleges from all over nationwide, engaging them in

dynamic inter-collegiate competitions.

The event's first two days are filled with high-energy contests, where participants compete for glory, under the scrutiny of renowned artists and industry experts who serve as judges. Crescendo's legacy continues to grow, setting new standards for cultural festivals year after year. With the theme "Silver Spirits, Rock the Night," Crescendo'25 was a three-day cultural extravaganza that showcased from 75+ leading universities including the Indian Institute of Information Technology Pune, Symbiosis Institute of Media & Communication, IBS, MIT WPU, Christ University, NICMAR, Alard University, IISER, IIFT, MIT, LEXICON, IMED, PDEA, Sinhgad Institute,

BMCC, NIBM and many more. In a variety of contests and performances, participants displayed their inventiveness from January 16th-18th, 2025 under the scrutiny of distinguished industry professionals who shared their unmatched knowledge and experience and more than 1000+ participants nationwide.

The Artist Night, which took place at the ISB&M campus drew over 5500+ crowd at Pune, on January 18, 2025. The Silver jubilee star event witnessed the melodious star performers, Mr. Stebin Ben and the charismatic Ms. Aastha Gill leaving the audience with lifelong memories.

In previous years, many Bollywood artists, including Akshay Kumar, Lucky

Ali, Vishal-Shekhar, Strings, Atif Aslam, Mohit Chauhan, Salim-Sulaiman, Neha Kakkar, Sanam Puri, Zakir Khan and Anand Bhaskar Collective, had graced Crescendo with their spectacular live performances. Crescendo 2023 had also been a unique experience for students, combining the best of music, culture and education.

The president, ISB&M group of institutes Dr. Pramod Kumar quoted on the memorable event that "A mind full of ideas is a treasure, but without execution, it remains untapped potential."

Success lies in turning dreams into actions, like if a person wants to learn swimming/he/she have to go inside the swimming pool to learn because end result is doing"

A special awareness session was organised at Barrister Vitthalrao Gadgil Vidyalaya to boost immunity



Pune (Voice news service):- Nobody likes winter, but when cough, cold and respiratory diseases occur this winter, the fun of winter disappears. These diseases are usually caused due to the decrease in the immunity of the human body due to the temperature and changing weather. In such situations, Chyawanprash, an Ayurvedic product that has been famous for thousands of years and has been successfully tried by millions of people, provides great relief. Consuming Dabur Chyawanprash not only protects us from seasonal diseases like cough and cold by boosting our immunity, but also strengthens our body by improving the functioning of many organs of our body.

Dabur Chyawanprash, Dabur's leading healthcare brand, announced the launch of a mega awareness initiative aimed at keeping underprivileged children safe across the country. Under this initiative, Dabur Chyawanprash in collaboration with leading doctors conducted immunity sessions to educate children about the need to build a strong immune system to fight the changing climate, common bacteria and viruses.

A special awareness session was organised with over 300 children at Barrister Vitthalrao Gadgil Primary School, Dabur India Ltd. said, "Dabur Chyawanprash has been committed to helping every Indian gain strong immunity for over 100 years. Along with providing Chyawanprash to these children, we are also concerned about the cold wave that takes many lives every year. We will strive to highlight and protect underprivileged children."

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Amit Garg, Marketing Head – Health Supplements, Dabur India Ltd. said, "Dabur Chyawanprash is Amla, which is known for its immunity-boosting properties. Other ingredients include Guduchi, Pipali, Shatavari, Vidarikand, Haritaki, Kantakari, Kakrashini, Bhumimalki, Vasaka, Pushkarmool, Prishataparni, Shalparni etc. help in reducing common respiratory tract infections and allergies. Dabur Chyawanprash is the perfect blend of these herbs and ingredients that provide immunity for good health during the winter season."

Shri Murlidhar Mohol Inaugurates CREDAI-Pune Metro Property Expo 2025



Pune: The CREDAI-Pune Metro's 23rd edition of annual property exhibition, the Pune Property Expo 2025, was inaugurated today by Shri Murlidhar Mohol, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Cooperation. The exhibition, held at the Agriculture College Ground, Pune. The exhibition aims to provide a platform for homebuyers and investors to explore a wide range of real estate options, including affordable to luxury housing, NAs plots to premium villas, commercial properties to pre-leased assets. The event will bring together over 55 trusted developers, showcasing more than 400 RERA-registered projects from Pune, PCMC and PMRDA regions.

During the launch, Honorable Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation and Cooperation of India Shri Murlidhar Ji Mohol, said "I am delighted to be a part of the CREDAI-Pune Metro Property Expo 2025. This platform is crucial for discussing the steps being taken towards Pune's development. I greatly value the suggestions shared by the President of CREDAI and firmly believe

with the Government and the policy makers. We had a productive conversation with Union Minister Mohol where we

discussed various issues for the betterment of the city and infrastructure for the citizens at large related to environment, fast track Metro Expansion, reforms in cooperative housing sector laws and construction of an international convention centre in Pune."

Also present on the occasion were Vice Presidents Manish Jain, Arvind Jain and managing committee members Kapil Gandhi, Punit Oswal and Anup Jhamtani.

Visitors can look forward to several highlights, including special offers, spot loan assistance from leading financial institutions and entertainment activities. On 19th January,

the expo will host customer-focused seminars featuring notable experts.

Key sessions include: The Essentials of Redevelopment for Homeowners, a panel discussion featuring prominent speakers such as Mr. Gautam Chatterjee (Ex-Chairman, Maha RERA), Mr. Suhas Patwardhan (Chairman, Maharashtra Co-Operative Housing Federation) and Mr. Vikram Karandikar (M.D. Chaphalkar Karandikar), moderated by Mr. Sanjay Deshpande (CMD, Sanjeevani Developers).

The Hidden Checklist Every Homebuyer Needs by Mr. Rahul Ajmera, Partner, Vasupujya Corporation.

Role of Homebuyers in Eco-Friendly Practices by Mr. Sandeep Sonigra, M.D., Orange County Group.

India Has Huge Potential for Diversified Tourism



Pune: "India is blessed with natural beauty, historical landmarks, and a heritage of religious sites. The country is home to many extraordinary natural wonders and has huge potential as a tourist destination. Tourists should explore the diverse domestic tourist spots.

The Ministry of Tourism is encouraging this initiative by promoting and developing innovative tourist locations," said Gauri Apte, a senior official from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. She also expressed hope that the rock carvings in Konkan should be developed as a tourist destination.

The three-day Fifth Pune Tourism Festival, organized by the Bharatiya Paryatan Vikas Co-Op Society in collaboration with "Captain Niles Journey with Wings," was inaugurated on Friday. The event, held at Hotel Central Park in Shivajinagar, was attended by Swati Barasode from the Ministry of Tourism, Deputy Director of the Directorate of Tourism Shama Pawar, Captain Niles Gaikwad, the organization's president Pravind Ghorpade, secretary Prathamesh Kulkarni,

and other officials. The book 'Mazi Mushafiri', authored by Niles Gaikwad, was released during the event.

This festival, showcasing the rich tourism heritage of Maharashtra and India, provides information on various forts, historical sites, and lesser-known locations. Nearly 50 tourist companies offering both domestic and international travel options have set up stalls. The festival aims to inspire travel enthusiasts and promote Maharashtra tourism. It will remain open to the public for free until Sunday (19th). Hourly lucky draws and three grand lucky draws per day are also planned during the event.

Shama Pawar remarked, "We travel worldwide, but if we don't know the forts and heritage sites of our own Maharashtra, it's unjust. Maharashtra has a rich tourism legacy. However, many locations haven't reached the public's knowledge, or travel facilities to these places are unavailable. It's essential to popularize such locations and establish the necessary infrastructure. The government is also taking initiatives in this regard."

CA Chandrashekhar Chitale Elected to ICAI Central Council for the Third Time



Pune: Veteran Chartered Accountant Chandrashekhar Chitale from Pune has been re-elected for the third consecutive term as a Central Council Member (CCM) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). Additionally, CA Rekha Dhamankar, CA Abhishek Dhamane, and CA Rajesh Agrawal have been elected Regional Council Members (RCM) for the first time.

The elections for the 26th Central Council and the 25th Regional Council were recently concluded and will serve the term from 2025 to 2029. CA Amrutha Kulkarni, Chairperson of Pune ICAI, congratulated the newly elected members and said, "We are proud to have one CCM and three RCMs elected from the Pune branch this year." The Western Region encompasses branches from Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Goa.

Expressing his gratitude, CA Chandrashekhar Chitale said: "Being elected to the ICAI Central Council for the third consecutive term is a matter of immense pride and joy for me. This election reflects the efforts made toward advancing the profession, pursuing excellence, and fostering the growth of the institution."

The trust placed in me brings an even greater responsibility to strengthen the country's economic framework and prepare professionals to adapt to evolving technologies. Inspired by your support, I am committed to contributing significantly to the progress of professionals and students."

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Finolex Cables Unveils FinoUltra: A Revolutionary Wire Powered by Electron Beam Technology

Pune: Finolex Cables, India's leading manufacturer of electrical and communication cables, has launched FinoUltra, a cutting-edge range of wires designed to deliver unmatched safety, durability, and performance.

The product leverages advanced Electron Beam (E-Beam) technology to meet the growing demands of modern infrastructure across residential, commercial, and industrial applications.

FinoUltra wires utilize E-Beam technology to enhance mechanical and thermal properties, allowing them to sustain higher voltages with reduced radial thickness and extending their lifespan to over 50 years.

The wires advanced E-Beam cross-linking technology delivers 75% higher current capacity, compared to standard wires, thus reducing energy loss, minimizes overheating and optimizes performance.

It also maintains operational integrity at temperatures up to 125°C, making them ideal for use in outdoor and extreme environments. This feature enhances safety, helping people escape hazardous situations during emergencies. In addition to their safety and durability, FinoUltra wires adhere to RoHS and REACH European directives, aligning with global sustainability goals.

Green Corridor Enables Life-Saving Lung Transplant at DPU Super Specialty Hospital, Pimpri

Pune (Voice news service):- In a remarkable show of coordination and dedication, DPU Super Specialty Hospital, Pimpri, Pune, and the Maharashtra Police Department successfully facilitated a green corridor for the transport of donor lungs from JJ Hospital, Mumbai, to its facility in Pune, ensuring the timely and safe delivery of this precious gift of life within the stipulated time in order to maintain the quality of the organ. On January 10th, a meticulously planned and flawlessly exe-

cuted road transport enabled the safe passage of the donor lungs to our recipient.

The police personnel, medical teams led by Dr. Rahul Kendre and Dr. Sameer Chauhan from DPU Super Specialty Hospital and support staff involved in the operation demonstrated impeccable coordination and swift action, ensuring the safe and timely delivery of this vital organ.

Dr. P.D. Patil, Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pimpri, Pune, said, "It is a privilege for our hospital to be at the forefront of performing intricate organ

transplants and surgeries.

My heartfelt congratulations go to our exceptional team of doctors for their remarkable efforts. At DPU Super Specialty Hospital, we strive to reach greater heights and perform even more life-saving surgeries, driven by our state-of-the-art infrastructure and unwavering commitment to excellence."

Dr. Bhagyashree P. Patil, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pimpri, Pune, shared her thoughts, "It has always been my vision to promote

greater awareness about organ

donation and its profound impact on saving lives. Our team of doctors has been instrumental in turning our vision into reality through their hard work, dedication and unwavering commitment to saving lives. My heart swells with pride and we aspire to leave a lasting impact on countless more lives in the future."

Dr. Yashraj Patil, Trustee & Treasurer, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pimpri, Pune, commented, "When a lung is transported

Guided by a patient-first philosophy,

Samsung introduces personal Health Records feature on Samsung Health app in India

Pune (Voice news service)- India's largest consumer electronics brand, Samsung announced that it has added the Health Records feature to the Samsung Health app to help users manage their health more comprehensively.

The Health Records feature enables users to create and access their Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) directly through the Samsung Health Mobile App. Users can now effortlessly manage their health data generated by healthcare providers across India, transforming the way individuals take charge of their personal health records.

Samsung's new initiative to empower its users by providing seamless and secure integration with the country's digital health ecosystem is aligned with the Indian government's Ayushman Bharat

Digital Mission (ABDM) project. Samsung prioritizes customer needs and continually enhances products and services to enhance their everyday experiences. The introduction of the Health Records feature for India within the Samsung Health app signifies our dedication to provide convenient access to Digital Health records, enabling data sharing with doctors or caretakers in a secure manner anytime.

"At Eka Care, we are thrilled about this partnership with Samsung, as it will significantly accelerate the adoption of ABDM across India. This collaboration is a key step toward building a more connected and efficient healthcare ecosystem in the country," said Deepak Tuli, co-founder, Eka Care.

The Health Records feature is the result of a collaborative effort across R&D, UX Design and Consumer Experience teams at Samsung with Eka Care, India's lead-

ing ABDM-certified integrator. With this feature, users can register for an ABHA account within the Samsung Health app with their Aadhaar or mobile phone numbers. Once registered, they gain access to view their medical history, including prescriptions, laboratory results, hospital visits, and more — all securely linked to their unique ABHA IDs.

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Tata Motors at Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 Unveils 'Future of Mobility' with new benchmarks in Innovation, Connectivity and Sustainability

Pune (Voice news service)- On the opening day of the prestigious Bharat Mobility Global Expo (Auto Expo) 2025, Tata Motors, India's largest auto and mobility solutions company, unveiled a bold array of ultra-modern vehicles, cutting-edge concepts, advanced aggregates and intelligent digital solutions. With the biggest display of over 50 exhibits, Tata Motors showcased its vision for transforming every segment of personal mobility and commercial transportation. From compact cars and powerful SUVs to nimble mini trucks and rugged heavy-duty carriers; Tata Motors presented its next gen, green mobility solutions, designed to elevate safety, deliver exceptional performance, and redefine customer experience. These stunning exhibits are on display up to 22 January 2025, in Hall No.1 at the Bharat Mandapam (Pragati Maidan), New Delhi.

Tata Motors has brought its vision of the future to life by seamlessly combining its legacy of engineering excellence and deep-rooted passion for 'Made in India for the World' with cutting-edge human-centric design and smart, new age technologies.

Speaking about Tata Motors' expansive display of future ready vehicles, advanced concepts and intelligent solutions, Mr. N Chandrasekaran, Executive Chairman, Tata Sons and Chairman, Tata Motors said: "For eight decades,

Tata Motors has been at the forefront of shaping the future of mobility, pioneering advancements in safety, design, connectivity, and sustainability. Our relentless pursuit of excellence is fueled by a deep commitment to creating value for customers, communities, and our nation.

The rapid shift toward green energy and mobility, an irreversible global megatrend, has made the need for clean,



zero-emission vehicles more urgent than ever. We are leading this revolution in India with smart, holistic solutions delivering exceptional performance, reliability, and convenience. Our customers have ready access to an expansive range of cleaner, greener mobility options for both personal and commercial use.

At the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, we are proud to unveil more than 50 next-generation vehicles, visionary concepts, and intelligent solutions that redefine the future of mobility across segments and applications. Rooted in our legacy of trust, innovation, and responsibility, we will continue to lead the way—creating value for customers, driving the automotive industry and advancing our nation's progress with purpose and determination."

Speaking about the Future of Mobility from the Commercial Vehicles perspective, Mr. Girish Wagh, Executive Director, Tata Motors, said: Today marks a defining moment in Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles' journey as we introduce our new mantra, 'Better Always', embodying our unwavering dedication to driving growth and success, for our customers and for our nation.

At the Expo, we are unveiling

a bold new era in mobility, showcasing 14 smart vehicles, all integrated with ADAS, alongside 6 cutting-edge intelligent solutions that pro-

vide real-time performance insights, and 4 advanced aggregates. Accelerating our aspiration towards a greener future, we are presenting 6 zero-emission electric vehicles, ranging from mini trucks and pickups to intermediate and heavy trucks, alongside buses designed for comfortable, long-distance travel.

At the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, we are proud to unveil our 'Future of Mobility' portfolio, showcasing the greenest, smartest, and most advanced suite of mobility solutions. Our display embodies a holistic approach blending innovative design and smart engineering, with a profound understanding of customer needs.

Today, we are thrilled to announce the return of a legend—the All-New Tata Sierra—reimagined for a new era, ready to inspire and lead once again. Alongside, in a nation first gesture, we've summoned remotely, the Harrier.eV, the most powerful and technologically advanced SUV from the Tata Motors stable. Furthermore, we presented the next chapter of automotive excellence with the Avinya X concept—a bold leap into the future of luxury mobility that expands on Avinya's commitment to sustainability, innovation, and well-being. These reveals mark not just milestones, but the beginning of a boundless journey toward a future driven by lifestyle, safety, sustainability, and cutting-edge technology."

BHARAT MOBILITY 2025: HERO MOTOCORP LAUNCHES EXCITING PRODUCTS IN PREMIUM AND SCOOTER SEGMENT



Pune (Voice news service)- Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, showcased a range of new products and technologies at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025. Hero MotoCorp's pavilion at the show reinforces its commitment to establishing India as a global innovation hub, furthering the vision of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and providing world-class mobility solutions. At the forefront of the showcase was a new range of exciting vehicles, alongside new-age customer-experience solutions and technological advancements. Niranjan Gupta, Chief Executive Officer,

meet the aspirations of a Viksit Bharat and a rapidly evolving global audience. "Today two of our premium brands, Xtreme and Xpulse, have become even stronger. We have fortified our presence in the 125cc scooter segment and also ventured into the 160cc category with a Maxi Scooter. The launch of these new models on the back of an already strong portfolio, will further boost our growth journey as we enter the next fiscal. Strengthening its position as a global powerhouse, Hero MotoCorp remains committed to driving progress, delivering world-class products, and contributing to a cleaner, greener, and more inclusive future for all."

HERO MOTOSPORTS TEAM RALLY SECURES AN IMPRESSIVE 7TH PLACE OVERALL FINISH AT DAKAR RALLY 2025

Pune (Voice news service)- Hero MotoSports Team Rally, the motorsport team of the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters - Hero MotoCorp, has successfully completed the Dakar Rally 2025, reinforcing its position as a formidable force in the world's toughest rally. The team completed this year's rally at overall 7th position, registering its second best Dakar performance in nine years, after it finished 2nd overall at the world's toughest rally last year.

The team's young Chilean rider, Nacho Cornejo, delivered a stellar performance, maintaining top-10 standings throughout the rally and securing an overall 7th place finish. Nacho showcased remarkable grit and determination, demonstrating his consistency across the stages. Since Stage 1, he remained in the top-10, climbed to 7th place in Stage 8, and held on to that position till the finish, proving his mettle on the unforgiving Dakar terrain.

Hero MotoSports Team Rally entered the Dakar 2025 with a strong three-rider squad — Ross Branch, Sebastian Bühler, and Nacho Cornejo. The team made a remarkable start, with the 2024 W2RC Champion - Ross Branch storming into 2nd place in the Prologue, followed by achieving the Stage 1 podium at 3rd place, achieving back-to-back stage podium finishes. He continued his outstanding form, maintaining 3rd place in overall rankings till Stage

5. However, an unfortunate crash in Stage 6 forced him to exit the rally, cutting short his podium charge. His teammate - Sebastian Bühler, who was looking in a good rhythm early on, also met with an unfortunate crash in Stage 1, leading to his early withdrawal from the race.

Despite these challenges, Hero MotoSports showcased its resilience and fighting spirit, proving its capability to compete at the highest level. Nacho's strong finish in 7th place overall highlights the team's growing stature in the Dakar Rally and sets a solid foundation for the season ahead. The team remains committed to pushing boundaries and deliver stronger performances in the upcoming rallies. With this performance, Hero MotoSports continues its mission of making a mark in the world of rally racing, and the journey ahead looks promising.

The Hero 450 Rally delivered a flawless performance at Dakar 2025, completing the grueling rally with zero technical issues — a true testament to Hero's engineering excellence.

In its sixth year at Saudi Arabia, the 2025 edition was undoubtedly one of the toughest Dakars so far with long stages, extreme terrains, and tricky navigation right from the start. Dakar 2025 kicked off with intense challenges, featuring the return of the grueling 48-hour Chrono stage that took place right at the start of the rally, and two marathon stages. A total of 335 vehicles

and 580 competitors from 52 nationalities embarked on the 7,700 km rally across the Arabian desert. For the first time, FIM and FIA vehicles navigated separate routes for nearly 45% of the distance.

Adverse weather played a significant role at this year's Dakar, forcing multiple adjustments. Strong winds and sandstorms in Bisha disrupted early preparations even before the start of the rally, while severe storms in Al Henakiyah led to a shortened Stage 3, reducing the original 496 km route to 327 km. Moreover, the Stage 11 in the empty quarter also saw a delayed start due to dense fog that also interrupted helicopter support. For safety reasons, the FIM route was cut from 308 km to 152 km yesterday, ensuring competitors avoid racing in darkness.

Up next from here, Hero MotoSports Team Rally is geared up to take on the Abu Dhabi Desert Challenge, happening in the UAE from Feb 21-27, 2025. Carrying forward a lot of optimism from Dakar, the team is more focused than ever to conquer the dunes and make their mark!

Wolfgang Fischer, Team Manager, Hero MotoSports Team Rally: "Hello everyone from the finish line of Dakar 2025! I'd like to extend big congratulations to Nacho on securing an impressive 7th place overall. Despite facing significant challenges, including the loss of Basti and Ross early on, Nacho demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination. While our overall

result may not have met our pre-rally expectations, we're incredibly proud of our team's achievements. We experienced zero technical issues throughout the event, and our crew worked seamlessly together."

"Unfortunately, a small mistake in the Prologue gave him a tactical disadvantage for the rest of the week. We're already looking forward to the next races, eager to build on our experiences and strive for even better results."

Nacho Cornejo, Rider, Hero MotoSports Team Rally: "We've crossed the finish line at Dakar Rally 2025, an epic adventure that threw everything at us - treacherous rocks, towering dunes, tricky navigation, and long stages. Although we didn't get off to the strongest start, we fought our way back to the front, securing multiple top-3 and top-5 finishes. We were in the mix with the leading pack, but the early time losses ultimately put us in 7th place overall. While it's not the result we were aiming for, we're proud of our resilience and determination."

"I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to every single member of our team - mechanics, technicians, managers, logistics experts, and helpers. Your tireless efforts and dedication were instrumental in our success. Our bike performed flawlessly throughout, a testament to the team's hard work. Thank you to everyone who supported us on this journey. We'll keep pushing hard and look forward to the next challenge!"

Škoda Auto India showcases local, global, and future products at Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025



Pune (Voice news service)- Škoda Auto India makes a powerful statement at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, scheduled from 17 to 22 January 2025 in New Delhi. Showcasing a curated collection of eight models, Škoda Auto's pavilion in Hall 3-01 at Bharat Mandapam highlights its century-old global legacy of innovation and performance, along with its commitment to sustainable mobility.

Speaking on the company's participation, Petr Janeba, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India said, "The Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 is a remarkable opportunity for us to demonstrate our evolving global and Indian portfolio of ICE and EV vehicles.

India is the second leg we stand on globally outside Europe and is a key market for us. From the all-new Kylaq to our insight into the future with the Vision 7S, all our models showcased at Bharat Mobility Expo focus on delivering innovation along with European design and performance for the ever-important Indian market.

The technology and design from these products are going to be the key to our further expansion in India and our endeavour to attract newer customers in the Škoda Auto India family."

ZONES AT THE EXPO The Škoda pavilion at Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 offers an engaging experience across four zones: Safety, Power, Sustainability, and Luxury. The Safety zone reflects Škoda's key

focus on safety, which is a strong pillar on which all its cars are developed.

The Power zone brings Škoda's racing heritage to life with simulators and soundscapes that highlight its engineering excellence. The Sustainability zone represents Škoda's focus on a sustainable future, not only in the way the cars are manufactured, but also in the evolving product line-up.

The dynamic EV lineup and eco-friendly innovations, reflect Škoda's commitment to a greener future, while the Luxury zone displays Škoda's craftsmanship, with models that combine stylish design and superior comfort.

CARS AT THE EXPO Škoda Kylaq

As Škoda's first ever sub-4-metre SUV, and crafted specifically for India, the Kylaq in Olive Gold reflects a perfect blend of contemporary design and modern engineering.

Continuing the legacy of Škoda's other India-specific cars, the Kylaq recently scored full 5 stars in the Bharat NCAP crash test.

The car is powered by the efficient and proven 1.0 TSI engine with a choice of a six-speed manual or automatic transmission, four variants and seven colour options.

Škoda Kylaq (Accessorised) Another Kylaq with a fully accessorised ensemble is on display fitted with over 30+ bespoke accessories. This version redefines personalisation with multiple cosmetic and functional accessories including UV-protect sun blinds, pre-

mium 7D spill-proof mats, illuminating puddle lamps and more.

Škoda Kushaq Monte Carlo Škoda's popular Kushaq SUV carries on with its 5-star Global NCAP safety rating with some new updates for MY2025. The Kushaq now gets a new Deep Black colour option in the Monte Carlo variant, along with the Škoda wordmark logo and some cosmetic and interior updates.

All-new Škoda Kodiaq

This ultimate seven-seat 4x4 combines luxury, space and off-road ability. The Kodiaq offers a refined driving experience, utmost comfort for passengers and has already proven itself to be a capable mile muncher with previous iterations in India and the world. With its impressive road dynamics and off-road capability, it stands out as a symbol of luxury and practicality.

All-new Škoda Superb An epitome of elegance, the 2025 Superb carries forward a long legacy of luxury and class. This all-new fourth generation version is a masterpiece in design and sophistication with its spacious interiors and luxurious aura. The Superb effortlessly blends premium features and comfort with a refined driving experience.

Facelifted Škoda Octavia vRS Škoda's all-time performance icon, the Octavia vRS, marks its India presence in the mobility congregation. The Octavia, in vRS guise has already been in India in various generations and iterations. The vRS delivers unparalleled dynam- ics and agility, making it one of the fastest and most thrilling models in the Škoda range. As a performance sedan, it continues to attract a dedicated fanbase even in India and is set to elevate the adrenaline levels for all enthusiasts in this Zone.

Kia India unveils the New EV6 at Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 & showcases World of "Inspiring Innovations"

Pune (Voice news service)- Kia India, a leading mass premium carmaker, unveiled the new EV6 at Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025. Kia India also announced that bookings for the new Kia EV6 start today, marking another milestone in the brand's electric journey.

The new Kia EV6 continues to set the standard for safety, equipped with our ADAS 2.0 package, which includes 27 advanced safety and driver assistance features. As compared to previous EV6 we have added five additional ADAS 2.0 features – Front Collision Avoidance assist (FCA) – City/Pedestrian/Cyclist/Junction Turning, Forward Collision Avoidance (FCA) – Junction crossing, Forward Collision Avoidance-Lane Assist Change (FCA) – Oncoming & Side, Forward

Collision Avoidance assist (FCA) – Evasive Steering and Lane Follow Assist (LFA). These features are derived from the cutting-edge technology from our flagship model, EV9 and include improvements to collision safety, structural rigidity, and enhanced occupant protection. With the added strength and enhanced ADAS package, you can drive with confidence, knowing that the EV6 is designed to protect. The EV9 stands as Kia's flagship electric SUV, setting new standards for technology and innovation in the automotive industry, globally. Having crowned as the prestigious WOTY 2024, the vehicle is powered by a 99.8 kWh battery, the EV9 offers an impressive range of up to 561 km on a single charge, making it suitable for both city commutes and long-distance

travel. Its ultra-fast charging capability allows the battery to recharge from 10% to 80% in just 24 minutes with a 350kW DC charger. Kia India is also showcasing its legacy of pushing boundaries by seamlessly harmonizing global technology, luxurious design, and sustainable engineering with its product range including the newly debuted Kia Syros. The immersive display at Bharat Mobility pavilion aligns with Kia India's commitment to driving the future of automotive excellence while supporting India's vision for a sustainable and innovative transportation ecosystem.

Mr. Gwanggu Lee, MD and CEO of Kia India, said, "At Kia India, we are committed to driving positive change in the automotive industry. Since the EV6 first hit the roads, it has garnered widespread admiration

and recognition, growing in popularity and strengthening its global reputation. Today as we unveil the new EV6 we are sure that it will redefine the electric mobility standards with its latest hi-tech innovations. Mr. Lee further added, "Our participation in the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 underscores this commitment, where we are proud to unveil the new EV6, a key step in our journey towards carbon neutrality. With it, we are taking a bold stride in offering environmentally conscious, next-generation technology to Indian consumers."

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