



On Safer Internet Day, LinkedIn shares tips to help professionals avoid job scams and stay safe online

Pune (Voice news service):-More than 8 out of 10 (82%) professionals in India are looking for a new job in 2025, according to LinkedIn's latest consumer research. As professionals navigate an active job market, it's important to note that online job scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated. From fake recruiters to too-good-to-be-true offers, bad actors are using new tactics to trick job seekers into sharing personal information or even sending money. This Safer Internet Day, it's a good time to rethink how we approach online job searches—what to watch out for, what to avoid, and how to stay protected. Here are some essential tips to help you spot scams, safeguard your information, and navigate job opportunities with confidence on LinkedIn.

Aditi Jha, Head - Legal & Public Policy, LinkedIn India says, "Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve safety across the internet. At LinkedIn, we are committed to helping people stay safe in their job search. It's essential to approach job postings with caution and review all available information before applying. To support this, we've introduced measures that highlight verified details about job postings, companies, and recruiters—helping job seekers make informed decisions with greater

confidence."

LinkedIn's tips for a safe job search:

- Take care with what you share. Consider what personal information you are being asked for. Never give out bank details before the onboarding process.
- Say "no" to suspicious requests. Scammers can use tactics that legitimate employers wouldn't, like asking you to download encrypted software for an interview or offering jobs with high pay for little work. Job offers after just one remote interview is very rarely a legitimate deal. You can report spam and inappropriate content.
- Look for red flags. Be cautious of job postings that sound too good to be true or require upfront payments. Common scams include roles like mystery shopper, company impersonator, or personal assistant. Additionally, be wary of anyone asking you to send money, cryptocurrency, gift cards, or to invest.
- Make sure you keep your settings updated. Adding an additional phone number or email address to your account can help recover your account if you forget your password. LinkedIn tools to improve safety:
- Check for verified information on job postings. A verification badge on a job posting means there is verified information about the company or job poster. This includes if the poster is affiliated with an official company

page, has verified their association with a particular workplace, or has verified their identity through one of our identity verification partners.

- !Enable message warnings. Consider enabling LinkedIn's optional automated detection of harmful content, which may detect potentially harmful scams.
- Filter by jobs with verifications. You can now filter your job search to show only jobs with verifications. The filter allows you to search exclusively for jobs posted by companies with a verified LinkedIn Page and current job posters associated with those companies. When toggled on, only jobs with these verifications will appear in your search results, and the filter will be visible in the search header.
- Set up a passkey. Passkeys allow you to use your device unlock—for example, touch ID on your phone or laptop—to access your account. Setting up a passkey not only helps keep your account secure, but you'll also be able to log in easier and faster. Passkeys are one of the most effective tools you can use to protect yourself from fraudulent activities like phishing.
- Turn on two-step verification. Two-step verification uses more than one form of verification to access an account and can reduce unauthorized access to most accounts from new or unknown computers or devices.

Arca AI announces strategic partnerships with Longevity India, IISc, Bangalore & Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Kerala

Pune (Voice news service):- Arca AI, a visionary in artificial intelligence (AI)-driven healthcare solutions, is proud to announce two groundbreaking collaborations aimed at progressive patient care, medical education, and longevity research. The partnerships with Longevity India, IISc, Bangalore and Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Kerala mark a significant step forward in harnessing cutting-edge technology to drive impactful transformations in healthcare and scientific research.

Advancing Longevity Research with The Bharat Study by Longevity India, IISc Arca AI will be the key technology partner for Longevity India, anchored by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), which serves as a unified hub for deep research, discovery, and pioneering technology development, driving advancements in healthy aging for India. This collaboration focuses on development of a highly specialized applications, designed for comprehensive data gathering, integration and analysis in longevity research. The goal is to provide researchers with a robust platform to track biomarkers, analyze genetic and lifestyle patterns, and generate predictive models that can contribute to driving advancements in healthy aging of India. "Our collaboration with Arca AI represents a major leap forward



in our efforts to decode the complexities of aging and longevity," said Dr. Deepak Saini, Professor at IISc and Convener of Longevity India. "With AI-driven analytics, we can gain deeper insights into aging mechanisms, paving the way for innovative interventions that improve quality of life."

Transforming Patient Care and Medical Education with AI at Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Kerala "We are excited to collaborate with Arca AI to bring the latest AI innovations to our hospital and academic programs," said Ms. Rosy Marcel Believers Church Medical College Hospital, Kerala. "This partnership will help us improve patient care while also enhancing the training experience for our students, equipping them with the technological proficiency needed for the future of medicine."

A Shared Vision for the Future These strategic engagements

reaffirm Arca AI's commitment to transforming healthcare and research through the power of technology. By working closely with institutions at the forefront of medical practice and scientific discovery, the company continues to drive innovation that benefits current patients and shapes the future of medicine and longevity research. The efforts will support in conducting a baseline survey of health challenges in India over a longer period with a target of 20 years.

Rohit Rajan, founder of Arca AI said, "We aim to create a comprehensive health portrait for Indian population enabled by data-driven insights. This structured framework of data can be utilized for ML/DL analysis leading to predictive modelling for community deployment. In the long run we will integrate clinical metadata with lifestyle health data and molecular data to get the best healthcare options for individuals."

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Inspires Young Innovators with 24-Hour Toyota Hackathon 2025 in Bangalore



Pune (Voice news service):- Reinforcing its commitment to fostering innovation in road safety and celebrating 'Road Safety Month' (January 18 – February 17, 2025), Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the successful completion of the 24-Hour Toyota Hackathon 2025 at R V Institute of Technology & Management, JP Nagar, Bangalore. This event marked the third and final chapter of TKM's hackathon series for the year, following its successful editions in Delhi and Mumbai.

The Bangalore hackathon brought together over 400 young innovators from grades 9 to 11, representing nearly 100 schools. Participants showcased their creativity and technical acumen in developing practical solutions to critical road safety issues, aligning with TKM's broader vision of achieving zero traffic fatalities. Graced by the presence of the Chief Guest Mr. S. Girish IPS Deputy Commissioner of Police, West along with TKM's senior leadership, including Mr. Sudeep Dalvi, Chief Communication Officer, Senior Vice President & Head of State Affairs highlighted Toyota's dedication to nurturing the next generation of changemakers.

Each hackathon followed a structured five-phase journey: Team Selection and Idea Submission, Boot Camp Shortlisting, the 24-Hour Hackathon, and Incubation Support for the top teams. Out of 100 initial teams, 33 teams advanced to the final phase, with three winning teams receiving continued mentorship to refine and implement their solutions.

Present at the occasion, Chief Guest Mr. S. Girish IPS Deputy Commissioner of Police, West said, "The Toyota Hackathon is a testament to the power of young minds when given the opportunity to innovate. It is inspiring to see how students are channelling their creativity to address a critical issue like road safety. Initiatives like this not only nurture future leaders but also instil a sense of responsibility and purpose in creating a safer world. The enthusiasm and ingenuity I witnessed today reaffirm my belief in the potential of our youth to drive positive change. I applaud Toyota Kirloskar Motor for this impactful initiative and look forward to seeing these solutions translate into real-world benefits for society."

Speaking at the event, Mr. Sudeep Dalvi, Chief Communication Officer, Senior Vice President & Head State Affairs, TKM, said, "At Toyota Kirloskar Motor, safety is at the heart of everything we do. The Toyota Hackathon is a reflection of our belief that empowering young minds to innovate is key to addressing societal challenges like road safety. By equipping students with the tools and mentorship to tackle real-world challenges, we are not only addressing road safety but also building a community of changemakers dedicated to societal progress. We remain committed to supporting their journey from ideas to implementation, ensuring safer roads for everyone."

Road safety and education form the cornerstone of Toyota's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. The Toyota Hackathon, launched in 2018, complements the Toyota Safety Education Programme (TSEP), which has reached over 800,000 students since 2007. As the grand finale of the 2025 series, the Bangalore hackathon has set the stage for a brighter and safer future, showcasing the remarkable impact of empowering youth to address pressing societal challenges. With every milestone achieved, TKM reaffirms its leadership in advancing sustainable mobility and road safety.

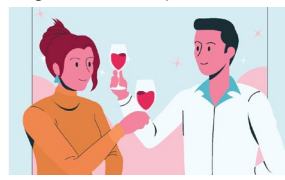
Celebrate Valentine's Weekend at Kopa's Gourmet Wine Fest

Pune: Pune's ultimate lifestyle destination, Kopa Mall, invites you to celebrate this Valentine's weekend with your loved ones at the Gourmet Wine Fest. The event promises an exciting mix of both new and well-established wine brands such as Sula Wines, Rio Wines, Moonshine, Rhythm Winery, Cerena Meads, Univine, and Grover Zampa. Alongside the wines, attendees can indulge in a variety of artisanal cheeses that perfectly pair with their favorite bottles, as well as gourmet food stalls offering cuisine curated to complement the wines.

Guests can explore a wide selection of wines and enjoy the festival's signature Sangria, all while participating in a fun and interactive experience. The festival highlights include a grape stomping competition and wine appreciation sessions led by a wine expert. These activities offer a unique chance to experience the winemaking process while savoring the best of what the wine world has to offer.

Adding to the festival's charm, live performances by jazz and acoustic bands will set the perfect mood and ambiance for a memorable day out. The festival is also pet-friendly, making it an ideal outing for all.

Whether you're looking to indulge in gourmet food, discover new wines, or simply enjoy the festive atmosphere with your loved ones, make this Valentine's weekend unforgettable at Kopa Mall.



Samsung Launches Bespoke AI Refrigerator Series with AI Features Redefining Smart Cooling

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, launched its latest Bespoke AI Refrigerator series in the 330L & 350L capacity range. This new range combines advanced AI-driven features like AI Energy Mode, AI Home Care and Smart Forward with elegant designs and versatile storage options. Aimed at addressing the unique needs of Indian consumers, the series offers a harmonious blend of functionality, style, and innovation at a starting price of INR 56990.

The new Bespoke AI Refrigerators provide smart energy management, improved freshness retention, and active fresh filter, which eliminates up to 99.9% of harmful bacteria, all of which is wrapped in a sleek and customizable exterior. With its durable and energy-efficient Digital Inverter Compressor, backed by a 20-year warranty, the series is poised to redefine modern refrigeration in India.

"Our Bespoke AI Refrigerator series offer consumers a perfect balance of technology, design, and convenience. From AI-driven energy optimization to innovative cooling and hygiene solutions, this series caters to the evolving lifestyles of Indian families. With stylish finishes and advanced features like Smart Forward, AI Home Care, Twin Cooling Plus™ and Convertible 5-in-1 Modes, we aim to empower our customers with appliances that redefine everyday living," said Ghufuran Alam, Senior Director, Digital Appliances, Samsung India.

Design, Capacity, Price, and Availability Available in Real Stainless, Luxe Black, Elegant Inox, and Black Matt, these refrigerators are designed to seamlessly integrate with contemporary home interiors in capacities of 330L and 350L at a starting price of INR 56990. This caters to diverse household needs with availability at lead-



ing retail stores, e-commerce platforms, and Samsung's official website.

AI Energy Mode: The AI Energy Mode leverages advanced AI algorithms to optimize energy consumption by analyzing the refrigerator's usage patterns. This intelligent system identifies peak and off-peak hours of usage, adjusting energy requirements accordingly to achieve up to 10% energy savings. By reducing unnecessary energy usage, it not only ensures cost efficiency for households but also supports sustainable living by lowering carbon footprints. This feature is particularly beneficial for environmentally conscious consumers seeking to balance performance with responsibility.

SmartThings Home Care: SmartThings Home Care offers a seamless integration of real-time monitoring and diagnostics, allowing users to ensure their refrigerator operates at peak efficiency. By comparing past and current performance data, this feature detects potential issues early, minimizing disruptions. Additionally, it provides users with proactive maintenance tips via the SmartThings app, enabling them to extend the lifespan of their refrigerator while ensuring consistent cooling performance. This tool exemplifies Samsung's commitment to convenience and advanced home care solutions.

Smart Forward: Designed to enhance the interconnected smart home ecosystem, Smart Forward ensures un-

interrupted operation by transferring tasks seamlessly between connected devices. For example, in a multi-appliance setup, the refrigerator can communicate with other devices to adjust cooling requirements based on usage. This feature is ideal for users who rely on an integrated home automation system, as it enhances convenience and ensures that every device operates harmoniously for a smarter lifestyle.

Wi-Fi Enabled Convenience: The Wi-Fi-enabled refrigerators redefine convenience by empowering users to control and monitor their appliance remotely via the SmartThings app. Whether it is adjusting the temperature, activating Power Cool or Power Freeze modes, or receiving maintenance notifications, users can manage their refrigerator from anywhere. For instance, while grocery shopping; users can remotely lower the temperature to store perishable items immediately upon returning home. This feature exemplifies modern convenience tailored to dynamic lifestyles.

Convertible 5-in-1 Modes: The Convertible 5-in-1 Modes provide unparalleled flexibility, making these refrigerators suitable for the diverse needs of Indian households. The five modes that range from Normal, Seasonal, Extra Fridge, Vacation, and Home Alone, cater to specific situations. This adaptability ensures optimal energy savings and maximum utility.

Twin Cooling Plus™: The Twin Cooling Plus™ technology

is designed to enhance freshness retention and prevent odor mixing. By using two independent evaporators and fans, it maintains separate cooling environments for the fridge and freezer compartments. This results in up to two times longer freshness, with up to 70% moisture retention for fruits and vegetables. By isolating odors, it preserves the natural flavors of stored items. This feature is a game-changer for households looking for prolonged freshness and hygienic storage.

Active Fresh Filter+: The Active Fresh Filter+ system employs advanced activated carbon filtration to maintain clean and hygienic air circulation inside the refrigerator. It eliminates up to 99.99% of bacteria and neutralizes odors, ensuring a sterile environment for food storage. Additionally, it continuously sterilizes and deodorizes the air, offering peace of mind to users who prioritize health and hygiene.

Power Cool and Power Freeze: The Power Cool and Power Freeze functions are designed for rapid cooling and freezing needs. Power Cool lowers the fridge temperature quickly, ideal for chilling beverages or fresh produce on demand. Power Freeze accelerates ice-making and freezing of food items, making it perfect for parties or impromptu gatherings. Together, these features provide quick solutions for busy lifestyles that require efficient refrigeration.

Digital Inverter Compressor: The Digital Inverter Compressor ensures consistent and energy-efficient cooling by automatically adjusting its speed in response to cooling demands. This minimizes wear and tear, reducing noise and power consumption. With a 20-year warranty, the compressor offers unmatched durability and reliability, making it an investment in long-term performance and peace of mind.

Suryadatta Honors Talented Individuals, Inspires Society



Pune: "History is written through remarkable deeds. Honoring talented individuals who work with dedication and sacrifice serves as an inspiration to society. The Suryadatta Institute's award ceremony is a commendable initiative, shaping responsible citizens of the future. The institution, led by the Chordiya couple, is playing a vital role in guiding the youth, who are the wings of the nation's progress," said Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni, Founder-President of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharati.

He expressed these thoughts during the 23rd Suryadatta National Lifetime Achievement and Suryadatta National Awards Ceremony, held on the 27th anniversary of the Suryadatta Education Foundation at Bantara Bhavan, Baner, Pune.

Prestigious Awards Bestowed Upon Eminent Personalities. Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni was honored with the 'Suryabhushan Global Peace Ambassador Award 2025'. The Suryadatta National Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar (Param Vir Chakra Awardee), Dr. Go. Bn. Deglurkar (Senior Idologist), Sachin Pilgaonkar (Veteran Actor), Prof. Dr. Narendra Bhandari (Space Scientist), CA Dr. Ashokkumar Pagaria (Social Worker & Writer), Dilbagh Singh Bir (Jeweler - Neelkanth Jewelers), Dr. Sadanand Raut (Medical & Social Services), Mayur Vora & Mayur Shah (Entrepreneurs), The Suryadatta National Award was conferred upon: Padma Shri Chaitram Pawar (Environmental Researcher), Jaya Prada (Former MP & Veteran Actress), Smita Jaykar (Actress), Rajendra Mutha (Krsnaa Diagnostics), Sagar Chordia (Global Trade Expert), Dr. Shivajirao Dole (Cooperative Expert), Rahul Kapoor Jain (Motivational Speaker), Indranil Chitale (Entrepreneur - Chitale Bandhu Mithaiwale), Kishor Khabiya (Social Worker), Sunil Waghmore (Agricultural Entrepreneur) and The Suryadatta National Young Achiever Award was presented to Jainam & Jeevika Jain for their contributions to startups and entrepreneurship. All awardees were honored with special shawls, mementos, and certificates handcrafted

by Suryadatta students. Dr. G. B. Deglurkar praised the event, saying, "Suryadatta is a globally renowned institution in the education sector. Their commitment to excellence is evident through this inspiring event. Education is a lifelong pursuit; we must keep learning until our last breath." Actor Sachin Pilgaonkar dedicated his award to the Indian Army, emphasizing, "I have been blessed with immense love from audiences throughout my career. My goal has always been to deliver innovative and entertaining content. Supporting new-generation filmmakers is my way of giving back. Women play an invaluable role in our lives; we must respect our mothers, wives, and daughters." Param Veer Chakra awardee Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar commended Suryadatta, stating, "Suryadatta is igniting the flames of patriotism and knowledge in students. Education equips us to overcome life's challenges. This honor is not mine alone but belongs to my fellow soldiers who serve the nation selflessly." Social worker Sister Lucy Kurian, founder of the Maher Foundation, expressed, "The work we do for orphans and underprivileged children is fueled by the support of kind-hearted individuals. With everyone's help, Maher has expanded across multiple locations. I hope we continue to receive your support."

Veteran actor Raza Murad emphasized Indian values and traditions, saying, "Parents work tirelessly to educate their children. We must never forget the sacrifices of our parents and teachers. Indian culture and traditions are rich, and institutions like Suryadatta ensure that these values are preserved in future generations."

Actress Jaya Prada reflected on her career, "I started my journey in the film industry at the age of 13 and later entered politics, where I had the privilege of serving as an MP three times. Whether in cinema or politics, my goal has always been to serve society." Padma Shri Chaitram Pawar highlighted the importance of natural resources, stating, "Land, water, forests, and livestock are invaluable assets. We must protect them for a sustainable future."

EY GDS strengthens commitment to environmental conservation on World Wetlands Day

Pune: EY Global Delivery Services (EY GDS) had launched a series of programs across the country on the occasion of World Wetlands Day. The initiative is part of the dedication of EY GDS to support the preservation of wetlands across India, highlighting the organization's broader commitment toward environmental conservation. To mark the event, around

200 EY GDS volunteers constructed 15 floating wetlands at the Pashan Lake in Pune, each measuring three feet by four feet, and planting close to 240 saplings of the Cana Indica species. The Pune event is part of a larger project undertaken by EY GDS on World Wetlands Day. Floating wetlands enhance wetland biodiversity by promoting the growth of vegetation, which

plays a key role in improving water quality, controlling shoreline erosion, and mitigating climate change. The initiative incorporates hydroponic technology for water filtration, potentially improving the overall water quality. This global observance of the event highlights the crucial role wetlands play in maintaining a balanced ecosystem. Manesh Patel, Global Operations

Leader, EY GDS, said, "At EY GDS, we believe in driving meaningful change through collective action. On World Wetlands Day, our initiatives across the country showcase our commitment to environmental sustainability as our volunteers actively contribute to wetland restoration across India. By protecting these vital ecosystems, we take a step toward a greener."



Cinépolis Celebrates 100% Occupancy at Kochi IMAX for Interstellar Re-release

Pune (Voice news service):- Cinépolis, India's first international cinema exhibitor, proudly celebrates the phenomenal success of its newly launched IMAX auditorium at Cinépolis Centre Square Mall, Kochi, which achieved 100% occupancy in its first week with the re-release of Christopher Nolan's masterpiece Interstellar.

Marking Cinépolis' first IMAX in Kerala and fifth in India,

this state-of-the-art facility offers moviegoers an unparalleled cinematic experience. Equipped with cutting-edge IMAX technology, including a floor-to-ceiling curved screen, 4K laser projection, and immersive surround sound, the auditorium delivers breathtaking visuals and powerful sound, bringing audiences closer to the action than ever before.

Mr. Devang Sampat, Manag-

ing Director, Cinépolis India, "The response to the newly launched IMAX in Kochi has been nothing short of extraordinary.

The success of Interstellar reaffirms our belief that Indian audiences are eager for premium cinema experiences. Cinépolis remains committed to bringing world-class formats like IMAX to our patrons, creating unforgettable movie moments."

Cinépolis Centre Square Mall is a 12-screen megaplex, offering a mix of cutting-edge cinema formats, including IMAX, 4DX, and RealD 3D, along with ultra-comfortable seating and gourmet concession options. This expansion underscores Cinépolis' mission to elevate the movie-watching experience in India by introducing innovative technologies and premium services.

RED Digital Cinema, Inc. releases the V-RAPTOR [X] Z Mount and KOMODO-X Z Mount cinema cameras compatible with the Nikon Z mount

Pune (Voice news service):- RED Digital Cinema, Inc. (hereinafter "RED"), a subsidiary of Nikon Corporation, is pleased to announce the release of the V-RAPTOR [X] Z Mount and KOMODO-X Z Mount digital cinema cameras, integrating the Nikon Z mount to the already impressive RED cameras and providing filmmakers and content creators with ultimate flexibility in lens choice.

The Z CINEMA series The V-RAPTOR [X] Z Mount and KOMODO-X Z Mount are the first entries into the all-new Z CINEMA series; a new product line of co-developed solutions from Nikon and RED. The Z CINEMA series is targeted at providing high-quality solutions for the cinema, high-end production and creator market.

It marks the initial stage of integrating Nikon's rich history and powerful technology and RED's cutting-edge cinema solutions, to create products designed for filmmakers and content creators operating at the highest level across the globe.

Ultimate lens flexibility The new V-RAPTOR [X] Z Mount and KOMODO-X Z Mount digital cinema cameras support the Nikon Z mount, with its large diameter and short flange distance, while retaining cinematic picture quality utilising RED's colour science. Users can also take advantage of the high performance unlocked by RED's

exclusive image compression and other technologies. Filmmakers and content creators now have greater flexibility in image expression with an unprecedented range of lens options.

By using the NIKKOR Z lenses on these RED cameras, users can faithfully render subjects with superior sharpness and minimal aberration. Users also have the option to use the diverse lineup of NIKKOR F lenses from the AI Nikkor series onward, including popular vintage lenses, by pairing them with the Mount Adapter FTZ II. In addition, both products support the power zoom control of the new NIKKOR Z 28-135mm f/4 PZ and provide improved autofocus performance on both the V-RAPTOR [X] Z Mount and KOMODO-X Z Mount cameras.

Nikon will continue to pursue a new dimension in optical performance while meeting users' needs, contributing to the development of imaging culture that includes the video domain, with the hope of expanding possibilities for imaging expression. Filmmak-

ers and content creators can expect great things from this new synergy between Nikon and RED.

The V-RAPTOR [X] Z Mount and KOMODO-X Z Mount will be available from RED Digital Cinema, Inc. and RED authorised dealers. Visit RED's official website for product details, as well as for information on release dates and sales regions.

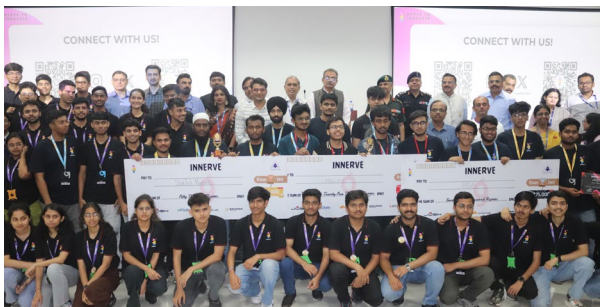
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The V-RAPTOR [X] Z Mount RED's groundbreaking flagship camera, the V-RAPTOR [X], recognised for its unmatched low-light performance, dynamic range, resolution, high frame rates, and industry-leading 8K VV global shutter large-format sensor is now available with a Z mount. Featuring RED's Global Vi-

Luminocity, a team from Dayanand Sagar College of Engineering, Bangalore won the title of INNERVE 9.0 organized by the AIT Pune



Pune :The Open Source Software Club of Army Institute of Technology (AIT), Pune, successfully concluded Innerv 9.0, one of the largest student-driven hackathons of India, reinforcing its position as a hub for technological innovation and industry-academia collaboration. The event witnessed an overwhelming response, with 9,500+ students from 2,500+ teams competing to develop cutting-edge solutions to real-world challenges. Only 31 teams were selected for the grand finale. The top 31 teams competed in a 24-hour Grand Finale on 7th-8th February, working on innovative projects in the open innovation category based on 10 technology verticals, and solving sponsored industry challenges from Josh Software, Cloudflare, and UdChalo. Solutions included AI-driven fraud detection to protect users from scam calls (Josh Software), an AI-powered meeting assistant to automate workflows (Cloudflare), and a military-themed

offline game (UdChalo). The hackathon had a prize pool of 12,00,000 rupees. Team Luminosity of Dayanand Sagar College of Engineering, Bengaluru won the first prize of 1,25,000 rupees. Team consists of Vivek Agarwal, Naman Parlecha, Bhuvam M and Mohit Nagaraj. The second prize of 75,000 rupees went to MIT Academy of Engineering, Alandi Pune & team consisting Paras Satpute & Zaki Shahapure. The third prize of 50,000 rupees was awarded to GH Raisoni College of Engineering & Management Wagholi Pune & its team consists of Shahid Shaikh, Arman Kadri, Dolar Jain & Tarun Shikawal. Other prizes included the ingenious spark prize - Rs 25,000, which was won by Dr. DY Patil Institute of Engineering, Management & Research with team leader Aniruddha Narayan, and the visionary spark prize - Rs 15,000, was won by Army Institute of Technology Pune with leader Prince. Each sponsor company offered



15,000 rupees for solving their challenges. Participants were also provided with goodies, and swags from sponsor companies and AIT. The Prize Distribution Ceremony, presided over by Maj Gen KK Chakrabarti, Chairman of AIT, honored the most innovative and impactful solutions, awarding grand cash prizes and recognition to the top teams. Innerv 9.0 once again demonstrated the power of student-led initiatives in driving meaningful technological progress. The Chairman addressed the participants and described hackathons like Innerv as platforms that train you to think on your feet, to innovate under pressure, and to work as a cohesive team towards a common goal. He complimented the organising team for excellent conduct of the hackathon. The Director of AIT, Brig Abhay Bhat, concluded the ceremony with a vote of thanks. He emphasised that whether participants win an

award or not, they are already winners, having taken up the challenge to participate. He said that the ability to think critically, collaborate effectively and push limits will serve as invaluable assets in students' careers ahead. The success of Innerv 9.0 was made possible by the dedication and meticulous planning of the OSS club team, led by the Secretaries, Kaushal Vyas and Deepshikha Rawat. The event was a success thanks to the visionary guidance of Prof. Vaishali Ingale and Prof. Guldeep Hule (Faculty Incharges of OSS Club), and the unwavering support of the Principal - Dr. BP Patil, Joint Director - Col MK Prasad, and Director - Brig Abhay Bhat. Maj Gen KK Chakrabarti, the Chairman of AIT was an inspiration and a mentor for all students of AIT. As Innerv 9.0 concludes, AIT continues its mission to empower young technologists, inspiring future leaders to push the boundaries of innovation.

MIT-World Peace University Study Traces Changes in Pune's Dragonfly Populations Over Time

Pune: In a groundbreaking study, researchers at MIT-WPU, Pune, revealed the population dynamics of dragonfly species in Pune based on historical and contemporary data. Researchers found that eight species previously recorded in historical data are now absent, suggesting possible local extinctions due to unplanned urbanization, increased water pollution, and shifting weather patterns. The study

also records addition of twenty-seven species compared to historical data, a significant number achieved due to citizen science and increased awareness regarding documentation of insect diversity. The study identifies shifts in dragonfly populations caused by factors such as changing land use, rapid urbanization, and data gaps. The study also recorded the presence of five endemic

species from the Western Ghats, reinforcing Pune's ecological significance for Odonata studies. This first-of-its-kind study examines the long-term temporal distribution of odonates (dragonflies and damselflies) in the Pune district, shedding light on species losses and gains over nearly two centuries. The research, led by Dr. Pankaj Koparde (Faculty, Department of Environ-

mental Studies, MIT-WPU Pune), along with Arajush Payra (PhD Scholar) and Ameya Deshpande (Alumnus), presents a comprehensive analysis of historical and contemporary records. Primary data was collected between 2019 and 2022 across 52 localities in the Pune district, while historical records from the mid-19th century were reviewed through 25 published articles and citizen science data.

Oberoï & Neel Kings, VNN Talab Kwaliti Warriors start with wins 11th Edition Poona Club Premier League 2025



Pune (Voice news service):- Oberoi & Neel Kings, VNN Talab Kwaliti Warriors started their campaign on winning note at the 11th Edition Poona Club Premier League 2025 which is being or-

ganised by Poona Club Ltd and played on their ground.

The tournament was inaugurated by Mr. Gaurav Gadhoke, Hon. President of The Poona Club Ltd, Mr Indraneel Mujgule,

Vice President The Poona Club Ltd and Mr. Tushar Aswani, Sports Chairman The Poona Club Ltd, Mr. Vikram Kakade, Mr. Surendra Bhawe, Former Ranji Player.

Results: League Round:Oberoi & Neel Kings: 93/4 in 6Overs(Adhish Shah 41(17.5x4.2x6), Sandeep Abichandani 39(13.5x4), Kiran Deshmukh 2-10, Amit K 1-19) bt VK Tigers: 64/5 in 6Overs(Aman Parekh 24, Rajesh Bansode 10, Adhish Shah 2-14, Dhaval Gundecha 1-5); MOM - Adhish Shah; Oberoi & Neel Kings won by 30runs;

Prithvi Lions: 71/3 in 6Overs (Khalid Parwani 32(18.1x4.2x6), Sean 18, Ziaan Talab 1-13, Priyag Patel 1-11) lost to VNN Talab Kwaliti Warriors: 74/2 in 5.3Overs(Veer Makkar 31(14, 1x4.3x6), Ziaan Talab not out 22(11, 2x4.1x6), Arav Vij not out 8, Rishabh Bajaj not out 4, Khalid Parwani 1-8); MOM - Ziaan Talab; VNN Talab Kwaliti Warriors won by 7 wickets.

'It Feels Good to be the PKL's Most Successful Captain': U Mumba Skipper Sunil Kumar Gets Candid on His Legacy, Bond with Teammate Parvesh



Pune (Voice news service):- Pro Kabaddi League's (PKL) most successful captain and U Mumba star, Sunil Kumar, needs no introduction in the sport's circles. With 74 victories to his name as a skipper, more than any other player in PKL history, the U Mumba headliner is the league's most celebrated captain as of season 11. Sunil's crowning moment came in a 43-29 win over Purni Paltan at the Balewadi Sports Complex, Pune, when

he surpassed Fazel Atrachali's mark. Moreover, the India international defender enjoyed a productive debut season with U Mumba, playing 23 matches, attempting 110 tackles, 73 raids, and amassing 54 points for his team.

Reflecting on his achievements on Beyond the Mat, a new podcast initiated by U Mumba, he shared, "I feel good when someone says 'most successful captain.' There were big players before like Anup Kumar, Ajay Thakur, Fazel Atrachali—it feels good that I've left them behind and become the most successful captain of PKL."

Sunil's Kabaddi journey began in 2010 when he was just an eighth grader. With encouragement from his elder brother and a strong sporting culture in his village, he pursued the sport even when it lacked mainstream appeal. Sunil made his PKL debut in 2016 before breaking into the

limelight the season after. He won his first league title in 2019 and another as captain in 2022.

In his nine seasons in PKL, Sunil has played 160 matches, earned 399 points, attempted 273 total raids, and completed 741 total tackles. A critical part of his success has been his partnership with childhood friend Parvesh Bhainswal, whom Sunil reunited with in the colours of U Mumba ahead of Season 11. Their chemistry on the mat is incredible, formed by years of playing together. Speaking about this unparalleled bonding, Sunil said, "I knew Parvesh before kabaddi, he is my childhood friend. We started playing kabaddi together in childhood and we played in various tournaments. Back then, only four or five people were playing, and that's when we decided that we would always play together. When I hold his hand, I feel like I can

tackle anyone. It is all thanks to our coach who has shown trust in us and made our combination very strong"

In 2022, Sunil was named captain of the Indian team for the Asian Kabaddi Championship. Though an unforeseen setback prevented him from playing, he rebounded by winning gold at the Asian Games—a triumph he considers one of his proudest moments. "I was made captain of Team India for the Asian Championships but couldn't participate due to visa issues. But, the Asian Games followed, I got selected again, this time as a vice-captain, and we won the gold medal!" he shared in the podcast.

In other snippets, Sunil revealed his love for wrestling and admiration for wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt. He also admitted that had he not been a kabaddi player, he would have served his nation either as a farmer or an army man.

Sintex partners with BCCI as an associate sponsor for Women's Premier League 2025

Pune (Voice news service):- Sintex BAPL a part of Welspun World, is India's leading and trusted manufacturer of quality water storage solutions, has announced its partnership with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) as an Associate Sponsor of the Women's Premier League 2025 (WPL), India's biggest women's T20 cricket league. This marks the second consecutive year of Sintex's association with WPL, strengthening its efforts to foster equality, opportunity, and empowerment for women in sports.

Cricket in India is not just a sport, it is an emotion and a way of life. Since its inception, WPL has emerged as a powerful platform, celebrating the triumphs of women cricketers, redefining the norms thereby transforming the cricketing culture in India. Similarly, Sintex believes in challenging popular norms in the water management category through innovation & excellence, thereby continuously serving its con-

sumers with finest quality products. This makes Sintex and WPL association a natural choice. By extending its partnership, Sintex aims to champion inclusivity in sports, inspire aspiring female athletes, and promote the critical cause of water sustainability. At its core, Sintex's mission is to ensure access to clean and safe water for every Indian through its quality water management solutions. Water is essential for daily life—it nurtures health, drives progress, and empowers communities, making it a fundamental necessity for all. Just like water is essential to life, Sintex believes that sports is an integral part of living a healthy life. Through WPL 2025, Sintex aims to engage with a diverse audience, support women in sports, raise awareness about responsible water conservation, and promote environmental sustainability; creating a future where safe and accessible water is a reality for everyone. Speaking on the association, Yashovardhan Agarwal,

Managing Director, Welspun - BAPL said, "We are delighted to partner with Women's Premier League (WPL) 2025 as an Associate Sponsor for 2025. Over the years, WPL has become a game-changer for women's cricket in India, providing a well-deserved platform for women to lead the charge.

At Sintex, we believe in undertaking initiatives that drive real change, and through this association, our aim is to inspire, break barriers and enable more young women to pursue their dreams in the field of sports."

Furthering its commitment to women's empowerment, Sintex's parent company, Welspun, spearheads the Super Sport Women Program (WSSW)—a pioneering initiative supporting female athletes from challenging backgrounds. WSSW aims to tackle key challenges such as limited access to resources, financial constraints, and societal barriers, ensuring that talented sportswomen receive the support they need

to excel. As part of its on-ground activations at the stadium, Sintex is introducing engaging and interactive experiences that blend the spirit of cricket with the importance of water conservation: "Kill the Microbes to Win the Game" – An interactive experience where participants eliminate microbes, mirroring how Sintex tanks ensure safe and hygienic water storage "Donate Water to Win in the Long Innings of Life" - A campaign encouraging fans to pledge water conservation and contribute towards tank donations for communities in needFor close to 50 years, Sintex has been India's most trusted brand in water management solutions, offering innovative, superior, durable, and sustainable products that enhance everyday life. As part of its growth strategy, Sintex is now expanding its portfolio, diversifying into building materials segment while continuing its commitment to water sustainability through innovation.

WIKA India's growth trajectory, and its future strategies in the Indian market

Pune: WIKA India, a wholly-owned subsidiary of WIKA Alexander Wiegand SE & Co. KG, Germany, a global market leader in pressure, temperature measurement technology, is hosting an in-house press conference at its Pune Plant on February 12, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event will bring together esteemed representatives from leading media houses for an insightful discussion on WIKA Group's journey, WIKA

India's growth trajectory, and its future strategies in the Indian market. The objective of organising this conference is WIKA's new investment plans, new products to be launched, new CSR & Sustainability activities, new segment focus, etc. WIKA India has state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in Pune, Chennai, Ghaziabad & Faridabad, drawing upon the global experience of WIKA Germany. The press conference will provide a plat-

form for open dialogue between the media and WIKA's leadership. Key stakeholders attending the event include Mr. Gaurav Bawa, Senior Vice President, WIKA India, along with various other senior Indian and German stakeholders. The discussions will cover topics such as WIKA India's growth over the past few years, its marketing strategy, technological advancements, and future expansion plans, to name a few.

WIKA India has established itself as a leading player in the field of precision measurement technology, continuously innovating to meet the evolving needs of industries across various sectors. The press conference will serve as an opportunity for media professionals to gain deeper insights into WIKA's vision, operational excellence, and commitment to delivering high-quality solutions in India and beyond.

CITTA Expands Skincare Line with Its Game-Changing Adult Skincare Range

Pune: CITTA, the premium skincare brand that won hearts with its gentle yet effective baby care products, has made a bold move into the adult skincare arena. This expansion is a revolution in conscious skincare, meticulously crafted for the unique needs of Indian skin. Rooted in the Sanskrit word CITTA (consciousness), CITTA has always been about mindful formulations that prioritize purity, efficacy, and

transparency. Now, recognizing a gap in the market for high-performance skincare designed for India's hot and humid climate, the brand is bringing its expertise in gentle yet potent formulations to adults. This is skincare, reimagined for the modern Indian consumer. "Indian skin is naturally resilient but prone to concerns like hyperpigmentation, dehydration, and environmental stressors. And so, we've formulated each

product with these skin-related concerns in mind. CITTA's game-changing adult skincare range is thoughtfully formulated to tackle these concerns head-on, combining the healing power of nature & science," says Akanksha Sharma, CEO & Co-Founder, CITTA. "Our approach isn't about quick fixes, it's about long-lasting, effective skincare," adds Tanay Sharma, COO & Co-Founder, CITTA. Available across multiple retail

channels, both online and offline, CITTA's skincare range is crafted for individuals aged 18-45 years who are looking for effective solutions tailored to Indian skin. What makes this range special? Each product is powered by a carefully curated blend of ingredients that deliver visible results without compromising skin health. Natural ingredients like Centella Asiatica, Saffron, Aloe Vera, Pomegranate, and Ashwagandha.

VOZ and SAFE developed by Pune based eye surgeon Dr. Jeevan Ladi transforming the field of laser vision

Pune: "The cutting edge minimally invasive techniques for vision correction invented by Pune based eye surgeon Dr. Jeevan Ladi is transforming the field of laser vision.

Explaining a recent case, Dr. Jeevan Ladi, Founder of Dada Eye Laser Institute said that a 30 year old male from Sudan came to his clinic in the first week of January 2025. He was visibly dejected as all of the experts that he had met outside India told him not to go for laser vision correction as his cornea was thin. He had high myopia with a power of -7 in the right eye and -6 in the left eye, and the thickness of his Cornea, on which Laser is done, was less.

Dr. Ladi added that the challenge in thin cornea is that there isn't enough tissue to adequately correct refractive errors. But the technique of Variable Optic Zone (VOZ) works by utilising the concept of minimal tissue consumption depending on the size of the pupil. With the use of modern imaging technology, which uses a special type of laser light for accuracy, the size of the pupil is measured under different lighting conditions.

This data is then utilised to decide the amount of tissue in the cornea that needs to be treated by Laser. It uses special software to do the necessary calculations to treat tissue, depending on the size of the pupil, so as to avoid photic phenomena such as glare and halos. This innovation has revolutionised the way we treat vision correction



as it is tailored to each individual's needs. The technique is suitable for people going for vision correction in the age group 18-60 years to get rid of glasses.

The procedure was performed on the Sudanese male on 4th January 2025. He regained his natural vision quickly and was very happy with the result. He went back to Sudan on 8th January 2025.

Dr. Ladi added that the other technique he uses is SAFE (Shearing Applied Force Extraction).

This is a technique used in modern LASIK lasers such as Small Incision Lenticule Extraction (SMILE) to help minimise the amount of inflammation to the cornea and to aid in rapid healing and visual recovery.

This method also eliminates the need for blades and flaps, making the surgery painless and reducing the overall procedure time. Those undergoing laser treatment for their vi-

sion can resume their regular activities almost immediately after the procedure.

VOZ saves more than 30% tissue, increasing safety, while SAFE helps in regaining vision quickly. Both the techniques developed between 2022 and 2023 have helped many patients with safe vision correction. The articles authored by Dr. Ladi on these techniques have been published in reputed national and international journals.

What's interesting is that some eye experts have also undergone these procedures. Pune based private practitioner and eye surgeon Dr. Manasi Godbole-Gharpure said, "I was wearing glasses from my childhood for short-sightedness, also known as Myopia. I always wanted to get rid of my glasses. I underwent the innovative Laser treatment of Dr. Jeevan Ladi myself & could resume my routine work immediately. Not only the Indian population, who have

relatively less thickness of the cornea, but also people from all over the world will be benefited by VOZ & SAFE. I could start eye surgeries on my patients just 4 days after my own laser surgery."

Cataract Surgery Accuracy Enhanced by The Ladi Method Thousands of eyes and counting, "The Ladi Method" is helping detect the power of lens in a cost effective way with excellent results.

The Ladi method, another technique invented by Dr. Jeevan Ladi is keeping cataract surgeries within the reach of common people by providing a cost effective technique to detect the power of the lens. The method had received copyright in 2023 and has benefited thousands of patients undergoing cataract surgeries.

Dr. Jeevan Ladi said, "Cataract is one of the major causes of blindness in India. After the surgery, an artificial lens is implanted inside the eye for

spectacle independence. The Ladi method uses ultrasound to find the power of the lens. Compared to other methods it is inexpensive and within the reach of common people, delivering excellent results."

Dr. Ladi added that the natural lens of the eye is removed during the cataract surgery and replaced with an artificial one which is called IOL (Intraocular Lens). Pre- cataract surgery measurements are a critical part of the process and contribute to the outcome of the surgery. This helps in spectacle independence post-surgery as the power of Lens is calculated more accurately.

The measurements are run through a formula to determine the lens to be used. The method is inexpensive and accurate and therefore brings benefits to all sections of the society. Another advantage of the method is that it can be used with any technique of cataract surgeries like Laser, robotic, phaco and manual surgeries.

Prof Dr Mrs Ranjana Pande, an Eye Surgeon & patient, former professor of department of Ophthalmology, B J Medical college & Sassoon General Hospital Pune said, "Since I believed in the technology, I myself underwent cataract surgery with The Ladi Method by Dr Jeevan Ladi. Now I am spectacle free for all my activities in daily work. This Ultrasound based method is inexpensive and will help not only developing countries like India but all sections of the society world over.

TiE Pune to organise 10th edition of TiECON on 21st and 22nd February 2025

Pune : The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Pune chapter, a not-for-profit making organisation dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship is organising the 10th edition of it's flagship event TiECON on 21st and 22nd February 2025 at Hotel Westin, Korgoan Park. Around 400 to 500 people along with Prominent angel investors, startup funds, entrepreneurs and industry thought-leaders are set to converge at the TiECON Pune 2025.

The first day of TiECon Pune consists of deep dive masterclasses wherein entrepreneurs not only learn but practice application of the techniques through case studies. The second day consists of insightful talks, panels, fireside chats, investor pitches and networking with stellar founders, investors, CEOs, industry leaders, technologists, a sports icon and a young mountaineer who is a Guinness record holder.

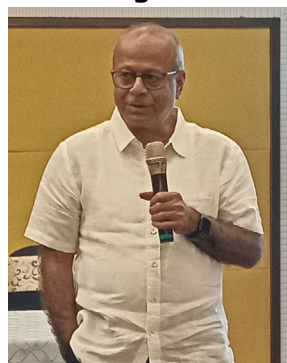
Topics include validating your idea, go to market strategy, sales, scaling, digital marketing, branding, design thinking, funding, making companies investible, funding, building your team including hiring CEO, planning and executing M&A of your company and

many more. Domain specific sessions will cover automotive & electronics, cyber security, climate & sustainability, medical technologies & healthcare, wellness, deep tech. AI that is taking the world by the storm has three dedicated sessions – AI state of the art, horizon of AI applications and CEO's perspective of AI and how entrepreneurs can leverage this technology.

Nurture mentoring pavilion at TiECon Pune 2025 is a showcase of mentors and mentee companies across all 13 Nurture programs TiE Pune has executed. Participants get opportunities to network with investors, industry leaders, iconic entrepreneurs and peers. Nurture is an organized mentoring program TiE Pune created in 2012 and is now adopted by many TiE chapters not only in India but worldwide.

Says Kiran Deshpande, TiE Global Trustee and the Conference Chair "Pune has the most diverse entrepreneurial ecosystem in India. TiECon Pune 2025 serves the learning needs of all types of entrepreneurs not only from Pune but from across India".

Says Ajay Bhagwat, founding charter member and current TiE Pune President, "Nurture



pavilion and masterclasses provide exemplary opportunities to the participants for meaningful networking".

For out of Pune participants, there is also an opportunity to enjoy the milieu of Pune with heritage walks, theater, music, many nearby forts and a trek to the famous Sinhagad fort.

TiE (The Indus Entrepreneurs): TiE is a world renowned not for profit organization fostering entrepreneurship. TiE activities are built around five pillars namely, mentoring, educating, networking, investing and incubating. TiE has ~65 chapters worldwide. TiE charter members are seasoned entrepreneurs and are part of TiE to give back. TiE Pune is a leading chapter in the TiE ecosystem.

Tinder and Centre for Social Research Launch Dating Safety

Pune: Ahead of Safer Internet Day, Tinder in collaboration with the Centre for Social Research (CSR) - a leading non-profit dedicated to building a safer, more equal world, free from violence and gender inequality - has launched its

industry-leading Dating Safety Guide in four Indian languages—Hindi, Marathi, Kannada, and Bengali. Tinder has partnered closely with CSR India, drawing on the NGO's expertise, research, and insights at the intersection of technology

and violence against women.

This collaboration has played a key role in shaping the safety efforts for this guide, as part of Tinder's ongoing commitment to education and awareness around online dating safety in India.

Laugh, Enjoy & Celebrate Live Theatre: Pune's WOPA Winter Festival Presents 'Baaghi Albele'

Pune: Get ready, Pune! The World of Performing Arts (WOPA) Winter Festival continues its exciting season with the much-anticipated hindi-punjabi musical comedy, 'Baaghi Albele', directed by acclaimed theatre-maker Atul Kumar.

This hilarious, high-energy satire is set to take the stage on Sunday 16 February 2025, at Creaticity Amphitheatre, Pune.

Following the overwhelming success of 'Main Pal Do Pal Ka Shayar Hun' and Girish Karnad's 'Hayavadana', WOPA's Winter Festival brings another spectacular performance that promises to entertain, engage, and bring theatre lovers together.

What is 'Baaghi Albele' About? A laugh riot with a thought-provoking twist, 'Baaghi Albele' is set in a near-future Ludhiana, where a group of passionate theatre artists are forced to navigate the absurdity of bureaucracy after their theatre company is shut down by government gag orders. Through comedy, music, and drama, the play cleverly blends humor with social satire, making it both entertaining and relevant to today's times.

"Pune has a deep love for theatre, and the response to the first two plays has been phenomenal. 'Baaghi Albele' will bring something fresh, bold, and uniquely entertaining to our audiences. We're thrilled



to offer Pune's another unforgettable night at the theatre!"

Parul Mehta, Trustee, WOPA Why You Can't Miss This! A full-on comedy experience—Enjoy an evening packed with music, laughter, and brilliant performances. Best of Indian theatre—Directed by Atul Kumar, featuring some of the country's finest performers.

A cultural treat for all—WOPA is about bringing people together, and this show is open to one and all.

A major step in Pune's cultural evolution—WOPA is building Pune's premier theatre hub, and this festival is just the beginning! Event Details: Date: Sunday ,

16 February 2025, Time: 7:00 PM, Venue: Creaticity Amphitheatre, Pune, Tickets: Available on BookMyShow and at the venue.

With this latest production, WOPA continues to bring top-tier, live cultural entertainment to Pune, making theatre an integral part of the city's vibrant identity. Whether you're a hardcore theatre lover or just looking for a fun evening out, Baaghi Albele is the perfect show for you!

Join Pune's Growing Theatre Movement! This is more than just a play—it's a chance to be part of something bigger. WOPA is working towards making Pune a hub for world-class theatre, music, and cultural experiences.

Pancreatic splenectomy procedure gives relief to 72 year old woman from Yemen with pancreatic tumour

Pune: A team of doctors at Noble Hospitals and Research Center successfully conducted Robotic radical distal pancreatoc splenectomy procedure on a 72-year-old woman from Yemen with pancreatic tumour.

The marked a milestone achievement as the 1st case in Maharashtra and the 2nd in India to be executed using the cutting-edge First Made in India Surgical Robot.

Explaining the case Dr. Lalit Banswal, senior cancer surgeon and expert in minimally invasive and robotic surgeries said that the 72 year old female patient from Yemen came to us excruciating pain in the stomach. She had undergone sonography in Yemen and was diagnosed with tumour in pancreas. By the time she decided to come to India and approach us, the tumour size had increased to 12x8 CM.

He added a pet scan pointed out to a localised tumour which was operable. Apart from the age factor, she weighed 140 kgs with a BMI of 38. She had multiple comorbidities including uncontrolled hyperten-

sion and diabetes. While open surgery is an option in some cases, here considering the complications we suggested her minimally invasive (laparoscopy) or robotic surgery.

The three-hour surgery was complex due to the comorbidities, the weight and the location of the tumour.

The pancreas are surrounded by major vessels and has to be separated during the surgery. A pancreatoc splenectomy, also known as a distal pancreatectomy with splenectomy, is a surgical procedure that removes the tail and body of the pancreas, and sometimes the spleen. It's used to treat pancreatic cancer, chronic pancreatitis, and other conditions.

In this case the vessel going to the spleen had to be sacrificed as it was damaged by the tumour. The procedure has to be performed with utmost precision and is critical. There are very few experts who conduct such procedures. Dr Banswal added that robots helped carry the procedure with precision, offers easy control to the

surgeon and increases the accuracy. Lesser blood loss and minimal loss to surrounding tissues means faster recovery. The patient was shifted from ICU to general room in a couple of days and made to walk (ambulate). The histopathology report suggested serous cystadenoma (benign tumour) and so no adjuvant treatment is required, said Dr. Banswal.

Dr. Divij Mane, Director Noble Hospitals and Research Centre said that barely within a few weeks to installing the Made in India robot, the fact that our team has successfully conducted this ground-breaking surgery demonstrates the expertise of our doctors and the team to handle complex situations day in and day out.

This furthers our mission to offer world class services to our patients. Dr. Dilip Mane, Chairman and Managing Director, Noble Hospitals and Research Centre said that this landmark case exemplifies the integration of advanced technology and surgical expertise at Noble Hospital Pune.

England Wins IIHM's Young Chef Olympiad; India-UAE Lift Dr. Suborno Bose Challenge Trophy



Pune (Voice news service):- Kamran Taylor, a young chef from England, was crowned champion at the world's largest competition for young chefs, the IIHM International Young Chef Olympiad, which featured participants from 50 countries. In a glittering Grand Finale of the 11th edition of YCO, contested by the top ten teams after the first two rounds, Armenia's Arsen Armenakyan secured the Silver, while Yves Gabriel Cabrera Po from the Philippines won the Bronze Trophy.

The 11th edition of the Young Chef Olympiad was organized by the International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM) in partnership with the International Hospitality Council (IHC), London.

The host country, India, made the nation proud as Chef Aliakbar Mustafa Rampurawala from IIHM Bangalore won the prestigious Dr. Suborno Bose Culinary International Challenge Prize, along with UAE's Jasmin Ali Maher Lutfi Jarar. This unique category featured 28 teams, which were not placed in either the Grand Finale or the Plate rounds. They were divided into 14 pairs, representing two countries each, in a spirit of culinary collaboration.

The Plate Trophy, contested by teams ranked between 11 and 20 after the first round, was proudly lifted by South Korea's Shi-Hyun An.

The YCO Champion, Plate Trophy winner, and Dr. Suborno Bose International Culinary Challenge recipients were chosen after two rounds of intense competition showcasing the best culinary talents from around the world.

Dr. Suborno Bose, Chairman of the Young Chef Olympiad, said, "The world of culinary arts is united under the grand Kolkata sky. Culinary diplomacy means this. In a united world of young chefs, it's the best way to make the world happy and sustainable through food. Only in India can you achieve something like this. This year, YCO felt like a family, and we had a new venue for the opening ceremony in Goa, on the banks of the Arabian Sea."

Prof David Foskett OBE, Chairman of the Jury for YCO said, "YCO is a grand celebration of friendship, Unity and Passion. It depicts the unifying power of food in a world of conflict. YCO can happen only in India, under the visionary leadership of Dr Bose, who does again and again and again.

Padmashri Chef Sanjeev Kapoor remarked, "YCO is surely about compassion. But when you do it for 11 years, you multiply the compassion. YCO is also about competition with collaboration. Dr Bose is not only a lovable madman with a golden jacket, but he is a man of steel."

Dr. Bose also highlighted IIHM's efforts in integrating AI into hospitality and hospitality education. He announced IIHM's Global Knowledge Sharing Declaration on AI in Hospitality with 50 countries, promoting inclusivity, human touch, and sustainability. On a magical night in Kolkata, everyone emerged as winners, as the united world of young chefs celebrated their roles as ambassadors of culinary diplomacy, dancing into the night amidst a swirl of colours and cultures.

Grand Felicitation and Haldi-Kunku Ceremony Held by Poladpur Taluka Residents Association



Pune: Pravin Darekar (MLC, President of Mumbai Bank), a native of Poladpur, expressed that city dwellers who live in Pune should not sever their connection with their native village.

He emphasized that they should consider the development of both their city and village simultaneously.

He was speaking at a grand felicitation ceremony organized by the Poladpur Taluka Residents Association. On Sunday evening, under the auspices of Pravin Darekar, the ceremony honored Madhuri Tai Misal (State Minister, Maharashtra) and Santosh Medhekar (Entrepreneur) with replicas

of the warrior Tanaji Malusare and the historic image of Sinhagad, along with a shawl and an offering of fruits.

The event was attended by various dignitaries, including Kisanji Bhosale (President of the Poladpur Taluka Residents Association), Arvind Chavan (Vice



President), Sunil Kadam (Vice President), Rajendra More (Secretary), Sachin Parte (Assistant Secretary), Gnaneshwar Salunkhe (Treasurer), Shankar Kharose (Accountant), Lahu Utekar (Assistant Accountant), Raju Kadam (Executive Representative), Dr. Pandurang Jagdale (Advi-

sor), and others.

The felicitation, social gathering, and Haldi-Kunku program organized by the Poladpur Taluka Residents Association received overwhelming support. Around 4,000 to 4,500 residents from Poladpur attended the event. A traditional game of Paithani (a Maharashtra

sari) was held, and 20 women were gifted Paithanis. The famous Poladpur Nath (nose ornament) was also presented. About 68 villages participated in the event, and senior women like Sunanda Upale, Asha Kadam, Chhaya Bhosale, Jayashree More, and Sunanda Pawar were honored.

Vamnicom Institute's contribution in the cooperative sector is commendable - Muralidhar Mohol

Pune (Voice news service):- The CICTAB International Conference was concluded in the presence of Muralidhar Mohol, Minister of State for Cooperation and Civil Aviation, Government of India. On this occasion, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Rural Development, Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR Anosak Phengthimavong,

Registrar General of Gambia Cooperative Aba Jibril San-kareh, Director of National Institute of Bank Management in Pune Prof. Partha Ray, Umakant Das Vamnicom of Institute of Rural Management Gujarat and

Director of Sectab Dr. Hema Yadav and other dignitaries were present. In this conference, eminent dignitaries, leaders, policy makers and



cooperative experts from 12 different countries like Mauritius, Bangkok, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Bhutan, Namibia, Zambia as well as various states of India gathered together.

Mohol said that 2025 has been declared as the International Year of Cooperation. To justify this, a three-day CICTAB international confer-

ence was held in Vamnicom. 36 delegates from twelve countries participated in this conference. A good number of seminars were conducted in Vamnicom through this conference. The contribution of the Vamnicom organization in the field of cooperation is commendable. He added that the cooperative sector has led to sustainable develop-

ment in rural areas. The BJP government has made special efforts to strengthen the cooperative banks as well.

Dr. Hema Yadav said that various dignitaries from the cooperative sector guided the three-day conference at Vamnicom. On this occasion, veteran dignitaries in the Vamnicom cooperative sector exchanged views and discussed various topics in the cooperative sector. Through this conference, the countries of the Asian continent along with India will benefit from this in the future. Employment opportunities will also be available in rural areas through the CICTAB Conference and many students of Vamnicom Institute will get employment in the co-operative sector in every corner of the country as well as around the world.

QUICK HEAL AND BIRD, LUCKNOW PARTNER TO REVOLUTIONIZE CYBERSECURITY IN RURAL FINANCE

Pune: In a transformative move to strengthen cybersecurity within Rural Financial Institutions (RFIs) across India, Quick Heal Technologies Limited, a global leader in cybersecurity solutions, has announced a strategic partnership with the Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow. The collaboration was formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on January 13, 2025, by Mr. Vishal Salvi, Chief Executive Officer of Quick Heal, and Mr. Nirupam Mehrotra, Director of BIRD Lucknow. This partnership seeks to tackle the escalating cybersecurity risks within one of the most vulnerable financial sectors—the rural finance—and create a robust digital ecosystem that promotes secure financial inclusion.

Drawing on Quick Heal's three decades of cybersecurity expertise and its leadership in malware analysis through India's largest facility, Segrite Labs, the partnership will focus on key initiatives to secure RFIs.

The collaboration will see the establishment of an advanced Cybersecurity Lab at BIRD Lucknow, specifically



designed for hands-on training and skill development. Both organizations will conduct joint research to assess the adoption of cybersecurity measures, analyze the technological infrastructure of RFIs, and identify the skill gaps within these institutions. Together, they will develop specialized training modules and organize workshops aimed at promoting best practices in cyber hygiene and fraud prevention. Additionally, the partnership will facilitate policy advocacy, conduct cyber drills to assess RFI preparedness against emerging threats, and create a knowledge exchange platform to connect experts and stakeholders within the cybersecurity and rural finance sectors. Mr. Vishal Salvi, CEO of Quick Heal Technologies Limited, shared, "As digital trans-

formation takes root in rural India, it is imperative that we build a strong foundation of cybersecurity to safeguard financial institutions. Although the amounts involved may be relatively small, the impact of a breach is significant.

Therefore, our partnership with BIRD represents a pivotal moment in securing rural finance. By combining Quick Heal's decades of expertise in protecting organizations from cyber threats with BIRD's deep-rooted understanding of rural finance, we are setting the stage for a more resilient financial system. Through initiatives like research studies, cybersecurity labs, and training programs, we aim to equip RFIs with the necessary tools, strategies, and knowledge to thrive in the digital age, ensuring cybersecurity becomes a fundamental

pillar of financial inclusion." Mr. Nirupam Mehrotra, Director of BIRD Lucknow, added, "Our collaboration with Quick Heal Technologies is a critical milestone in strengthening the digital infrastructure of Rural Financial Institutions. With Quick Heal's unparalleled cybersecurity expertise, we will enhance the security frameworks of RFIs and integrate cutting-edge practices into our training and policy development. The Cybersecurity Lab, cyber drills, and specialized training programs are just a few of the key components of this partnership. Together, we are preparing RFIs to face the future with confidence, safeguarding rural communities' financial interests and contributing to the broader goal of rural development." The MoU, which will remain in effect for three years, outlines the shared commitment of both organizations to develop and implement programs that address the cybersecurity needs of RFIs. This partnership reinforces Quick Heal's dedication to creating a secure digital environment for all, while supporting BIRD's mission to strengthen the financial institutions that serve rural India.

Union Ministers Jyotiraditya Scindia and Mansukh Mandaviya speak of digital Revolution and Economic Growth

Pune: "BSNL Made profits after 17 years to the tune of Rs 262 crores as India Leads digital revolution" stated, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of Communications and Development of Northeastern Region, India at The Times Group ET NOW Global Business Summit 2025.

Speaking at the inaugural session held at the Taj Palace in New Delhi, Jyotiraditya Scindia informed, "Today, digital infrastructure has replaced physical infrastructure, and India leads the world with the most advanced digital ecosystem—powering 46% of global digital transactions. A shining example of this progress is BSNL, which has achieved profitability for the first time in 17 years."

The Minister further emphasised, "Innovation is the engine of national growth, and in India, capital—which is key to innovation—has become a commodity. The synergy between the government and the private sector here is unmatched globally."

"India's economic growth must be self-reliant and rooted in its heritage," said Mansukh L. Mandaviya, India's Minister of Labour and Employment, Youth Affairs and Sports. Mandaviya stressed the need for the country to blend its rich historical wisdom with innovation to create a globally competitive and resilient economy. Highlighting the importance of entrepreneurship, Mandaviya remarked, "Entrepreneurship is a skill; if you earn income, only then

can you generate employment and contribute to the economy through taxes." Reflecting on India's transformation under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mandaviya emphasised the success of initiatives such as Startup India and Make in India, which have significantly expanded the country's startup ecosystem. "A decade ago, we had just four unicorns. Today, we have 118.

This shows how nurturing talent and innovation can change the face of our economy," he said. Mandaviya also stressed the necessity of innovation in the modern economy.

Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, praised India's rapid economic growth and its growing role in the global economy. She also acknowledged the significant role played by initiatives like Digital India and Make in India in positioning India as a global leader in innovation and manufacturing. Scotland continued, "India's young and dynamic workforce, with over 65% of its 1.4 billion citizens under the age of 35, represents a formidable talent pool." She highlighted the country's leadership in AI and green energy, stating, "The AI economy is expected to add \$16 trillion to the global economy by 2030. India's growth in AI can contribute to that global transformation." Scotland also praised India's leadership in climate action, particularly the success of the International Solar Alliance in promoting



renewable energy. Cameron Adams, Co-Founder & Chief Product Officer, Canva, shared insights on Canva's success in India, emphasising the role of AI and localisation.

Elaborating on Canva's localisation strategy he said, "India is currently Canva's fourth-largest market, and we're focusing on hyper-local features like offering a Hindi-language website and one-day subscription models tailored for Indian users."

India is emerging as a global economic powerhouse, which can be further accelerated by reforms in education, infrastructure, and financial markets, said Álvaro S. Pereira, Chief Economist & G20 Finance Deputy at OECD, at the ET NOW Global Business Summit 2025. Calling India "the future of the world," Pereira noted that the country's rapid economic transformation has the potential to lift millions out of poverty and strengthen the middle class.

Omri Morgenshtern, CEO, Agoda, discussed the booming travel industry in India, calling the country "a superpower you cannot ignore." Morgenshtern pointed out, "India's GDP

growth and infrastructure expansion are driving an unprecedented travel boom." He noted that Agoda is tapping into both inbound and outbound tourism, helping to connect Indian travellers with destinations across the globe while drawing tourists to India.

Morgenshtern attributed part of this growth to the Indian government's policy changes. Morgenshtern also highlighted spiritual tourism as a unique opportunity for India, remarking, "Spiritual tourism aligns well with our customers in Southeast Asia. However, the challenge is providing online access to something traditionally offline."

The Times Group ET NOW Global Business Summit 2025 kicked off with an impactful inaugural session, marking the beginning of important conversations around India's role in the global economy. Leaders focused on India's strengths in innovation, entrepreneurship, and self-reliance, underlining the summit's theme, 'Evolve, Emerge, Expand,' which sets the stage for forward-thinking discussions that will influence industries, economies, and societies.

TATA.ev to boost India's Charging Infrastructure to 400,000 Charge Points

Pune:TATA.ev, the leader of India's electric vehicle (EV) revolution, announced a bold, groundbreaking initiative to transform the nation's charging infrastructure. Building on the success of surpassing 200,000 EV sales, TATA.ev boosted its commitment to make EVs more accessible and convenient by more than doubling the number of available charge points to 400,000 by 2027.

Since 2019, TATA.ev has been at the forefront of advancing India's EV charging infrastructure. First, by partnering with Tata Group companies to introduce seamless private/home charging solutions and then kick-starting public charging infrastructure in and around cities with the fastest EV adoption, providing the crucial support and encouragement for early adopters to switch to EVs.

To drive the next phase of growth, TATA.ev launched its 'Open Collaboration' framework in 2023, forging strategic partnerships with Charge Point Operators (CPOs) and Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). This collaboration focused on expanding charging

infrastructure across key hotspots, particularly along highways, to ensure seamless long-distance mobility. As a result, the number of public charging points in India has more than doubled in just 15 months, surpassing 18,000 chargers. TATA.ev's cumulative impact includes the installation of over 1.5 lakh private/home chargers, 2,500 community chargers, and 750 chargers at TATA dealerships across more than 200 cities. And now, to fully unleash the exponential potential of EVs in India, charging infrastructure must grow manifold and at pace.

With over 5 billion kilometers driven nationwide, TATA.ev has gained invaluable insights into the exact needs of EV users and where charging infrastructure is precisely needed. Through 'Open Collaboration 2.0', TATA.ev is accelerating India's EV charging ecosystem with an ambitious goal: to more than double the number of charging points to over 400,000 within the next two years.

To achieve this, TATA.ev is strengthening its collaboration with key Charging Point Operators (CPOs) to install 30,000

new public charging points. These charging stations will support all EV makes and brands, ensuring widespread accessibility, convenience, and a mutually beneficial ecosystem for all EV users, charge point operators, and infrastructure planners. This expansive, seamless network of public, community, and private/home chargers will meet the rising demand for emission-free mobility, accelerate EV adoption and fast-track India's shift towards green, sustainable future.

Speaking at the launch of 'Open Collaboration 2.0', Mr. Shailesh Chandra, Managing Director, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility, said, "TATA.ev has been at the forefront of India's EV revolution, not just by introducing world-class electric vehicles, but also by building a robust charging infrastructure nationwide.

To enable the exponential growth of EVs in India, we've launched 'Open Collaboration 2.0', aiming to expand the charging network to over 400,000 points in the next two years, in partnership with leading CPOs. This initiative

will enhance the speed, reliability, and user experience of charging, while improving the viability of CPOs and facilitating their growth.

To enhance the charging experience, we are introducing through partnerships, TATA.ev Mega Chargers in key cities and highways, along with TATA.ev Verified Chargers assuring quality infrastructure. Additionally, a unified Charging Helpline and seamless payment solution are being introduced to help address customer concerns and to make the charging ecosystem more accessible and dependable as EV adoption continues to rise."

As a flagship initiative under Open Collaboration 2.0, TATA.ev will partner with leading CPOs to create a TATA.ev Mega Charger network, which will offer superfast charging and unparalleled reliability. TATA.ev has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Tata Power, ChargeZone, Statiq and Zeon to operationalize 500 TATA.ev Mega Chargers in 2 years, in the first phase. These chargers will be deployed across key cities and major highways.

Škoda Auto Volkswagen India receives multiple awards for "Excellence at workplace"

Pune (Voice news service):- Škoda Auto Volkswagen India Private Limited (SAVWIPL) has received multiple recognitions for being an outstanding workplace. SAVWIPL achieved a significant milestone by securing the "Top Employer" certification and the Best Companies to Work For in Asia, both for the second consecutive year.

Adding to this remarkable success, the company has garnered accolades across three categories at the Economic Times Human Capital MENA awards. These achievements underscore SAVWIPL's unwavering commitment to make the workplace employee friendly and engaging. The Top Employer certification is a hallmark of quality in the realm of human resources.

The process comprises a rigorous evaluation spanning six critical organizational dimensions to choose the winner. This detailed audit involved approximately 260 assessment points, validating the company's commitment to ensure the best workplace practices and strategic human resource management. The recognition of being the Best Companies to Work For in Asia for the second consecutive year was based on a comprehensive evaluation of three core areas - Feel, Think, and Do - through employee feedback and a thorough audit, demonstrating SAVWIPL's success in creating an engaging workplace environment.

Adding to these achievements, SAVWIPL's debut participation in the Economic Times Human Capital MENA Awards resulted in recognition across three significant categories: Health and Wellness Excellence, Global Talent Acquisition, and Environmental and Social Governance Leadership.

Speaking about the achievement, Piyush Arora, Managing Director and CEO of Škoda Auto Volkswagen India, said

"Securing the "Top Employer" certification for the second year in a row is not just a badge of honour; it reflects our deep commitment to creating an environment where our employees can thrive. We understand the vital role our people play in ensuring our success, and we earnestly work towards empowering them with a culture of innovation, integrity, inclusivity, and well-being. Receiving the Top Employer certification, along with being named among the "Best Companies to Work For in Asia" and bagging multiple accolades at the "Economic Times Human Capital MENA Awards" – is a clear reflection of the ethos we carry, and the Group's proven world-class work culture. As we continue to grow, we remain committed to the highest standards of compliance, ethics, and integrity, ensuring a workplace that is built on trust, respect, and responsible business practices."

Sarma Chhillara, CHRO, Škoda Auto Volkswagen India, said

"Achieving a reward goes beyond individual success; it's about creating an environment and fostering a culture where every effort is valued and the employees are motivated to put their best foot forward. Bagging these three prestigious awards and two of which we have won consecutively, reinforces my belief in our teams' dedication and our collective commitment to build a culture of excellence." These accolades collectively reflect SAVWIPL's strategic focus on inclusive and transparent workplace practices, employee development, and organizational excellence. As SAVWIPL continues to set benchmarks in the automotive sector, these recognitions reaffirm its position as an "Employer of choice". By prioritizing employee well-being and engagement, the company is not only enhancing its workplace culture but also driving industry standards for excellence.

DPU Super Specialty Hospital Achieves Historic Feat: Completes Marathon of 6 Organ Transplants in 36 hours

Pune (Voice news service):- In a remarkable display of medical expertise and commitment to saving lives, DPU Super Specialty Hospital, Pimpri, Pune has successfully completed a marathon of organ transplants in 36 hours.

The hospital's skilled team of doctors performed two lung transplants, three kidney transplants and one liver transplant, offering a new lease on life to multiple critically ill patients.

One of the donors was a 52-year-old woman from DPU Super Specialty Hospital who tragically met with an accident near Khed. She was riding pillion on a two-wheeler when it became unstable while crossing a speed breaker. Following the accident, she was initially taken to a local hospital and later transported via ambulance to DPU Super Specialty Hospital. Unfortunately, during transit, her condition deteriorated and despite the relentless efforts of the DPU Super Specialty Hospital medical team, she was declared brain dead. In a final act of generosity, her family consented to donating her lungs, kidneys and liver, while also allowing her cor-

neas to be retrieved and sent to the eye bank.

Additionally, another set of lungs and a kidney were received from a donor at another city hospital and successfully transplanted to multiple recipients on the transplant list, further extending the impact of this life-saving initiative. The third kidney transplant was performed using the organ from a living donor.

The successful completion of six organ transplants in just 36 hours is a testament to the robust infrastructure of DPU Super Specialty Hospital, the expertise of its skilled surgeons, and the dedication of its highly qualified anesthetists and intensivists. This achievement was made possible by the commitment of DPU Super Specialty Hospital's nursing staff, technicians, transplant coordinators and operations team, who worked tirelessly to ensure seamless procedures while upholding the highest standards of patient safety. A special acknowledgement to the administrative team for efficiently handling legal processes and to DPU Super Specialty Hospital's counselors, whose tireless support was invaluable to patients and their families.

This milestone underscores the power of a robust and well-coordinated system, driven by an unwavering commitment to go beyond the ordinary. This success was made possible by the visionary leadership and motivation of Dr. Bhagyashree P. Patil, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pimpri, Pune and Dr. Yashraj Patil, Trustee & Treasurer, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pimpri, Pune, whose support continues to inspire new benchmarks in medical excellence.

Dr. Bhagyashree P. Patil, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pimpri, Pune shared her thoughts, "This milestone reflects our commitment to medical excellence and compassionate healthcare. Performing multiple transplants within 36 hours showcases the expertise and dedication of our medical team, and we are honored to be at the forefront of life-saving procedures. We remain committed to advancing organ transplantation and raising awareness about the importance of organ donation. Above all, we extend our

deepest gratitude to the donors and their families, whose selfless generosity has given new hope to so many. Their noble act is a testament to the power of humanity and kindness."

Dr. Yashraj Patil, Trustee & Treasurer, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University), Pimpri, Pune commented, "The hospital's state-of-the-art infrastructure, highly skilled transplant surgeons, and dedicated critical care specialists were key to the success of these complex procedures. Seamless coordination between various departments, including the transplant team, anesthesiologists, intensivists, and nursing staff, was instrumental in achieving this milestone. I am incredibly proud that we were able to accomplish this feat and give multiple patients a new chance at life in just a short span of time."

DPU Super Specialty Hospital continues to be a leader in organ transplantation, setting new benchmarks in medical excellence. The hospital remains committed to raising awareness about organ donation and encouraging more people to pledge their organs to save lives.

Ageas Federal Life Insurance Partners with CIMSME to Empower Indian MSMEs
Pune (Voice news service):- Ageas Federal Life Insurance Company (AFLIC) has entered a strategic partnership with the Chamber of Indian Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (CIMSME), to establish a framework for co-operation between CIMSME and AFLIC.

This partnership will promote financial literacy, financial awareness, life insurance awareness and effective financial planning among the

members of CIMSME. It also includes the sharing of the best practices followed locally and globally for the purpose of the upliftment of Indian MSME/SME segment. Mr. Jude Gomes, MD & CEO of Ageas Federal Life Insurance, said, "At Ageas Federal Life Insurance, we are deeply committed to contributing to the nation's economic progress. Our collaboration with CIMSME is a pivotal step forward in making impactful

strides towards offering best in class Life Insurance solutions to the MSME segment - the dynamic backbone of India's economy.

In the coming days, through our association with CIMSME, we plan to conduct impactful engagement programmes. We also intend to bring research backed insightful contributions within the vast MSMEs segment and thereby contribute to the nation's economic progress."

Mr. Mukesh Mohan Gupta, President, CIMSME said, "Our strategic partnership with Ageas Federal Life Insurance Co. Ltd. marks a significant milestone in our mission.

It's not just about raising awareness but also equipping MSMEs with the essential financial planning tools and empowering them with the confidence to scale their businesses while effectively managing risks.