

Fiber optics: ZF brings the speed of light

Pune (Voice news service):- At home or in the office, data networks with fiber optic connectivity are already widely used when high data transfer speeds are required. In the automotive sector, however, fiber optic technology is only just on the verge of a breakthrough. The technology company ZF has further developed its ProAI high-performance computer for optical multi-gigabit Ethernet in automotive applications. Newly developed chips and connectors enable data to be transmitted via automotive-grade optical fibers according to the IEEE 802.3cz standard. "This ultra-fast transmission is a key technology for future vehicle electrical systems of software-defined vehicles," explained Oliver Briemle, head of Cross-Domain Computing at ZF. The technology enables both short- and long-distance transmissions of up to 40 meters. Series production is possible as early as

next year. Optical multi-gigabit Ethernet offers considerable advantages for various vehicle classes. Intensive tests have confirmed the suitability of this technology for use in cars, trucks, buses and shuttles and have proven its robustness under various operating conditions. **Basics of optical data transmission** Optical data transmission is a key technology used in many modern communication systems, including the automotive industry. It is based on the transmission of light signals through glass optical fiber (GOF) or plastic optical fiber (POF) cables. Fiber optic cables offer high bandwidth and low losses. The propagation of light in these fibers is based on the principle of total internal reflection. When light enters the fiber, it is reflected at the interfaces between the core and cladding of the fiber, causing it to remain trapped in the core and propagate along the fiber.

Switch Bike Expands to Pune with DAK Automotives Partnership

Pune: After making waves in Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Chennai, Switch Bike is now bringing its electric mobility solutions to Pune. Teaming up with DAK Automotives, Switch is set to redefine urban commuting with its premium electric bicycles and motorcycles, designed for performance, style, and sustainability. Pune—a city known for its tech-savvy and eco-conscious population stands as the perfect destination for Switch's next big move. The launch of Switch Bike's CSR762 in Pune is set to cater to this growing demand, making sustainable transportation more accessible than ever. "Our expansion into Pune is more than just a business move; it's a step towards an electric future," said Mr. Rajkumar Patel, Founder of Switch Motocorp. "Pune has always been on our radar—its vibrant energy and forward-thinking audi-



ence resonate with our brand. We're thrilled to bring our bikes and riding experience to this market and contribute to the city's growing EV ecosystem." The company has set its sights on a bold expansion roadmap that includes launching 15 new showrooms across Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities by the end of 2025. Cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Chennai, and

Pune will have more touchpoints, supported by a strong service ecosystem within 100 km of each retail touchpoint. Switch aims to dominate the EV market in Pune by offering a seamless blend of style, technology, and practicality. The CSR762 will be available exclusively through DAK Automotives. This partnership ensures that Pune customers receive the best service, sales support,

and after-sales care for their Switch electric motorcycle. Switch is inviting Pune's residents to experience what they call "India's smartest electric motorcycle." To celebrate this milestone, the showroom launch event will offer: Exclusive first test rides for Pune riders, Limited-time discounts for early adopters, Exciting giveaways & EV education sessions, On-the-spot bookings for the CSR762. The brand has already gained a cult following for its innovative design, and the CSR762 is India's first to feature swappable batteries and an industry-leading 40L boot space, offering an unmatched combination of convenience and efficiency. The CSR762 is more than just an EV—it's the result of four years of R&D, with over 50+ design iterations, 30,000+ hours of testing, and a dedicated in-house team of automotive designers, engineers, and product strategists.

Nikon Sets New Standard with Stunning Autofocus Abilities, Powerful Low-Light Performance with Z5II



Pune (Voice news service):- Nikon India Pvt. Ltd. sets a new standard in imaging industry with the launch of the Z5II, a full-frame mirrorless camera designed to deliver unparalleled performance across a range of demanding conditions. With its advanced imaging capabilities, the Z5II empowers videographers and photographers to capture



stunning, high-quality images, Video's with unparalleled precision, even in low-light environments. Its powerful autofocus, cutting-edge image processing, and advanced stabilization system ensure sharp, clear results in every frame, making it the ideal companion for both professionals and enthusiasts seeking ultimate control and versatility.

Samsung Launches Galaxy Tab S10FE Series in India, Starting at INR 42999

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, announced the launch of Galaxy Tab S10 FE and Galaxy Tab S10 FE+, offering new entry points to the Galaxy ecosystem on a premium tablet design. Equipped with the largest screen yet on the Galaxy Tab S10 FE series and slimmer bezels that expand its display, the Galaxy Tab S10 FE+ provides a fun, immersive viewing experience for everything from entertainment to studying and day-to-day tasks. Samsung's intelligent features empower users to get more done with ease, while a slimmer design helps users to achieve their creativity and productivity on the go. "At Samsung, we are committed to bringing world-class innovation to everyone, and the launch of the new Galaxy Tab S10FE series is a testament to that vision. With Galaxy AI capabilities making their debut on our FE tablets, we are making cutting-edge technology more accessible than ever. The Galaxy S10 FE series will empower Galaxy users to maximize their creativity and productivity, and help us consolidate our market leadership in India's tablet segment," said Aditya Babbar, Vice President, MX Business, Samsung India. **Stunning Display** Combining the Galaxy Tab S series' heritage design with slim bezels, the Galaxy Tab S10 FE+'s 13.1-inch display offers immersive entertainment on a screen that's almost 12% larger than its predecessor. Smooth visuals enabled by a 90Hz refresh rate and new



levels of visibility that goes up to 800 nits in High Brightness Mode (HBM) ensure an optimal viewing experience when watching videos and gaming on the Galaxy Tab S10 FE series. The Vision Booster's automatic adjustments enhance brightness and visibility even in ever-changing outdoor environments while blue-light emissions are safely reduced to minimize eye strain, meeting every unique viewing need. **Robust Performance and Versatile Design** The Galaxy Tab S10 FE series boosts productivity when working or studying, and delivers fast, smooth gameplay without interruption. The performance upgrades enable the Galaxy Tab S10 FE series users to switch effortlessly between multiple apps, allowing for improved multitasking. And when capturing everyday moments in the classroom or in workspaces, a newly upgraded 13MP rear camera produces clear and vivid photos. These versatile experiences, from powerful work to seamless play, accompany users everywhere they go. Now more than 4% lighter than its predecessor, Galaxy Tab S10 FE is even easier to carry around. The Galaxy S10 Tab

FE series offers hassle-free storage and mobility at home, on campus, in the workplace and elsewhere with its slim design. Engineered for resilience and durability to withstand the elements, the FE series comes with IP68 rating. **Advanced Features** Building on Samsung's legacy of delivering premium experiences across the Galaxy ecosystem, the Galaxy Tab S10 FE+ and Galaxy Tab S10 FE are the first models in the FE series to come equipped with cutting-edge AI capabilities right out of the box, fueling user productivity. Fan-favourite Circle to Search with Google allows you to search what you see on your tablet without switching apps. Quickly get the info you need, translate text on screen or get homework help with step-by-step explanations—all on one large screen. Samsung Notes features like Solve Math for quick calculations of handwriting and text, and Handwriting Help to tidy up notes easily, make note-taking easier than ever so users can stay focused in the moment. AI assistants are instantly launched with a single tap of the Galaxy AI Key on the Book Cover Keyboard. Plus,

AI assistants can be customized based on users' preferences for a more personalized experience. An upgraded Object Eraser lets users effortlessly remove unwanted objects from photos, with automatic suggestions for quick and easy edits. Newly introduced Best Face ensures perfect group photos by selecting and combining the best expressions and features. Auto Trim brings cherished moments to life by sifting through multiple videos to seamlessly compile highlight reels. The Galaxy Tab S10 FE series also serves as the perfect canvas for creativity with pre-loaded apps and tools including LumaFusion, Goodnotes, Clip Studio Paint and more, alongside other spotlight apps like Noteself 3, Sketchbook and Picsart. For an even more intuitive AI experience, the FE series seamlessly integrates with other Samsung Galaxy devices. Similar to the Galaxy Tab S10 series, users can access a comprehensive overview of their home status with the Home Insight widget dashboard and 3D Map View feature. Summarized status updates of SmartThings-enabled devices give users peace of mind when out and about. **Knox Security** As with any Galaxy device, the Galaxy Tab S10 FE series is fortified by Samsung Knox, Samsung's defense-grade, multi-layer security platform built to safeguard critical information and protect against vulnerabilities with end-to-end hardware, real-time threat detection and collaborative protection.

Hon'ble CM of Odisha, Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, carries out groundbreaking of Nestlé India's upcoming factory in the state

Pune (Voice news service):- In an event graced by the Honorable Chief Minister of Odisha, Mr. Mohan Charan Majhi, Nestlé India laid the foundation stone for its upcoming factory in Khordha, Odisha. This is slated to be Nestlé India's tenth factory and first in the eastern part of the country. Talking at the event, Shri Mohan Charan Majhi, Honorable Chief Minister of Odisha said that he was happy to see the progress made by Nestlé India in setting up a state-of-the-art facility, with cutting-edge technology in Khordha district. He conveyed his belief that this factory would enable Nestlé India to scale new heights and assured them of continued support in their endeavor.



Shri Suresh Narayanan, Chairman and Managing Director, Nestlé India, said, "With a steadfast adherence to 'Make in India' we had announced our tenth factory in Odisha, reaffirming the significance of India as a market. It gives me immense pleasure

as we witness our planning and efforts bearing fruit. We are confident that this upcoming factory will not only help us with our business but will also stand tall as a vibrant example of gender diversity, sustainable manufacturing, paperless, digitally managed

facility with an abiding focus on the environment." The factory is being set up with an initial investment of approximately INR 900 crores, in its first phase and is slated to manufacture products from its foods (prepared dishes and cooking aids) portfolio. Nestlé India set up its first manufacturing facility at Moga (Punjab) in 1961 followed by its manufacturing facilities at Choladi (Tamil Nadu), in 1967; Nanjangud (Karnataka), in 1989; Samalkha (Haryana), in 1992; Ponda and Bicholim (Goa), in 1995 and 1997, respectively; Pantnagar (Uttarakhand), in 2006; Tahliwal (Himachal Pradesh), in 2012. Nestlé India set up its ninth manufacturing facility at Sanand (Gujarat) in 2021.

Hyundai Motor India Presents Hyundai Explorers Carnival in Nashik, Maharashtra

Pune (Voice news service):- Hyundai Motor India Limited (HML) today announced the next edition of its exclusive customer connect festival - Hyundai Explorers Carnival, to be held in Nashik, Maharashtra, on April 05, 2025 (Saturday). HML has organized several successful editions of this carnival, bringing together thousands of diverse customers from the ever-growing community of Hyundai owners across India. The Hyundai Explorers Carnival exemplifies HML's commitment towards customer-centricity, while

delivering memorable experiences that invoke the spirit of exploration and adventure. Hyundai customers can register themselves and up to 3 family members or friends for a nominal registration fee by visiting hyundaieexplorers.com. Commenting on this experiential initiative, Mr. Tarun Garg, Whole-time Director & Chief Operating Officer, HML said, "At Hyundai, we believe in creating enriching experiences for our customers, be it through our products and services, or through unique initiatives such as the Hyundai Explorers Carnival is

much more than an event; it is an opportunity to curate unforgettable memories for our valued customers." Hyundai Explorers Carnival has garnered remarkable response from participants across diverse geographies and age groups. This initiative has fostered a sense of kinship, creating a formidable bond between Hyundai and its cherished customers. HML organizes several exclusive events for its customers throughout the year including adventure drives, carnival and concerts to strengthen customer connect.

reached an all-time high of INR 4,825 per sq ft, marking a 6% YoY increase. The city's premium housing segment saw the most notable growth, with sales in the INR 100-200 mn (INR 10-20 cr) bracket surging by 180% from 2 units in Q1 2024 to 7 units. Homes priced between INR 20-50 mn (INR 2-5 cr) recorded the second-highest growth, increasing by 78% YoY from 376 units to 670 units. Meanwhile, the mid-range segment (INR 5-10 mn) remained the most active, contributing to 47% of total residential sales with 6,690 units sold during the quarter. Despite a 19% YoY rise in unsold inventory, Pune's housing market maintained strong absorption levels. The

Seafarers organizations in Pune to celebrate National Maritime Day

Pune (Voice news service):- Pune based seafarer organisations including Company of Master Mariners of India (CMMI), Institute of Marine Engineers India (IMEI) and Indian Maritime Foundation (IMF) along with Maharashtra Master Mariners Association have organised a program to mark National Maritime Day on 5th April 2025 at P.Y.C. Gymkhana. Vice Admiral Vinod Pasricha, PVSM AVSM NM, IN (RETD) has consented to be the Chief Guest for the occasion. This information was given at a press conference Capt Anand Dixit, President Indian Maritime Foundation, Sanjeev Ogle, Chairman, Institute of Marine Engineers India-IME(I), Capt. Milind Phadnis, President CMMI, Capt. Kiran Joshi, Secretary, CMMI. The Pune event will be centred around the theme of IMO this year which is 'Our Ocean Our Obligation Our Opportunity'. Senior most seafarers in Pune, Capt. Vijay Barve, CH Eng. Mr. R. D. Bhawe, Capt. R. Hajarnavis and Capt. Umesh Abhyankar will be fel-



litated at the hands of the Chief Guest for their contribution to maritime affairs. Oceans account for more than 80% world trade. It is source for jobs and food for millions of people, and home for countless marine species, and regulator of world climate. The maritime industry plays a crucial role in India's economy. With over 7,500 km of coastline and 12 major ports, India is a significant player in global shipping and logistics. Capt. Anand Dixit, President IMF said that the theme reflects the crucial role of oceans in the economy and shipping has the biggest role to play in the conservation of

marine environment and resources. Sanjeev Ogale, Chairman, Institute of Marine Engineers India-IME(I), Pune said that Pune has a strong connect with maritime sector. There are three associations along with four training institutes and about 5000 seafarers in Pune with 1000 of them sailing currently in cargo and passenger ships. Capt. Sudhir Subhedar, former President & CEO of Indian Coastal conference association and founder member President of CMMI Pune said that apart from port infrastructure, investments in shipbuilding and coastal shipping, sustainability initiatives will be crucial to

conserve marine resources, mitigate climate crisis and enable a sustainable future for maritime sector. **Significance of National Maritime Day** 5th April 1919 marks the day when SS Loyalty (ex 1890 RMS Empress of India) belonging to Scindia Steam Navigation Ltd, promoted by Walchand Hirchand and Narottam Morarjee sailed from Bombay to UK with passengers. This venture was undertaken in face of hostile policies of the British Government which wanted to protect the business of British shipping. Despite all odds Scindia Steam Navigation Ltd grew into a shipping company of international repute and gave the much needed impetus to Indian shipping which continued to grow for the next 70 years. Time has come for the second revival which needs fresh investments, boost to ship building, lower logistics cost, efficient energy consumption and sustainable shipping policies including equitable sea bed / offshore exploration of resources.

Pune hits record office transactions; Leads Q1 2025 residential growth with 20% YoY surge: Knight Frank India

Pune (Voice news service):- Knight Frank India in its latest report, India Real Estate: Office and Residential Market (January - March 2025) Q1 2025 highlights Pune's office market achieving record growth in Q1 2025. Leasing activity reached 3.7 million square feet (mn sq ft), reflecting a 91% year-on-year (YoY) increase and the highest-ever quarterly transactions. New completions tallied 3.5 mn sq ft, the highest among eight cities, up from 1.8 mn sq ft in Q1 2024. Office rentals also grew by 3% YoY, with the average transacted rent at INR 77 per sq ft per month. **End-User Categories** Pune's commercial real estate witnessed strong leasing activity

in Q1 2025, with flexible office spaces leading the demand. The segment accounted for 43% of total transactions, covering 1.6 mn sq ft reflecting a 40% YoY surge from 1.15 mn sq ft in Q1 2024. Global Capability Centres (GCCs) followed, transacting 1.1 mn sq ft, a remarkable 266% jump from the 0.3 mn sq ft recorded last year. **Residential Market Update: January - March 2025** : Pune's residential market continued its growth trajectory, recording 14,231 units sales in Q1 2025—a 20% YoY increase from 11,832 units in Q1 2024. New launches also saw a significant uptick, rising 22% YoY to 16,231 units. Additionally, the city's weighted average residential price

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Quarters to Sell (QTS) metric stood at 3.7 quarters, indicating steady buyer interest and sustained demand. P. Vilas, National Director, and Branch Head- Pune, Knight Frank India, said, "Pune's office market continues to evolve in response to shifting occupier needs. The growing preference for flexible workspaces, hybrid models, and sustainable solutions positions the city well for the future. On the residential front, infrastructure upgrades such as the Metro Corridor and expanded road networks have enhanced connectivity, drawing buyers to emerging neighborhoods. These factors are reinforcing Pune's status as a key player in India's real estate landscape."

Drones Transforming Farming: How Salam Kisan is Boosting Yields & Reducing Costs

Pune: Agriculture is the backbone of India, yet traditional spraying methods waste up to 40% of pesticides due to runoff and evaporation. In contrast, drones ensure targeted application, significantly reducing pesticide wastage, cutting costs, and minimizing environmental impact. Farmers across different regions are now experiencing a revolutionary shift with Salam Kisan's drone spraying technology—a solution that is transforming crop protection and farm productivity. Salam Kisan has already covered over 80,000 acres across Maharashtra, empowering 300,000+ farmers to transition to precision agriculture. **Faster, More Efficient, and Cost-Effective Crop Protection** For Swapnil Bhalkar, a soybean farmer, drone spraying has been a game-changer. "The drone spraying ser-

vice was excellent. Soybean yields increased by 20% while pesticide use dropped by 30%, leading to better growth, flowering, and fruiting. A task that previously required three to five laborers an entire day was completed in just one hour. This method not only ensures higher yields but also reduces input costs. I highly recommend it to fellow farmers." **Traditional Spraying vs. Drone Spraying: A**

Comparative Insight When it comes to efficiency, drone spraying far outperforms traditional methods. Covering 10 acres manually takes nearly 8 hours, whereas drones complete the same task in just 2 hours, significantly saving time. Traditional spraying methods require 100 liters of pesticides, but drone technology reduces this to 70 liters, leading to a 30% savings in chemical use.

India's Popular Comedy Podcast 'Teen Taal' to be Held in Pune on April 12

Pune: India's popular comedy podcast Teen Taal is set to take place in Pune on April 12. PuneKars have a unique opportunity to participate in the 100th episode of its second season.

The superhit trio of Teen Taal—Tau, Sardar, and Khan Cha—engage in lively discussions on nostalgia, news, and social issues in their signature style. This unique approach has made Teen Taal immensely popular.

After the success of its first season, the second season has also reached the milestone of 100 episodes. To celebrate this occasion, a LIVE show of the 100th episode is hosted in Pune.

The entire Teen Taal team is coming to the city for this grand event. The show will be held at a college in Pune, where numerous Teen Taal fans (Teen Taaliyes) will



join. The event will feature sharp-witted humor, engaging anecdotes, and exciting conversations. The show's three hosts—

Kamlesh Kishore Singh (Tau), Kuldeep Mishra (Sardar), and Asif Khan (Khan Cha)—will interact directly with the audience. Teen Taal has carved a

niche with its satirical and insightful take on politics, society, viral trends, cinema, and other thought-provoking topics. This has made it a sensation across YouTube and various podcast platforms. Millions of listeners in India and abroad eagerly tune into this podcast. With its blend of entertainment and fresh perspectives, the show has won the hearts of audiences worldwide.

PuneKars have the opportunity to attend this special 100th episode of Teen Taal Season 2 for free. However, prior registration is mandatory to secure a spot at the event. Those interested in participating can register now at the following link: <https://www.aajtak.in/teen-taal-registration>. The organizers have urged interested attendees to complete their registration at the earliest.

Doctors of DPU Super Specialty Hospital Removed Five Screws from Electrician's Lungs

Pune (Voice news service):- DPU Super Specialty Hospital, Pimpri, Pune has announced a medical achievement with the successful removal of seven metal screws - five aspirated and two swallowed - in a rare and life-threatening incident.

This remarkable case highlights the expertise and patient-centric approach of the team, setting a new benchmark in minimally invasive procedures.

A 19-year-old electrician was admitted to the Emergency Department of the hospital, with complaints of persistent cough, chest pain and breathing issue after an accident while working on a site.

The patient, who was fixing aluminium sheets for a false ceiling while standing barefoot on an aluminium sheet, experienced an electric shock after accidentally stepping on a bare electric cable.

The shock caused him to fall and suffer transient unconsciousness. During this period, the patient aspirated five screws and swallowed two others, which he had been holding in his mouth

as part of his work.

Upon regaining consciousness, the patient experienced a severe bout of coughing lasting 2-3 minutes, followed by persistent cough and chest pain. Diagnostic imaging, including a chest X-ray and plain X-ray of the abdomen, revealed the presence of five screws lodged in the lungs and two screws in the abdomen. Fortunately, screws had not caused any significant tears in the airway.

Under the leadership of Dr. M. S. Barthwal, Professor & HOD, Department of Respiratory Medicine at Dr. D. Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre and his team, a meticulous plan was devised to remove the screws using a flexible airway, a minimally invasive procedure, instead of the more invasive and costly rigid bronchoscopy under general anaesthesia, which is typically required for such large foreign bodies.

The procedure, which lasted three hours, presented significant challenges. All five screws were lodged in the left upper lobe airway and their positions were continuously shifting due

to the patient's persistent coughing, despite effective local anaesthesia. Using advanced tools, including special rat-tooth and Dormia basket forceps, the medical team successfully extracted all five screws.

During the procedure, one screw slipped into the oropharynx and was swallowed by the patient. However, within 48 hours, two screws from the abdomen were naturally expelled through the faecal route.

This case is a remarkable feat, not only due to the complexity of the procedure but also because it is among the rarely documented instances of such an aspirated foreign bodies removal using a flexible bronchoscope. By opting for a minimally invasive approach, the team minimised risks, reduced recovery time and lowered costs for the patient, demonstrating the hospital's commitment to innovative and affordable healthcare.

Hon'ble Dr. (Mrs.) Bhagyashree Patil, Pro-Chancellor, Dr. D. Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pimpri, Pune (Deemed to be University), said "We are proud to have success-

fully managed such a challenging case, saving the patient's life while setting a new standard in pulmonary interventions.

This case is a testament to the skill, dedication and innovative spirit of our medical team. Our hospital remains committed to delivering world-class healthcare through cutting-edge technology and compassionate care. We extend our heartfelt wishes for the patient's swift and complete recovery."

Dr. M. S. Barthwal, said "We take pride in our medical team's ability to expertly manage this extraordinary situation and save the patient's life.

Foreign body aspiration into lungs is more common in children. Common foreign bodies are nuts, grapes, coins, pins and beads. In adults, common foreign bodies are bone fragments, beetle nuts, peas, etc. Aspiration of screws and that also five in number has not yet been reported from India. These kinds of metallic foreign bodies, if not removed promptly, can cause significant damage in lungs requiring major surgery."

SK Flippers, ASR Dolphins top pool at the 3rd Edition of The Poona Club Swimming League 2025

Pune (Voice news service):- SK Flippers and ASR Dolphins topped with 190points and 169 points respectively in group A and Group B at the Poona Club Swimming League 2025 which is being organized by The Poona Club Ltd and played at the Poona Club Swimming Pool.

In the unique swimming event being organized for the third time in the city, Advani Splash Titans and Advik Parmar All

Stars were second and third respectively in the group A league stage.

Goel Ganga Real Rich were second with 150points and Jets were third with 148 points in the group league stage. The Tournament was inaugurated by Mr. Gaurav Gadhoke, Hon. President of Poona Club, Mr. Tushar Aswani, Sports Chairman of The Poona Club Ltd & Tournament Director and Mr.Amit Roplekar, Col Sarkar, CEO & Secretary



were present on the occasion. The Title sponsor for the

event is Venkys, Vencobb and NECC.

Public Representatives Should Use Their Position to Solve Common People's Issues

Pune: "The common man looks to the legislature with the hope that their issues will be resolved and decisions will be made in their interest. Hence, public representatives should use their position to solve people's problems and bring positive changes in their lives," said Prof. Ram Shinde, Chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Council. He also expressed that this felicitation, organized by his people and fellow villagers, was emotionally touching.

Prof. Ram Shinde was felicitated upon being elected as the Chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Council. The event was organized by the residents of Kondhwa Budruk and associations of Karjat-Jamkhed and Karmala residents, with the initiative of MLC Yogesh Tilekar. The ceremony was held at the ISKCON temple hall and attended by Yogesh Tilekar, former corporator Ranjana Tilekar, Manisha Kadam, Vrushali Kamthe, corporator Anil Yeole, Satish Markad, Tushar Kadam, senior police



inspector Vinay Patankar, Sanjay Bhosale from ISKCON temple, and local leaders like Veershen Jagtap.

Prof. Ram Shinde said, "Despite my defeat in the elections, the party entrusted me with this topmost post. It is a great honor. While managing the house, I firmly stand with the members who raise people's issues. Yogesh Tilekar and I lost in the assembly elections but our leader Devendra Fadnavis and the party allowed us to work for the people. If your intentions are clean, pure, and sensitive towards the people, justice will be served." "We were defeated through conspiracies, but we chose

not to retreat. Being people from among the masses, the party respected us.

Yogesh Tilekar passionately raised the concerns of his constituency and the state in the Council. Because of his follow-ups, meetings have already been scheduled and within the next 15 to 20 days, the equal water supply issue and the Katraj-Kondhwa road issue will be resolved. Mathadi workers will not face injustice. If amendments are needed in the bill, they will be made through discussion." Yogesh Tilekar said, "It is a proud moment for all of us that someone from a humble background has become the

Chairman of the Legislative Council.

While serving you, I can voice your issues strongly because Shinde Saheb now presides over the Council. I have always learned from his work. His contribution to turning Ahmednagar into 'Ahilyanagar' is significant. He works with the ideals of Rajmata Ahilyabai Holkar. His initiative in developing Chondi is noteworthy. Shinde is carrying forward the legacy of the Holkar family. The organization and leadership have shown immense faith in him. This felicitation by close ones will energize us further. The duo of Devendra Fadnavis and Prof. Ram Shinde will give Maharashtra a new direction. With your support, the issues of Katraj and Kondhwa will soon be resolved."

Sanjay Bhosale and Bhusan Nahata also shared their thoughts. Gokul Barkade gave the introduction, Amar Hajare hosted the event, Veershen Jagtap expressed gratitude, and the citation was read by Ashwini Kamthe.

Six teams to contest in final of the 3rd Edition of The Poona Club Swimming League 2025



Pune, April 6, 2025: Asr Dolphins, Sk Flippers, Jets, Advani Splash Titans, Advik Parmar All Stars, Real Rich entered the next round of the group league stage at the Poona Club Swimming League 2025 which is being organized by The Poona Club Ltd and played at the Poona Club Swimming Pool.

ASR Dolphins are top of the table after Day 2 with 375points while Sk Flippers are close behind on 337 points with the Jets further behind on 314 points in third place.

The Title sponsor for the event is Venkys, Vencobb and NECC.

Results: League Round:
Group 1 (Female) Free Style (20m): 1. Shaynel Pahlani(17:22sec,Jets), 2.Zahra Poonawalla(18:41sec,Jaguars), 3.Ariana Chino(19:25sec,SK Flippers);
Group 1 (Male) Free Style (20m): 1.Rahyaan Khairaz(17:06sec,SK Flippers), 2.Ayaan Baker(17:50sec,Jets), 3.Aveer Singh(21:03sec,Jaguars);
Group 2 (Female) Free Style (40m): 1. Sofia Baker(31:16sec,Jets), 2.Amaaya Shetty(31:94sec,Advani Splash Titans), 3.Amayra Rajpal(46:03sec,Jaguars);
Group 2 (Male) Free Style (40m): 1. Vedant K(14:18sec,Advani



Splash Titans), 2.Nikhilesh S(16:16sec,Jets), 3.Ayaan Mutha(18:16sec,Jaguars);
Group 3(Female)Free Style (40m): 1. Divyanka Bhosale(29:31sec,Jaguars), 2.Avanti Gujar(39:38sec,SK Flippers), 3.Advi Dhoke(41:98sec,Advani Splash Titans);
Group 3(Male)Free Style (40m): 1. Rayaan Sanghvi(27:44sec,SK Flippers), 2.Aarav Kering(28:84sec,Jaguars), 3.Arul Agarkar(31:22sec,Advani Splash Titans);
Group 4(Female)Free Style (40m): 1. Anaisha Sood(25:50sec,Jaguars), 2.Aneeka Shetty(28:32sec,Jets), 3.Zahra Master(29:94sec,Advani Splash Titans);
Group 4(Male)Free Style (40m): 1. Rajveer Patil(21:31sec,Advani Splash Titans), 2.Rohan Mali(23:00sec,SK Flippers), 3.Rounak Mali(23:45sec,Jets);
Group 5(Female)Free Style (40m): 1. Surudha Sanghvi(28:10sec,SK Flippers), 2.Fatema Baker(38:34sec,Advani Splash Titans), 3.Preeti Marathe(38:62sec,Jets);
Group 5(Male)Free Style (40m): 1. Prommeet Sood(26:75sec,SK Flippers), 2.Rayu Irani(31:42sec,Advani Splash Titans), 3.Abezar Baker(32:16sec,Jaguars);



Group 6(Male)Free Style (40m): 1. Ajay Sanghvi(29:19sec,Advani Splash Titans), 2.Tariq Parwani(29:25sec,SK Flippers), 3.Deepesh Sancheti(32:21sec,Jets);
Group 7(Male)Free Style (20m): 1. Jaywant Thorat(14:94sec,SK Flippers), 2.Sameer Sayyed(16:53sec,Jets), 3.Maresh Ghurye(17:22sec,Advani Splash Titans);
Open Female Backstroke(40m): 1. Surudha Sanghvi(32:10sec,SK Flippers), 2.Anneka Shetty(35:28sec,Jets), 3.Divyanka Bhosale(37:94sec,Jaguars);
Open Male Backstroke(40m): 1. Rohan Mali(27:47sec,SK Flippers), 2.Rounak Mali(28:90sec,Jets), 3.Aarav Divate(29:66sec,Jaguars);
Group 1 (Female) Backstroke(20m): 1. Shaynel Pahlani(50:10sec,Jets), 2.Ariana Chino(23:13sec,SK Flippers), 3.Rhea Dandekar(24:97sec,Advani Splash Titans);
Group 1 (Male) Backstroke(20m): 1. Ayaan Baker(24:12sec,Jets), 2.Rayhaan Khairaz(26:91sec,SK Flippers), 3.Aveer Singh(31:22sec,Jaguars);
Group 2 (Female)Breaststroke(40m): 1. Amaaya Shetty(42:15sec,Advani Splash Titans), 2.Amayra Rajpal(49:72sec,Jaguars),

3.Shaynel Pahlani(50:10sec,Jets);

Group 2 (Male)Breaststroke(20m): 1. Nikhilesh S(20:00sec,Jets), 2.Vedant K(22:00sec, Advani Splash Titans), 3.Ayaan Mutha(22:90sec,Jaguars);
Group 3 (Female)Breaststroke(40m): 1.Divyanka Bhosale(36:97sec,Jaguars), 2.Sairan Khinvansara(52:84sec,Jets), 3.Avanti Gujar(54:25sec,SK Flippers);
Group 3 (Male)Breaststroke(40m): 1. Aarav Kering(35:37sec,Jaguars), 2.Arjun Mutha(37:84sec,Advani Splash Titans), 3.Rayaan Sanghvi(40:53sec,SK Flippers);

Group 4 (Female)Breaststroke(40m): 1.Analisha Sood(34:25sec,Jaguars), 2.Anneka Shetty(37:69sec,Jets), 3.Jeisha Shah(39:22sec,SK Flippers);
Group 4 (Male)Breaststroke(40m): 1. Rajveer Patil(29:70sec,Advani Splash Titans), 2.Rohan Mali(31:03sec,SK Flippers), 3.Rounak Mali(31:24sec,Jets);

Female Relay:
1.Jets(1:58:96sec), 2.Advani Splash Titans(2:15:00sec), 3. SK Flippers(2:17:53sec);

Male Relay: 1. SK Flippers(2:31:38sec), 2.Advani Splash Titans(2:37:60sec), 3.Jets(2:46:43sec).

10 teams for First Edition of Corporate and Club Chess Team Championship 2025

Pune (Voice news service):- A total 10 corporate teams will be seen in action at the First Edition of Corporate and Club Chess Team Championship 2025 that will be organised by Pune District Chess Circle and will be played at The Nature, Mukai-

wadi, Pune on 6th April 2025. Mr. Prakash Kunte, Tournament Director said that, The event which has been sponsored by The Nature in association with Lokmanya Multipurpose Cooperative Society will offer Total Prize money of Rs 1,00,000/-.

A total 10 corporates team which included Bank of Maharashtra, FEV India Pvt Ltd Team A, FEV India Pvt Ltd Team B, PYC Hindu Gymkhana A, PYC Hindu Gymkhana B, Ceinsys Software Ltd, Tata Consultancy Services Ltd, Bosch Global Software Tech-

nologies Pvt Ltd, Yardi Software Pvt Ltd, Nitor Infotech Pvt Ltd will be seen in action during this event.

The event will be played under Swiss league format 6/7 round. IA Deepti Shidore has been appointed as Chief arbiter.

Suhana to spice Indian Billie Jean King Cup 2025 campaign as team sponsors in Pune

Pune: The Indian team which is slated to play the Billie Jean King Cup 2025 Asia-Oceania Group-1, organised by MSLTA in association with AITA and PMDTA, on home soil from April 8 to April 12 at the Mhalunge Balewadi tennis complex in Pune will have team sponsor with the country's leading spice brand, Suhana coming on board.

India will be eyeing a berth in the play-offs stage for the second-time in the tournament's history at the event being hosted after a decade in India, 25 years in Maharashtra and the first ever time in Pune. The event which is supported by the Dept of Sports and Youth services Govt of Maharashtra and the Sports Authority of India will have Pune-based leaders in the Spice Industry Suhana joining the fans as well in the Indian team's corner as team sponsors in a bid to strengthen the cause of Indian women's tennis players.

Mr Rajkumar Chordia Chairman of Suhana, himself a keen tennis player, said, "Suhana has been supporting junior Indian tennis through Pravin Trophy for more than three decades. We feel proud to be associated with the Indian women's team ahead of the BKJC AO Group 1 qualifier in our home city." The director of Suhana Vishal Chordia, a former national ranked tennis player, expressed his commitment and stated, " We are extremely



delighted to come onboard as the sponsors for team India. It's a matter of great pride and honour to support a young Indian team .

I'm sure our players will flourish and fight hard for the play-offs qualification and make it to the world group play off stage."

Meanwhile, along with this announcement, the Indian team also unveiled their new kits for the Billie Jean King Cup 2025 Asia-Oceania Group-1.

Sunder Iyer, the tournament director and Hon Secretary of MSLTA informed that the Indian women's team will be led by Asian Games bronze medalist and India's top-ranked singles player Ankita Raina alongside Sahaja Yamalapalli, Shrivalli Bhamidipaty, and Vaidehi Chaudhari. India's doubles specialist, Prarthana Thombare, who had a brilliant run in the WTA Mumbai Open, will also add experience and power to the team. Joining the India squad for the first time will be the teenage sensation Maaya Rajeshwaran. The 15-year-old, who had a sensational run in the WTA Mumbai Open in February,

will be with the team as a reserve player.

Former player turned coach Radhika Kanitkar Tulpule of pune has been appointed as coach for India at this edition of the Billie Jean King Cup Asia-Oceania Group-1.

PMDTA Secretary Abhishek Tamhane said that tennis lovers will have free entry to watch the matches in this tournament and will be able to experience very exciting matches this time.

India will face New Zealand, Chinese Taipei, Korea Republic, Thailand and Hong Kong China in a round-robin group format with the top two teams qualifying for the play-offs scheduled for November later this year.

Last year, India narrowly missed out on play-offs qualification as they finished third in the standings behind China and South Korea. On the final day, India was one win away from making it to the next round but were dealt a tightly contested 2-1 defeat by New Zealand.

With home conditions and fans' support expected to play a big role, India would

be confident heading into the competition.

Captain of the Indian team, Vishal Uppal, shed some light on the Indian team's preparations ahead of the tournament, stating, "We have started our training in Pune for the BJKC Asia Oceania Qualifying Group. Our most important task this week is to make sure our players are healthy, fit & sharp on the court. The team is together now, and we have good energy flowing in our practice sessions."

"We would like to thank AITA and MSLTA for allocating Rutuja Kulkarni and Apurva Kulkarni, both city-based Sports physios, to work with the team this year," he added. The Billie Jean King Cup 2025 Asia Oceania Group-1 matches are organized by MSLTA in association with ITF AITA, and PMDTA will be shown live on DD Sports.

The tournament is powered by Sports Authority of India (SAI) and the Ministry of Sports and Youth Welfare (Maharashtra). Other partners for the tournament include Bisleri, Shiv-Narash, Manipal Hospitals and Dunlop.

Indian squad for Billie Jean King Cup: Players - Ankita Raina, Prarthana Thombare, Sahaja Yamalapalli, Shrivalli Bhamidipaty, Vaidehi Chaudhari, Maaya Rajeshwaran Revathi (Reserve), Captain - Vishal Uppal, Coach - Radhika Kanitkar Tulpule, Physios -Rutuja Kulkarni and Apurva Kulkarni

Teen Prodigies Oh Jun-sung, Miwa Harimoto Reign Supreme at WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025 Presented By IndianOil

Pune: Eighteen-year-old Oh Jun-sung defeated French youngster Thibault Poret in a seven-game Men's Singles thriller to win his maiden WTT Star Contender title at WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025 Presented By IndianOil on Sunday. In Women's Singles, 16-year-old Miwa Harimoto,

an Olympic medalist in Paris 2024, defeated her compatriot Honoka Hashimoto 4-2 to win her first crown at this level. Earlier in the day, Manav Thakkar's historic run came to an end in the penultimate round, leaving him as the sole Indian male player to have reached a WTT Star

Contender Semifinal. South Korea's Lim Jung-hoon and Shin Yu-bin, meanwhile, won the Mixed Doubles title with a straight-games victory. WTT Star Contender Chennai 2025 Presented By IndianOil was organised by Stupa Sports Analytics and Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) under the Ta-

ble Tennis Federation of India (TTFI). The event boasted a USD 275,000 prize purse and presented 600 ranking points to the winners. Playing in front of a packed house at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Harimoto and Hashimoto engaged in spectacular long rallies.

Thousands of ‘Hirkani’ Ran for Safety, Empowerment & Self-Reliance!

Pune: To encourage women’s safety, self-confidence, empowerment, and self-reliance—while also promoting fitness—thousands of women participated in the ‘Hirkani Run’ across Pune on Sunday. Alongside actress Sonalee Kulkarni, the team of the film ‘Sant Dnyaneshwaranchi Mukti’ encouraged the women. The participants collectively sent out a strong message: “We are safe and empowered.” Sai Janseva Pratishtan organized the first-ever Hirkani Run, a women’s half marathon. Over 1,200 women from Pune and various towns and cities across Maharashtra participated in the event. The marathon began at Baburao Sanas Ground near Sarasbaug and included 3 km, 5 km, 10 km, and 21 km races, receiving an overwhelming and enthusiastic response. Present at the event were actresses Sonalee Kulkarni, Mukti director Dipgal Lanjekar, actors Ajay Purkar, Tejas Barve, Neha Naik, Sai Janseva Pratishtan founder and president Suraj Lokhande, president Geeta Mohorkar, and other dignitar-



ies including Nisha Pachange, Smita Bhise, and Vipul Sharma. Sonalee Kulkarni stated, “The enthusiasm of these ‘Hirkanis’ who have come from across the state is truly inspiring. Women should support and empower one another. It’s essential to maintain good health and fitness through exercise and a balanced diet. We must draw inspiration from Maharashtra’s many accomplished women. Once we are physically, mentally, and financially strong, we can contribute effectively to society and the nation.” Suraj Lokhande added, “Thousands of women participating in the marathon proved that Pune’s women are strong and

self-reliant. The funds raised from this event will be donated to organizations working for orphans and differently-abled children. Sai Janseva Pratishtan always undertakes initiatives in the public interest. ‘Hirkani Run’ will now be organized every year.” Ajay Purkar and Dipgal Lanjekar also motivated the participants. A Zumba dance session energized the crowd, and all runners were given certificates, medals, T-shirts, and refreshments. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners. The marathon route covered Sanas Ground – Dandekar Bridge – Sinhad Road – Rajaram Bridge – Santosh Hall – back to Sanas Ground.

NICMAR HR Summit 2025 Highlights Emerging Workforce Trends in Infrastructure Sector



Pune: NICMAR University, Pune, hosted the HR Summit 2025 on its campus on Friday (April 4), bringing together HR leaders from across the industrial sectors to discuss emerging trends, workforce evolution, and the future of the work. Dr. C. Jayakumar, Executive Vice President and Head of Corporate Human Resources (CHRO) at Larsen & Toubro Limited, inaugurated the summit as the Chief Guest. Highlighting the profound transformation in HR, Jayakumar said, “Recruiters are now using GenAI to screen resumes, generate interview

questions, and even conduct assessments. In a striking shift, candidates are also deploying similar tools to anticipate questions and prepare tailored responses.” The adoption of AI is not confined to hiring alone. Across learning and development, GenAI is enabling personalized coaching, performance feedback, and dynamic learning journeys—marking HR’s evolution into a technology-first function, he remarked. “For some, flexibility means working from home, for others, it’s fewer days at the office—or no fixed schedule at

all. Even in traditionally on-site industries like construction, leaders are being called to rethink what flexibility truly means for their workforce,” said Jayakumar. Sahil Nayar, HR Leader and Influencer, in his keynote address, decoded the essence of NICMAR as an acronym symbolizing Navigating change, Intellectual curiosity, Courage, Mastering agility and adaptability, Authenticity, and Resilience. NICMAR University, Pune’s President and Chancellor Dr. Anil Kashyap stated that the construction sector contributes 9-10% to

India’s GDP and is the second-largest source of employment. He affirmed NICMAR’s pivotal role in nation-building by nurturing skilled talent, and outlined the university’s focus on emerging areas like artificial intelligence, construction technology, digitization, and 3D printing. Vice Chancellor Dr. Sushma S. Kulkarni reiterated the importance of preparing youth to meet the industry’s future challenges. She shared that NICMAR is working towards launching new academic programs in energy, environment, civil engineering, architecture, and

general management. The summit featured four insightful panel discussions on: - Workforce generational transformation - Academia’s role in skill development - The impact of AI on employment - Key skills for career success The event served as a valuable platform for students to gain practical industry insights and interact with top HR and industry professionals. The summit concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Jordan Koner, Dean (Career Services, International Affairs, and Alumni Relations).

Sindhi Culture Showcased Through Cheti Chand Festival



Pune: The atmosphere was filled with devotion as devotees chanted “Ayo Lal Jhulelal!”, performed the aarti of Bhagwan Sai Jhulelal, and adorned his divine idol with reverence. The festival witnessed a melodious Sindhi music concert, artistic dance performances, and the distribution of traditional prasad including chaat, samosas, and sweet rice. The rhythmic echoes of “Lal Jhule Lal, Jhule Lal!” created a deeply spiritual and cultural ambience, offering a mesmerizing glimpse of Sindhi heritage. The Cheti Chand Festival, organized by Sindhu Seva Dal, marked the Sindhi New Year and the 1075th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Sai Jhulelal. The grand celebrations took place at Deccan College Banquet Hall & Grounds in Yerawada, where thousands of Sindhi families from Pune, Pimpri-Chinchwad, and nearby areas gathered to celebrate. The event commenced with the ritualistic worship of Sai Jhulelal’s idol, followed by cultural programs, devotional songs, bhajans, and a grand community feast (Mahaprasad), making the festival a truly special occasion. The musical concert featured renowned Mumbai-based artists Shubham Nathani, Priyanshi Karvani, Ritika Sundarani, and Aman Sundarani, alongside a team of 17 talented singers. The Sindhi Sym-

phony Band and Orchestra by Devansh Entertainment captivated the audience with their live performances. A stunning dance presentation by Generation Next Dance Academy further enriched the evening’s entertainment. The festival concluded with a community feast (Mahaprasad), bringing together over 4,500 Sindhi community members who relished the joyous occasion. The grand aarti of Sai Jhulelal was performed by Hareesh Abichandani, Founder & Managing Director of Millennium Semiconductors India. The event was graced by several dignitaries, including Sindhu Seva Dal President Ashok Vaswani, Founding Member Ishwar Kripalani, Former Presidents Manohar Ferwani, Suresh Jethwani, Peter Dalwani, Deepak Wadhvani, and Vijay Daswani, along with Vice President Purushottam Paryani, Secretary Sachin Talreja, Treasurer Rajendra Ferwani, Co-Treasurer Nilesh Ferwani, PR Officer Devendra Chawla, and Jai Pinjani. Ashok Vaswani said, “For the past 38 years, Sindhu Seva Dal has been actively working to promote Sindhi culture and traditions. The Cheti Chand festival unites the community in celebration of Bhagwan Sai Jhulelal’s divine presence. It is a moment of joy and devotion, and we are honored to participate every year.”

24/7 Water Supply, Katraj-Kondhwa Road Project to be completed very soon: MLC Yogesh Tilekar

Pune: “Key issues such as equal & 24/7 water supply across the city, expansion of Katraj-Kondhwa Road, regulation of illegal constructions and unauthorized plotting, division of the MSEB Kondhwa office, and renaming the Katraj flyover after Dharmaveer Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj were raised in the Legislative Council. The concerned authorities have responded positively, and a meeting will be held in the Speaker’s chamber within a week. As a result, these issues are expected to be resolved soon,” said Legislative Council Member Yogesh Tilekar while speaking to journalists. This media interaction was organized in the backdrop of the recently concluded budget session. BJP Yuva Morcha members Prof. Sachin Jaybhaye, Bhushan Nahata, and Balasaheb Ghule were also present at the event. Yogesh Tilekar stated, “As a Legislative Council member, I had the opportunity to present 32-starred questions, 11 attention motions, 9 important issues, and 7 special



mentions during the budget session. The issues of Pune’s water crisis, illegal plotting, and unauthorized schools operating in illegal buildings were discussed with the ministers, who assured immediate solutions. Despite ₹280 crore being allocated for the Katraj-Kondhwa Road, the work has not yet begun. Attention was drawn to this delay.” He further said, “Rapid urbanization in Pune has increased pressure on the municipal administration. Despite paying taxes, residents in suburban areas do not receive adequate infrastructure benefits. Therefore, the formation of a separate municipal corporation is necessary. Discussions with the Chief Minister are ongoing, and a decision is

expected soon. Uncontrolled construction activities and illegal plotting in the city are becoming a problem. Discussions have been held with the Revenue Minister to address this issue.” Key Development Proposals like a cancer hospital should be built next to the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Cultural Hall and named after Dr. Ambedkar. If a hospital is not feasible, a memorial for Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar should be built instead. This land should not be handed over to private developers. Just like the Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Memorial being built at Sangameshwar, a similar memorial should be established at Dharmaveergad. During the Legislative Council session, I had the opportunity to speak

on the 75th anniversary of the Indian Constitution. A demand was made for ₹100 crore for the development of the Sant Savata Mali pilgrimage site (Aran, Solapur) and for it to receive ‘A’ grade status, he added. Key Highlights from the Press Conference - Katraj-Kondhwa Road project will commence soon. - 24-hour and equal water supply schemes will be implemented. - Inquiry into substandard medicine purchases will be conducted. - Construction of a Social Welfare Study Center in Kolhapur District. - Approval for a new four-lane road connecting Mumbai-Pune and Pune-Nashik. - Increased police stations to control illegal liquor sales and crime. - Katraj flyover construction is to be completed by December. - Stricter regulations on unauthorized land plotting. - Katraj Flyover is to be renamed after Dharmaveer Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj.

Social Workers Dr. Mandakini & Dr. Prakash Amte Honored with the First ‘AIBDF Gondan Award’

Pune: The Auto-Immune Blistering Disease Foundation (AIBDF) presented the first ‘AIBDF Gondan Award’ to veteran social workers Dr. Mandakini and Dr. Prakash Amte. During the event held at the Deccan Gymkhana Club, Praveen Joshi conducted an open discussion with the Amte couple. The event was attended by several dignitaries, including former Indian Ambassador Gautam Bambawale, AIBDF Founder Trustee Ashokkumar Surawala, Dr. Sharad Mutalik, Aniruddha Bambawale, Advocate Jayant Hemade, Dermatologist Dr. Sunil Vartak, Industrialist Nitinbhai Desai, and retired administrative officer Ramanath Jha. On the occasion, Dr. Madhav Gadgil said that there is a misconception that people living close to nature are responsible for its destruction. Urban people hold discussions on this topic, but we fail to acknowledge that in the name of development, we are putting immense pressure on nature. The truth is, that people who live in harmony with nature help maintain its balance. The number of tigers has increased, and they venture into human settlements in search of food. Urban people claim that wild animals are encroaching on cities, but the truth is that we have encroached upon their habitats. Thousands of years ago, elephants and tigers lived in the



forests, but now we have taken over their living spaces, he added. He further emphasized, “Modern technology has made life easier, but economic inequality is worsening. Large-scale projects are causing environmental degradation and increasing pollution. We need to come together and think about sustainable solutions.” Dr. Prakash Amte shared his experiences, saying, “The suffering caused by skin diseases is difficult for others to understand. I had the opportunity to work closely with leprosy patients. What started with just six patients eventually grew to six thousand. My father, Baba Amte, taught these patients to live with dignity. Inspired by his work, we moved to Hemalkasa. At a young age, we took on this challenge, and Mandakini stood firmly by my side.” He continued, “In Hemalka-

sa, we focused on healthcare and education, which gradually led to the community’s development. Today, our extended family consists of thousands of people. Despite living among wild animals, we are safe because I trust them.” “There is a need for greater sensitivity from the government towards social organizations. Urban people are more superstitious than tribal communities. It was easier to raise awareness in tribal areas. Though it took time for them to trust us, once they accepted us, everything fell into place. Social service should not be about seeking divine blessings but about genuine work.” Dr. Mandakini Amte said, “Living a meaningful life without worrying about others’ opinions is what youthfulness is about. When I told my parents that I wanted to marry into Baba Amte’s fam-

ily, which worked for leprosy patients, they were initially hesitant. However, after visiting Anandwan and meeting Baba Amte, they gave their approval. The happiness we experienced through our work was the greatest reward. We were fortunate to continue the legacy of Baba and Sadhanatai Amte. Even at the age of 75, we are leading a content and fulfilling life.” Dr. Sharad Mutalik elaborated on the activities of ‘AIBDF’, stating, “The foundation is committed to raising awareness about auto-immune blistering diseases and providing assistance to affected individuals. Inspired by Ashokkumar Surawala, this initiative was started in 2021 in memory of the late Jayashree Surawala. Our mission is to make modern medical treatments more accessible and affordable for everyone.” In his welcome speech, Ashokkumar Surawala said, “This award ceremony aims to raise awareness about this serious disease and encourage public participation in our foundation’s work. Honoring the Amte couple with the first Gondan Award is a privilege for us. Their inspiring journey motivates us to work even harder.” The event was anchored by Rohini Gokhale, and Aniruddha Bambawale delivered the vote of thanks. The ceremony began with a soulful prayer by Ananya Joglekar and concluded with ‘Pasayadan.’

Sambhaji Brigade should use ‘Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Brigade’



Pune: Condemning the deliberate singular mention of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj’s name by the ‘Sambhaji Brigade’ organization and party, the Shivdharma Foundation staged a protest march to the District Collector’s office. The foundation’s founder-president, Dipak Kate, demanded that the organization either write ‘Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Brigade’ in full in their name or change the name altogether. The protest march started at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s statue near Pune Station and reached the District Collector’s office, where hundreds of Shiv devotees and Shambhu followers participated. The slogans ‘Jai Bhavani Jai Shivaji’ and ‘Glory to Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj’ echoed throughout the area. The protest was attended by Kiran Salunkhe (State Vice President of the Foundation), Karan Dhane-Patil (Pune District President), Akshay Chavan (Baramati Taluka President), Rahul Madane, Sugriv Nimbalkar, Vishal Dhmal, Rohit Tupe, Sagar Patil, Krishna Kshirsagar, Swapnil Nimbalkar, Rupesh Shinde, Mayur Kale, Sagar Joshi, Bhuvaneshwar Shingire, Sanjay Madane, Datta Madane, Abhimanyu Kadam, and many other activists. Dipak Kate stated, “The name

‘Sambhaji Brigade’ does not include the full title of ‘Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj,’ which we have repeatedly pointed out to the organization and the party. However, they have not responded positively.” He further criticized the organization, saying, “The spokespersons of ‘Sambhaji Brigade’ talk about giving the death penalty to those who address Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj improperly, yet their organization is guilty of disrespecting him by using a singular mention. This is sheer hypocrisy. If ‘Sambhaji Brigade’ does not change its name, we will demand that the government revoke its recognition.” Kate firmly asserted, “‘Sambhaji Brigade’ must either include ‘Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Brigade’ in their name or change the name entirely. If they refuse, the government should cancel the organization’s and party’s recognition. Additionally, the state government must take strict measures to ensure that Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj is respected and those who insult him face severe legal consequences. A memorandum with these demands has been submitted to the District Collector, and we have urged the Chief Minister to take appropriate action.”

Unrealistic Expectations & Guilt Lead Women to Extreme Decisions



Pune: “In Indian society, women often live under unrealistic expectations and a sense of guilt about themselves. This prevents them from expressing themselves openly. The constant burden and pressure of being unheard lead many women to suicidal thoughts” observed experts at a panel discussion. Marking 20 years of ‘Connecting Trust,’ an organization dedicated to suicide prevention and emotional support, a seminar titled ‘Listening to the Voices of Women’ was organized. The event featured thought-provoking insights from Barkha Bajaj (Founder, AKS Foundation), Sister Lucy Kurien (Founder, ‘Maher’), Advocate Sandhya Deshpande, Transgender Rights Activist Kadambari Shaikh, and Senior Editor Corina Manuel. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Megha Deuskar, a sociologist. Meher Padamji, Chairperson, Thermax Group& Amavaz Damania, Founder & Managing Director of Connecting Trust, were present as the

Chief Guest. Representatives from the Muskan Foundation and Stree Mukti Sanghatana, who shared their experiences. Kadambari Shaikh highlighted the complex struggles of transgender individuals, stating, “Our own families reject us first, followed by society, which forces us into a specific lifestyle. I have faced severe hardships, but I overcame them, earned two degrees, and built a career as a makeup artist. Yet, the pressure from family and society always imposes limitations.” Sister Lucy Kurien shed light on the struggles of illiterate and semi-educated women, emphasizing that “They face greater helplessness and vulnerability.” Advocate Sandhya Deshpande spoke from a legal perspective, stating that helping oppressed women find their voice is a major challenge. Barkha Bajaj pointed out that women experience higher emotional stress in relationships, often suppressing their feelings due to fear, shame, and societal judgment.

Brings HIT Mosquito Aerosol with Thunderbolt Technology

Pune: Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL), a leading player in emerging markets and the household insecticide (HI) category, continues to strengthen its leadership through groundbreaking innovations and category expansion. In early 2024, GCPL introduced India’s first and only government-approved mosquito repellent incense sticks, ‘Goodknight Agarbatti.’ Building on this momentum, the company achieved another milestone in July 2024 with the development of ‘Renofluthrin,’ India’s first indigenously developed and patented molecule, delivering the most effective liquid vaporizer formulation for superior mosquito control and in just over a year, GCPL is set to launch another latest breakthrough under its pest control brand, Godrej HIT.

GCPL caters to consumers seeking instant elimination of mosquitoes, particularly in scenarios where infestations run high. GCPL has re-engineered the popular Kala HIT mosquito spray with Thunderbolt Technology — its fastest and most powerful formulation yet. With this technology, Kala HIT mosquito aerosol now features a powerful new formulation called Metofluthrin (MFT), delivering 4X faster efficacy for instant relief with less aerosol usage. The improved formula delivers greater efficacy, allowing consumers to spray less while effectively killing mosquitoes, resulting in a longer-lasting product and enhanced value. As part of the launch, HIT is offering a special introductory discount of nearly 20% — the 400ml can is available for ₹180 and the 625ml can for ₹250. Further enhancing the experience, Kala HIT has undergone a complete packaging revamp and now comes with a refreshing new fragrance. Commenting on this development, Shilpa Suresh, Head of Marketing – Home Care, Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL), said, “At GCPL, we are committed to leading the household insecticides category by driving innovation and expanding the market. Aerosols form a significant part of the ₹7,500+ crore household insecticide market. Mosquito aerosols comprise nearly half of HIT’s revenue, making them the biggest driver of category expansion.

Mumbai Students Win Big at Robotics Championship in Chicago, Headed to World Finals

Pune: In an exceptional achievement, Mumbai-based high school robotics team Sigma 9692 has won the prestigious Engineering Inspiration Award at the FIRST Robotics Midwestern Regional Championship held in Chicago, USA. With this remarkable victory, Team Sigma has qualified to represent India at the FIRST World Championship in Houston from April 16–19,

2025. Remarkably, this is only Team Sigma’s second year participating, a feat rarely accomplished by veteran teams globally. The team comprises 27 dedicated students, including 25 from 13 different schools in Mumbai, and two students working remotely from Indore and Delhi. This year’s robotics challenge, ‘Reefscape,’ tasked

students with designing robots to place coral pieces at heights reaching 7 feet. Team Sigma’s robot, affectionately named ‘Spongebot,’ excelled by ranking first in coral placement at the highest level and third in autonomous coding consistency. The robot features an innovative four-wheel swerve drive system, achieving speeds of 7 meters/second, and boasts

an elevator mechanism that reaches 8 feet in just 0.5 seconds. Beyond competition, Team Sigma has made a significant social impact, introducing robotics and coding to over 3,000 underserved students across Mumbai in two years. The team successfully raised ₹20 lakh from Indian corporates, setting up robotics labs in 10 underserved schools.

It's a Match! Myprotein partners with Keventers to launch Coffee Impact Whey Protein

Pune (Voice news service):- Myprotein, a leading online sports nutrition brand has partnered with Keventers – India's leading milkshake brand to launch Impact Whey Coffee to celebrate a perfect match of health and taste. The flavour will be available for the consumers on Myprotein's website and Keventers' stores.

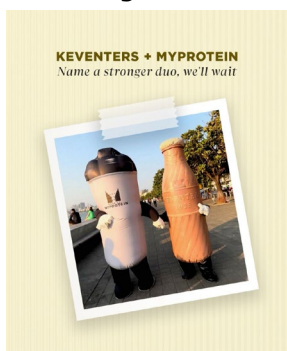
To celebrate this collaboration, Myprotein engaged with fitness enthusiasts at Keventers' store in Powai on 26th March 2025. Celebrating fitness and flavour, the brand called out to its consumers to share their thoughts on "perfect match". Myprotein ambassador Chetan Tambe interacted with the audience

whilst sharing his personal fitness routine and introducing the all-new product.

Speaking on the campaign, Sudeshna Saha, Regional Manager – Myprotein India said, "This special campaign celebrates unique matches in the everyday life of our consumers, be it with a person, experience, or health."

"Through this collaboration, we are bringing a health-conscious offering to the coffee lovers who want to indulge whilst sticking to their fitness regime.

With the introduction of Keventers Coffee, we have two Keventers flavours, including the popular Chocolate Hazelnut, especially curated for the Indian audience."



Keventers has been a renowned name in India for their vast range of chocolate and coffee-inspired desserts and milkshakes. The association of the brand with Myprotein will bring a fresh new coffee flavour option across the premium range of the brand.

Atlas Copco Tools and Assembly Systems unveils Innovation Centre In Pune To Drive Industry 4.0 And Smart Manufacturing

Pune: Atlas Copco Tools has inaugurated its first Smart Factory Innovation Centre in India – a state-of-the-art facility in Pune designed to showcase cutting-edge technologies that power Smart Integrated Assembly ecosystems.

This center will serve as a hub for innovation, collaboration and hands-on experience, enabling businesses across automotive, aerospace, electronics, heavy machinery and manufacturing sectors to explore next-generation automation and smart manufacturing solutions for zero-defect production.

At the Innovation Centre, visitors can experience first-hand the latest advancements in torquing & dispensing technologies. The visitors can experience how software-driven solutions help optimize manufacturing efficiency, build flexibility in manufacturing processes and help achieve sustainability goals at the same time.

Mr. Chandrashekhra Pathak,



General Manager, Industrial Technique, Atlas Copco India Pvt. Ltd., said, "The Innovation Centre is not just about showcasing cutting-edge solutions; it's about fostering a future where businesses from diverse industries come together, explore new technologies, and drive growth through collaboration. The launch of our Innovation Centre in Pune marks a significant

milestone in our commitment to Industry 4.0 and smart manufacturing. By embracing smart technologies in the tightening and torquing space, we are not only enhancing operational efficiency but also creating a more sustainable and intelligent manufacturing ecosystem."

Beyond being a showcase of technological advancements, the Innovation Centre is de-

signed to merge expertise in joining, assembly technologies and manufacturing competence to provide the finest manufacturing solutions for our customers, explore customized solutions and also address specific manufacturing challenges. Key features include:

Automated tightening and dispensing technologies – Live demonstrations of com-

pletely automated advanced tightening and dispensing solutions that enhance precision and productivity

Error Proofing – Live demonstrations of how new age error proofing solutions seamlessly integrate into customers production environment and pave the way for cost savings through reduction in defects and rework

Software suite integration – Seamlessly integrated software solutions providing intelligent insights for enhanced quality control and zero-defect manufacturing

Smart Integrated Assembly – Aligned with sustainability goals, enabling customers to reduce their carbon footprint and improve operational efficiency. By creating a central hub for experimentation, testing and problem-solving, Atlas Copco Tools aims to drive the adoption of smart manufacturing technologies in India and beyond, supporting businesses in achieving enhanced productivity, sustainability and quality.

Ideas, Innovation, Investor Connects, Impact : Startup Mahakumbh gears for new possibilities

Pune (Voice news service):- The highly anticipated second edition of Startup Mahakumbh is set to take place at Bharat Mandapam from April 3-5. Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, will grace the inaugural ceremony of the event, which aims to contribute further to India's economic growth and showcase to the world the unfolding story of Bharat. Shri Jitin Prasada, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology will deliver a special address during the inaugural event.

The event's unmatched scale and diversity of participants will provide an invaluable platform for entrepreneurs, investors, and thought leaders to come together, share ideas, and create lasting connections. With a strong focus on fostering innovation and collaboration, Startup Mahakumbh will lay the foundation for the next wave of entrepreneurial success. During this year's edition Tribal entrepreneurs are also set to take the stage with participation from 45+ startups including those incubated at IIM Calcutta, IIM Kashipur, and IIT Bhilai.

Shri Sanjiv, Joint Secretary, DPIIT, added, "Startup Mahakumbh will be a true 'sangam' of startup and industry 'MahaRathis' from across the Indian districts and the world - Jile se Jagat tak. With representation from multiple districts of India and 50 countries, the event will be a great



opportunity to connect and collaborate.

While at one end we will have a flying taxi made in India at display, at the other we have countries like Korea setting up a pavilion of 11 startups and Nepal putting up the largest pavilion with one of its startups showcasing a 2-stage rocket powered by sustainable hybrid propulsion rocket engines. I am really excited and looking forward to the next three days of some path-breaking ideas and enriching discussions."

Archana Jahagirdar, Founder & Managing Partner at Rukam Capital and Startup Mahakumbh Organizing Committee Member, applauded the efforts from the government and said, "The support from the Government of has been instrumental towards propelling the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, and we hope to play an integral role by organizing the 'World's Biggest Showcase of Innovation' – Startup Mahakumbh."

Prashanth Prakash, Founding Partner, Accel and Startup Mahakumbh Organizing

Committee Member, said, "The second edition of Startup Mahakumbh will prove to be a gamechanger as it returns with a bigger, bolder and better vision and agenda. These events underscore the importance of public and private partnerships in achieving a common agenda of propelling India to the top of the startup ecosystem globally."

Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Co-founder and Executive Vice Chairman, Info Edge and Startup Mahakumbh Organizing Committee Member, added, "The startup industry is Darwinian in nature and these forums help follow best global practices and drive innovation to build capital for businesses that can not only transform India but the world."

Startup Mahakumbh Organizing Committee members – Archana Jahagirdar Managing Partner, Rukam Capital, Prashant Prakash Founding Partner, Accel, Sanjeev Bikhchandani Founder, Info Edge India, and Sanjay Nayyar, Founder & Chairman, Sorin Investments also graced the event

Hyundai Motor Unveils the new IONIQ 6 and IONIQ 6 N Line Under 'Pure Flow, Refined' Concept

Pune (Voice news service):- Hyundai Motor Company unveiled its newly designed IONIQ 6 and IONIQ 6 N Line today at the Seoul Mobility Show 2025 in Korea, setting a new standard for electrified streamliners. Building on the design spirit of the original, multi-award-winning IONIQ 6 launched in 2022, the facelifted model features more refined curves and enhanced proportions for a sleek and beautifully balanced silhouette.

"IONIQ 6 has evolved from a single Electrified Streamliner into a lineup, each model expressing its own character while staying true to one refined vision," said Simon Losasby, Senior Vice President and Head of Hyundai Design Center. "Under the evolved design concept of 'Pure Flow, Refined', we've enhanced every line and detail to make IONIQ 6 simpler and more progressive."

'Pure Flow, Refined' design concept With the new IONIQ 6, Hyundai Motor is emphasizing the identity of electrified streamliners, focusing on connecting the body flow more precisely and naturally based on the evolved concept of 'Pure flow, Refined'. The new vehicle's elevated

hood and extended shape, combined with a shark-nose design, create a sleek profile that appears to slice through the air.

The black garnish on the lower body extends to the doors, emphasizing the IONIQ 6's streamlined body. The previous-generation vehicle's prominent spoiler has been removed, with the new IONIQ 6 featuring an extended ducktail spoiler to maintain aerodynamic performance while achieving a smoother, more refined silhouette.

The car's front and rear design details have been refined for a modern and high-tech appearance, featuring separate slim DRLs and main lamps.

Horizontal design elements create a wider stance, while the rear bumper design complements the front with modern chrome garnish.

The design of the new IONIQ 6's interior maintains the 'Mindful Cocoon' concept, with a greater focus on a more comfortable and intuitive user experience. Inside, the new IONIQ 6 features a redesigned steering wheel and enhanced door trim materials for a more premium feel. The center console layout has been refined for improved

functionality, and the climate control display has been enlarged to enhance ease of use.

N Line model brings bold and aggressive styling Unveiled alongside the new IONIQ 6, the IONIQ 6 N Line variant inherits the design DNA of the RN22e Rolling Lab released in 2022, adding a distinctly bold touch.

To highlight the N Line model's dynamic and aggressive design, the front and rear wing-shaped bumpers feature enhanced details and a more sculptural form. This wing-inspired bumper design, along with a side sill emphasized by a single line, gives the electrified streamliner a visually lower stance.

Additionally, the extensive use of black color at the rear, drawn from the RN22e's design, contributes to the IONIQ 6 N Line's sporty proportions. The two-dimensional Parametric Pixel lamp design further emphasizes a digital aesthetic.

IONIQ 6 N to be unveiled in July this year Hyundai Motor also teased the forthcoming IONIQ 6 N during its Seoul Mobility Show presentation, hinting at the arrival of a true high-performance electrified streamliner in the future.

Pune (Voice news service):- SANY, the leading manufacturer of construction, mining, logistics & energy equipment, today unveiled the India's first hybrid off-highway 100 ton mining dump truck product with localized manufacturing at its factory in Pune.

This cutting-edge addition to SANY's range of mining equipment marks a significant step towards enhancing the nation's self-reliance in manufacturing the next generation of mining machinery with world leading technology.

Engineered to deliver exceptional power, efficiency, and operator safety, the SKT130S is equipped with a high-performance 925 kW rated power engine that generates an impressive 3200 Nm of torque, ensuring superior durability in challenging mining environments. Designed for heavy-duty applications, the truck features



a 100-ton payload capacity and a 61 CuM heaped body capacity, making it a formidable asset in the mining sector. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Deepak Garg, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Sany India and South Asia, said, "The introduction of the SKT130S is a remarkable achievement in our journey towards driving innovation and self-reliance in India's

mining sector. As India's first 100 ton diesel-electric hybrid mining truck, the SKT130S demonstrates SANY India's commitment to delivering high-performance, efficient, and safe solutions to meet the evolving demands of the industry.

Our focus on localization not only supports India's manufacturing vision but also ensures that we bring cutting-edge technology to en-

hance productivity in mining operations."

The SKT130S is expected to deliver fuel savings of 20% -25% compared to conventional mining trucks. Its key feature is a regenerative braking system, which allows the high-voltage battery to charge during downhill operation.

The SKT130S is designed to

deliver optimum performance, featuring an intelligent control module that ensures seamless operations and a 10-inch central control screen that enhances navigation and safety. Built with a strong focus on operator safety, the truck cabin is equipped with FOPS/ROPS certification, ensuring compliance with global safety standards while maintaining strength and agility. Reaffirming its commitment to the Government of India's 'Make in India' initiative, SANY India has localized the SKT130S and is actively working towards further localizing major components.

The launch of the SKT130S positions SANY at the forefront of technological advancements in the mining sector. Moving forward, SANY remains committed to increasing localization efforts and introducing innovative solutions that drive operational efficiency and sustainability in the industry.

Australia India Skills Summit 2025 kicks off in New Delhi

Pune (Voice news service):- The Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) is bringing together a future skills delegation of 19 members from 13 institutes providing Australian skilling capability across technologies, green economy and infrastructure.

The objectives of the delegation visit are to build two-way market literacy and partnership momentum and develop business ties / partnerships between Australian and Indian institutions, universities and corporates providers.

Coinciding with the visit, The Australia India Skills Summit 2025 is organised between 1-4 April 2025, which will include programming across three cities – New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad.

The summit started in Delhi on 1 April 2025 marking a significant step forward in enhancing bilateral cooperation between the two nations. The inaugural session featured keynotes from prominent stakeholders from both the Governments. The event in Delhi was organised in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

The Summit will be held for 2 days in New Delhi (1-2 April 2025), followed by Ahmedabad (3 April 2025) and Hyderabad (4 April 2025). The summit also includes thought leadership sessions,



market updates, site visits, policy briefings, business roundtables, and networking events.

In Delhi, the summit also highlighted the partnerships between Australian and Indian entities which are working towards the advancement of skills development and workforce training.

Dr Monica Kennedy, Minister – Commercial and Head of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission in South Asia said, "India is emerging as a significant contributor to the global skilling sector, aiming to establish itself as the 'Skills Capital of World.'" Australia's skills priorities align with India's own industry needs, presenting genuine opportunities for continued collaboration.

Today, we bring together experts from both nations to share knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions in skills development. We are

confident that this summit will mark the beginning of a new chapter in our bilateral cooperation and will contribute to a deeper and broader Australia-India education relationship."

Australia has a reputation for world-class vocational education, skills and training. Australia's skills training sector is designed by industry, for industry. With over 60% of Australian employers upskill their workforce each year using Australia's training system, and 45% of Australians aged between 15 and 19 years actively participate in skills training.

Australia is home to a diverse and specialised skills training sector, including publicly owned technical and further education (TAFE) institutes, dual sector universities, privately-owned training providers, edtech platform providers, and enterprise training providers.

Audi India reports strong Q1 2025 sales



Pune (Voice news service):- Audi, the German luxury car manufacturer, today announced its sales figures for the first quarter of 2025, reflecting a positive performance with 1,223 units retailed. This marks a 17% growth compared to Q1 2024, underscoring the brand's growing demand in the luxury car market.

The impressive Q1, 2025 results highlight Audi India's successful efforts to capitalise on its diverse product portfolio and renewed supply chain stability. Key contributors to this growth include the continued popularity of models such as the Audi Q7 and Audi Q8.

This performance builds on the momentum from last year in which Audi India celebrated the milestone of 100,000 cars on Indian roads.

Mr. Balbir Singh Dhillon, Head of Audi India said, "We are pleased to commence 2025 on a positive note with our result of the first quarter. This growth compared to the previous year same time underscores the confidence our customers have in brand Audi and the strength of our product portfolio. Having successfully navigated supply challenges in 2024, we are well-equipped to meet the increasing demand for

luxury mobility in India. Our commitment remains steadfast in delivering exceptional products and experiences as we strive for a positive performance in the year ahead."

Audi Approved: plus, the brand's pre-owned car business continued its upward trajectory with a 23% growth in Q1 2025 compared to the same period in 2024. Operating across 26 facilities in major hubs nationwide, this segment remains a cornerstone of Audi India's strategy to cater to the increasing appetite for certified pre-owned luxury vehicles. The brand plans to expand this network going forward to enhance accessibility for our customers.

Audi India recently launched the 'Audi RS Q8 Performance,' which is the most powerful SUV in Audi's lineup and combines exceptional performance with everyday usability in the lap of luxury. The SUV has witnessed enthusiastic customer response and is sold out till Q3 2025.

Audi India product portfolio: Audi A4, Audi A6, Audi Q3, Audi Q3 Sportback, Audi Q5, Audi Q7, Audi Q8, Audi S5 Sportback, Audi RS Q8, Audi Q8 e-tron, Audi Q8 e-tron Sportback, Audi e-tron GT and Audi RS e-tron GT.

Bajel Projects Successfully Commissions Two Key 400kV Transmission Lines

Pune (Voice news service):- Bajel Projects Limited, a Bajaj Group company and a leader in power transmission and distribution solutions, has announced the successful commissioning of two significant 400kV transmission line projects including Raipur Pool – Dhamtari (CKT-I & CKT-II) and Navsari – Magarwada (CKT-I & CKT-II). With proven expertise,

the firm has executed both power projects under challenging conditions.

Commissioned on March 22, 2025, the Raipur Pool – Dhamtari transmission line spans 88.65 km. It involved the supply and installation of specialised 400kV Dwarf Towers, enabling seamless execution in space-restricted locations. Despite numerous challenges such as Right-

of-Way constraints, water-logged areas, and high-voltage crossings, the project was delivered seamlessly.

Similarly, the Navsari – Magarwada transmission line, spanning 44 km commissioned for Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL), achieved an outstanding 1.5 million safe man-hours last week. The project, delivered ahead of

schedule, maintained the highest standards of quality, efficiency, and safety despite complex terrain and stringent optimisation criteria.

Commenting on the success Mr. Rajesh Ganesh, MD and CEO, of Bajel Projects said, "Our proficiency in EXECUTION positions us as a trusted partner for our customers as we ensure efficiency, quality and safety at every

stage. With the latest technology, best-in-class practices, and a relentless pursuit of progress, we shall continue to set new benchmarks. He added, "The two projects are part of our continuous commitment to innovation, quality, and sustainable EXECUTION in power transmission for furthering the energy sector in India."

As India accelerates its

transformation capacity, the projects aim to strengthen the power grid and its ability to support increased power flows. It plays a vital role in helping India achieve its ambitious target of adding 1,274 GVA of transformation capacity by 2032. This is in line with the National Electricity Plan (Transmission) by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA).