



Hyundai Motor India Limited surpasses 1.1 million

Pune; Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) announced a remarkable milestone of selling over 1.1 million sunroof-equipped vehicles in India over the last five years. The achievement underscores the evolving aspirations of Indian customers who increasingly seek global features and uncompromising value in their vehicle ownership experience. In 2024, more than 52% of HMILs domestic sales in India featured sunroofs, with the percentage reaching to 54% in 2025 (Jan – June 2025). Commenting on the milestone achievement, Mr. Tarun Garg, Whole-Time Director and Chief Operating Officer, Hyundai Motor India Ltd., said, "This milestone is a strong reflection of the modern Indian customer's aspiration for premium experiences in everyday mobility. At HMIL, we have consistently worked towards democ-

ratizing global technologies and high-end features for a broader set of customers. Going forward, we shall continue with our commitment to shape the future of mobility, by blending cutting-edge technology and innovation and future-ready product offerings." Currently offering sunroofs in 12 out of its 14 models, HMIL has played a pioneering role in popularizing this premium feature across segments. Further cementing its customer-centric approach, HMIL has localized the panoramic sunroof to ensure wider accessibility and greater cost efficiency, strengthening its commitment to the Indian market. With customer expectations steadily rising, HMIL continues to align its product offerings with the evolving definition of value, comfort and lifestyle preferences, empowering more Indians to experience world-class innovation on the move.

Viva ACP Unveils Its New Experience Centre in Nashik, Bringing Innovative Cladding Solutions Closer to West India

Pune: Viva ACP, Asia's leading manufacturer of Metal Composite Panels (MCP), has launched a state-of-the-art Experience Centre in Nashik. Located at Plot No. 10, Kathe Industrial Estate, Tigrania Road, Dwarka, Nashik, this new space reinforces Viva's commitment to making its premium cladding solutions more accessible to architects, builders, and design professionals across the region. The inauguration was graced by Mr. Prakash Jain, Chairman and Managing Director of Viva Composite Panel Pvt. Ltd., along with Directors Mr. Nitin Jain and Mr. Mayank

Jain. Conceptualised as a hands-on space for discovery and inspiration, the centre brings together Viva's most iconic product ranges under one roof — from the textured elegance of Santa Fe and Natural Stone to the metallic finishes of Tarnish Metallum and Alu Zinto. Visitors will also experience Viva's latest offerings including the Louvers and Solid X Series. Speaking at the launch, Mr. Prakash Jain, said, "Nashik is witnessing a steady rise in infrastructure and real estate development, and we see immense potential here. This new Experience Centre is not just a showcase of our



product range, but a platform to engage with architects and designers more meaningfully. We want to empower them with the right tools, textures, and technologies to elevate their design visions." With the launch of its Nashik centre, Viva continues to grow its pan-India presence while

empowering the architecture and construction community with innovative, sustainable, and design-forward cladding solutions tailored to diverse project needs. Address: Plot no. 10, Kathe Industrial Estate, Tigrania Road, Behind Maruti Wafers, Dwarka, Nashik- 422011

APMA Felicitates NEET Performers on Doctor's Day bane



Pune: In a gesture recognising academic excellence on World Doctors' Day, Dr Abhang Prabhu Medical Academy (APMA) organised a felicitation ceremony in Baner to honour students who secured high ranks in the recently announced NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test) results. The event, held at Bantara Bhavan, was attended by senior orthopaedic surgeon Dr Sachin Tapaswi, APMA Director Dr Abhang Prabhu, Dr Archana Prabhu, Dr Himani Tapaswi, Prof Sachin Haldavnekar, and counsellor Dr Sheetal Shrigiri. Students who underwent coaching at APMA and achieved national rankings were presented with trophies and cash awards. Among those honoured were Tanishk Daswant (All India Rank 40, Score 658), Manav Vaidya (AIR 275, Score 628), Shravani

Pore (AIR 656, Score 614), Ri-jul Sambare (AIR 701, Score 612), and Nishad Lubree (AIR 780, Score 610). Additionally, four students who scored a perfect 360 in Biology were felicitated with special trophies. The event also featured cultural performances by students, including dance, music, and skits. Parents contributed with a dance-drama, creating a celebratory atmosphere. Speaking at the function, Dr Abhang Prabhu said, "Cracking NEET is not an impossible task if students maintain clarity in concepts and consistency in preparation. At APMA, we focus on conceptual understanding and continuous motivation, which is reflected in the academy's consistent results." Banner: Students and guests at the felicitation event hosted by Dr Abhang Prabhu Medical Academy.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor inaugurates New City Office in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar

Pune (Voice news service):- Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the inauguration of its new city office in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (CSN), Maharashtra — a key milestone towards strengthening its presence in the State of Maharashtra and reaffirming its commitment to contributing India's automotive industry. This development follows the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between TKM and the Government of Maharashtra in July 2024, aimed at facilitating the establishment of a Greenfield Manufacturing Facility in the region. The new office will serve as a critical hub for advancing TKM's regional operations and reinforcing its long-term commitment to industrial development with focus on sustainability, creation of skilled manpower and jobs, and giving back to the society across Maharashtra. The new office located at



ABC EAST Beside Prozone Mall Chikalthana spanning 7000 sq. ft. was inaugurated by Mr. Masakazu Yoshimura, Chairman, MD & CEO, TKM, Mr. Swapnesh Maru, Deputy Managing Director Corporate Planning, Green Field Project, TKM said, "The inauguration of our new office in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar will enable us with a more localised approach by deepening our market engagement and stakeholder connect. Looking ahead, we remain committed to bringing in world-class manufacturing

capabilities to the region—unlocking Marathwada's potential by creating employment, nurturing skilled talent, and driving inclusive, sustainable growth. With strong government support, we are confident that our presence will serve as a catalyst for regional transformation and aligns with our vision of contributing to India's industrial development and the national aspiration of Viksit Bharat @2047." Guided by the philosophy of 'Grow India – Grow with India', the inauguration of the Office in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar is a reaffirmation of Toyota's deep-rooted belief in India's growth potential. With a strong legacy behind it and a future anchored in innovation, sustainability, and local empowerment, TKM remains steadfast in its commitment to nurturing a robust mobility ecosystem that supports both regional aspirations and national development goals.

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Kan Biosys Unveils ROFA – Imported Specialty Fertilizers & Indigenous Neem-Based Innovations for profitable, Sustainable Farming

Pune (Voice news service):- Kan Biosys, a globally recognised Indian agri-bio-tech company, launched two major product lines aimed at transforming Indian agriculture: ROFA – an imported series of specialty fertilisers developed in partnership with De Sangosse, France, and a new range of Neem-based solutions, proudly researched and created by Kan Biosys in India. The grand event took place at Hotel Novotel, Pune, in the presence of leading voices from the agri-scientific and farming communities. The program began with Saraswati Vandana and the Indian National Anthem, followed by a heartwarming appearance by Biojeet™, Kan Biosys' mascot, accompanied by children dressed as crops a symbolic presentation of the future of farming. **ROFA – Global Expertise for Indian Fields** Kan Biosys unveiled 12 high-performance water-soluble fertilizers under the ROFA (Real Optimised Fertilizer Application) brand. These imported products, developed in collaboration with De Sangosse, France, are specially formulated to deliver precision nutrition across a variety of climatic conditions and cropping systems. Ms. Sandeepa Kanitkar, Managing Director of Kan Bio-



sys and President of BASAI, shared: "While ROFA means Real Optimised Fertilizer Application, to me, 'R' stands for Respect for our farmers. With ROFA, we bring the best of French technology to Indian soil." Shri B.T. Gore (Dalimb Ratna), Founder & CEO of Farm DSS Agritech Pvt. Ltd., said: "ROFA is a game-changer in nutrient delivery, especially through foliar applications. It brings precision and efficiency together." Dr. Sujay Saha, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRC Grapes, added: "When it comes to microbial solutions and agri-innovation, Kan Biosys always leads the conversation. These ROFA products are trusted worldwide, and Indian farmers must benefit from them too." **Neem-Based Innovations – Indian Wisdom, Scientific Strength** Complementing the ROFA launch, Kan Biosys also

introduced three advanced neem-based products, developed in-house using traditional Indian knowledge and cutting-edge research. These residue-free solutions aim to reduce chemical load in farming while promoting plant health and safety. Padma Shri Rahibai Soma Popere, Seed Conservationist, said: "I may not be formally educated, but I know this: if you protect the soil, it will protect you. These neem-based products are the right step toward chemical-free farming." Mr. Adinath Chavan, Editor & Director, Agrawon, commented: "Kan Biosys approaches farming as science. If farmers follow the same path, India's agri-future will be brighter and more sustainable." The event was graced by Dr. Balasaheb Uphade – Technical Resource / Entrepreneur, Mr. Ganesh Nanote – Visionary Cotton Farmer, Global

Farmer Network Krushibhushan Shri Sanjeev Mane – Revolutionary Farmer, Mr. Jeff François – Group CIO, De Sangosse, Mr. Narendra Rane – Former COO, Indofill Industries Ltd. Shri Vasudev Kathe – President, Dabholkar Parivar, Shri Vipin Saini – CEO, BASAI & Sanrakshan Foundation, Mr. Ritesh Chawla – Amar Shaheed Beej Bhandar, Navabpura, Mr. Amol Gaikwad – Shree Vasundhara Agro, Satara and Mr. S.S. Nakat – Technical Advisor, Kan Biosys. With over 20 years of innovation, Kan Biosys, a DSIR-recognised organisation, continues to lead with patented microbial solutions for soil health, crop nutrition, and sustainable farming. The company has a global footprint across the USA, Europe, and Australia, and is committed to increasing farmer incomes while protecting the planet.

Mother's Recipe Launches Hearty Roots, Blending Time-Honored Traditions with Modern Wellness



Pune.; Mother's Recipe, India's trusted homegrown legacy brand synonymous with home-made, traditional and authentic products, proudly announces the launch of its innovative new brand, Hearty Roots. Marking a significant milestone, Hearty Roots bridges the authentic flavors cherished for generations with contemporary health and wellness aspirations, tailored specifically for today's discerning, health-conscious consumer. Hearty Roots is a passionate initiative by Mother's Recipe under the visionary leadership of Ms. Sanjana Desai. Reflecting her deep commitment and personal passion, this new product line beautifully captures the essence of age-old traditional recipes, now thoughtfully enriched with nutrient-rich, superfoods. Designed especially for the health-conscious millennials and individuals who wish to maintain a balanced lifestyle without compromising on the traditional taste, Hearty Roots offers a guilt-free indulgence packed with wholesome benefits. Consumer research reveals a notable shift among younger audiences, especial-

ly millennials, toward healthier food alternatives. Millennials, known for their discerning tastes and health awareness, proactively seek out products that offer both nutritional value and authentic taste. Similarly, older consumers facing health challenges such as diabetes and hypertension increasingly require diet-friendly options. Hearty Roots responds precisely to these evolving consumer demands. The Hearty Roots range includes thoughtfully curated pickle variants: Mango Pickle with Ashwagandha: This pickle blends the tangy taste of raw mangoes with the earthy goodness of Ashwagandha, an adaptogen known for reducing stress, inflammation and cholesterol. Garlic Pickle with Moringa Leaves: Combining robust garlic and nutrient-dense moringa leaves, this variant delivers powerful antioxidants and supports immune health, bone strength and gut wellness. Mango Pickle with Flax Seeds: Featuring sweet and tangy mango paired with nutty flax seeds, this pickle contributes

to heart health, cholesterol management and blood sugar control. Lime Pickle with 100% Palm Jaggery: A unique blend of tangy lime and earthy palm jaggery, this variant is packed with essential minerals, aids digestion, boosts immunity and cleanses the body. Brinjal Pickle: Celebrating the earthy and slightly sweet taste of brinjal, this pickle is rich in antioxidants, dietary fiber and essential vitamins and minerals. Karela Pickle: Known for its distinct bitterness, balanced with spices, karela pickle supports blood sugar regulation and provides a healthy dose of vitamins A and C. Hearty Roots perfectly aligns with the booming INR 10,352 crore health and wellness foods market, currently growing at approximately 10% annually. This range strategically leverages Mother's Recipe's deep consumer understanding and B2C marketing strategies to precisely target specific consumer segments. By preserving traditional taste and introducing power-packed superfoods, Hearty Roots ensures that every bite is nutritious and deli-

cious. Ms. Sanjana Desai, Executive Director, Mother's Recipe, shared her enthusiasm about this pivotal launch: "With Hearty Roots, we are bridging the gap between culinary heritage and contemporary nutritional needs. This new brand is the culmination of our efforts to innovate within the framework of tradition, launching with our wellness-forward pickle range and expanding soon into more offerings that reflect the same ethos. It's a reflection of our continued commitment to maintain the integrity of traditional Indian flavors while thoughtfully enhancing them with functional, nutrient-rich ingredients that support today's health goals. We believe that Hearty Roots will set a new benchmark for what mindful, flavorful eating looks like - delicious, nourishing and deeply rooted in the cultural fabric of our society." Hearty Roots is sustainably packaged and conveniently available across leading supermarkets, specialty stores and e-commerce platforms, ensuring accessibility for all health-conscious consumers.

Chenab Bridge Symbolises India's Engineering Genius and Social Responsibility, says IIT Delhi Prof. Dr. K.S. Rao



Pune: "The making of the world's highest railway bridge over the Chenab River is not just an engineering feat but a symbol of Indian ingenuity, architectural prowess, technical capability, and deep social responsibility," remarked Prof. Dr. K.S. Rao, formerly Emeritus Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi. Speaking at a lecture on the 'Making of the World's Highest Chenab Bridge: Technical and Social Challenges', Dr. Rao—who was directly involved in the project—shared insights into the various complexities encountered during the construction process. He

also addressed queries from an enthusiastic audience. The event was jointly hosted by the Builders' Association of India (BAI) Pune Centre, the Institution of Engineers (India) Pune Local Centre and the Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) Pune Chapter at the Institution of Engineers auditorium in Shivajinagar. In his keynote address, Dr. Rao elaborated on the geo-technical hurdles, unpredictable weather conditions, challenges of working in rugged terrains, and logistical difficulties that shaped the construction journey. He also touched upon the project's socio-environmental implications and the impact on the local communities. The iconic Chenab Bridge, which stands at a height of 359 metres—taller than the Eiffel Tower—forms a critical



link in the Indian Railways' Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla route. It is considered vital for improving connectivity in the Jammu & Kashmir region. The program saw participation from a large number of civil engineering students, professionals, builders, technical experts, and researchers. It was also streamed live on BAI's official YouTube channel. Ajay Gujar, Chairman of BAI Pune Center, welcomed the audience and highlighted the association's various initia-

tives. State President of BAI Jagannath Jadhav, Honorary Secretary of Institution of Engineers Dr. Uttam Aware, IGS representatives Ramesh Kulkarni and Chairperson Suman Jain were also present. Sanjay Apte anchored the session, while C.H. Ratlani delivered the vote of thanks. The event aimed not only at disseminating technical knowledge but also at raising awareness about the societal dimensions of national infrastructure projects.

India's most capable SUV is now ready to hit the roads

Pune: Tata Motors, the leader of India's electric vehicle revolution and the nation's leading SUV manufacturer, today commenced production of the Harrier.ev - India's most powerful, most capable, and most intelligent SUV to date. The Harrier.ev made a striking debut as it proudly rolled off the production line at Tata Motors' state-of-the-art facility in Pune. Backed by an overwhelm-

ing market response and a robust booking pipeline, the Harrier.ev is now gearing up to arrive at dealerships across the country, with customer deliveries beginning July 2025. Available in two drive configurations – Quad Wheel Drive (QWD) and Rear Wheel Drive (RWD) – the Harrier.ev comes in four striking color options: Nainital Nocturne, Empowered Oxide, Pristine White, and

Pure Grey. It also features the much-apricated STEALTH Edition – a darker matte black exterior and all black interiors - more aggressive hue that makes a statement like no other. Built on the advanced act.ev+ architecture and powered by a robust QWD dual-motor setup that delivers the highest torque and fastest acceleration ever seen in an Indian SUV, the

Harrier.ev redefines performance. Ushering in a bold new league of SUVs, it offers commanding power and a suite of first-in-world and segment-first features — including a Harman display powered by Samsung Neo QLED, immersive Dolby Atmos acoustics, and a revolutionary 540° Surround View system that eliminates blind spots, even beneath the vehicle.

Dolby Cinema makes its debut in India with First Screen Opening at City Pride, Pune

Pune: Dolby Laboratories, Inc. (NYSE: DLB), a global leader in immersive entertainment experiences, today marked a historic milestone with the launch of India's first Dolby Cinema® at City Pride, Kharadi, Pune.

This state-of-the-art auditorium is a 310-seater Dolby Cinema, purpose-built to deliver a premium movie-going experience that combines the breathtaking visuals of Dolby Vision® with the immersive sound of Dolby Atmos®. Only Dolby Cinema has both the quality of the Dolby Vision dual 4K laser projection system, that maximizes brightness, clarity, and detail, together with the lifelike sound of studio grade Dolby Atmos and the inspiring Dolby Cinema design, to deliver remarkable, true-to-life experience for any seat in the house. The picture clarity and detail of both 2D and 3D movies looks so real it has to be seen to be believed.

With this launch, Pune becomes the first city in India to bring this next-level cinematic experience to audiences, starting with the release of Jurassic World Rebirth in Dolby Vision and Dolby Atmos on 4th July. Dolby Cinema provides a truly unique and transformative experience, where you connect deeply with the story. You'll feel like you're stepping into the lives of the characters and the world filmmakers created for you.



The Dolby Cinema is also designed to transform your visit into an event with the unique and inspiring design. Inside the Dolby Cinema you find dynamic lighting, premium seats with unobstructed sight lines, a room that is carefully designed to minimize distractions, and a curved wall-to-wall-to-ceiling screen. Every aspect of the design comes together to make the experience uniquely immersive, powerful, and memorable. Michael Archer, Vice President of Worldwide Cinema Sales and Partner Management, Dolby Laboratories commented, "The launch of Dolby Cinema in Pune marks a defining step in our long-term vision for India. With over 1000+ Dolby Atmos screens in India, now Dolby Cinema will set a new benchmark in premium cinematic entertainment in India. We have thoughtfully designed the entire cinema down to the last detail. From reservable,

spacious seating, with clear sight lines – no matter where you sit, to soft interior lighting and premium details throughout, for an unparalleled movie experience. As we continue to collaborate with leading filmmakers, studios, and exhibitors, we look forward to launching more theaters that will unlock world-class movie experiences for Indian audiences."

"The Chaphalkar family's cinematic journey began in 1939 with our first cinema. From one screen to 40 today across Maharashtra, it's been an incredible evolution," said Pushkaraj Chaphalkar, Partner, City Pride Multiplexes. "We're proud to expand our collaboration with Dolby from over 1000+ Dolby Atmos screens to the launch of India's first Dolby Cinema at CityprideKharadi. Pune's passion for premium entertainment makes it the ideal home for this experience. This launch reflects our continued commitment to

bringing cutting-edge cinema to our audiences."

Dolby Cinema unlocks the emotional impact of every movie allowing you to see the subtle details and ultravivid colours of Dolby Vision, and hear the immersive sound of Dolby Atmos in specially designed cinema environment. This unmatched combination is so lifelike – you'll forget you're at the movies. Whether you're watching a thriller, a fantasy, or a drama, Dolby Cinema makes every scene feel more real and powerful. Every detail, from the deep blacks and stunning colours of Dolby Vision to the lifelike audio flow of Dolby Atmos, comes together to transport viewers into the heart of the story. Fuelling this experience is Dolby's strong content pipeline, with over 740 theatrical features released or confirmed to be released in Dolby Vision and Dolby Atmos to date globally.

With this launch, City Pride joins a prestigious global network of Dolby Cinema exhibitors. This is the first of six Dolby Cinema screens opening across India, including locations in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Trichy, Kochi, and Ujjain. Dolby Cinema at Citypride, Kharadi Pune is open to the public starting July 4, 2025. Tickets are available on BookMyShow, and moviegoers can look forward to exclusive offers and special previews in the coming days.

Mrs INDIA Empress of The Nation Season 6, Where Women Dreamt, Finalists Dared & Winners Dazzled



Pune: The grand finale of Mrs INDIA Empress of The Nation 2025 Season 6 - the brainchild of its Owners : Karl & Anjana Mascarenhas unfolded in style on 29th June 2025, at the luxurious HYATT Pune. This grand show was presented by EthoSki Skincare - in association with Sanjeevani Hospital. Hosted by DIVA Pageants (www.divapageants.com), the event had 53 Finalists from across India and celebrated identity, reinvention, and purpose.

Star power lit up the evening with the presence of Rohit Roy and Tanisha Mukherjee – celebrated actors who brought elegance and warmth to the event. The distinguished panel included Prachi Mishra, Dr Swetha Karlapudi, Dr Shilpa Patil, Nisha JamVwal, Sandeep Singh and Karl Mascarenhas. The event was anchored by the graceful Simran Ahuja, whose charismatic

hosting added poise and rhythm to the evening. Under the mentorship of Anjana and Karl Mascarenhas - with masterclasses by Dr Shilpa Patil and Dr Swetha Karlapudi - finalists were trained in confidence, wellness, and stage presence. Cicilia Sanyal introduced them to the intricacies of Dining Etiquette. Choreography by Pooja Singh ensured each segment was visually engaging and seamlessly executed. The night saw two major international titles: Prajakta Bhoir – Mrs. GAIA World India 2025, Gazal Sachdev – Universal Woman India 2025, These remarkable women will proudly represent India on global platforms. Winners of Mrs. India – Empress of the Nation 2025 Season 6 - Elite Category - Winner: Amrita Vijay T, 1st Runner-Up: Melissa Menezes, 2nd Runner-Up: Gitanjali



Lenka, 3rd Runner-Up: Dr. Shilpa Hiwale Gold Category: Winner: Himani Singh - 1st Runner-Up: Mittal Shah, 2nd Runner-Up: Anashua Dehade, 3rd Runner-Up: Sapna Jain Silver Category: Winner: Komal Vaidya - 1st Runner-Up: Nanditha Chauhan, 2nd Runner-Up: Nusrat Mujawar, 3rd Runner-Up: Dr Arya Kurup The event's smooth execution was made possible by a committed team – Cicilia Sanyal, Mrinalini Bhardwaj, Spenta Patel, Mrunal Tayade, and Saeed Khalate, who worked tirelessly to ensure perfection behind the scenes. Mrs INDIA Empress of the Nation - proved once again that this is not just a Pageant, but a Platform for Women to Transform ... so they truly DareDreamDazzle. Official Partners – 1. Ethoski Skin care - Presenting Part-

ner, 2. Hyatt Pune - Hospitality Partner, 3. Sanjeevani Hospital - Official Health Partner, 4. WeHelp - Charity Partner, 5. Lokmat - Media Partner, 6. Inspirations - PR Partner, 7. Desi Artists - Videography & Photography Partner, 8. Grehlakshmi - Magazine Partner, 9. Ally International - Gifting Partner, 10. Pageantomania - Pageant Media Partner, 11. 7th Heven Salonss - Salon Partner, 12. A Salon Affair - Salon Partner, 13. Kreaignite - Talent Casting Partner 14. Lawrence & Mayo - Eyewear & Sunwear Partner, 15. 8 by 5 Organic Skin Care - Gifting Partner, 16. ISAS - Hair & Make Up Partner, 17. Auravy Spa - Spa Partner, 18. Davichi - Nail Partner, 19. Mr/Miss/Mrs Madhya Pradesh - Pageant Partner, 20. Heels & Crowns - Pageant Partner, 21. Miss & Mrs Kerala - Pageant Partner, 22. Core Catalyst - Training Partner

Actor Rohit Roy and Shiv Thackeray will participate in Sanna Suri's Sniper Pro Boxing event

Pune: Boxing has always entertained the world, even in films, boxing scenes have always entertained the audience. Even though boxers have brought many medals for the country, despite this, boxing did not get as much promotion as it should have. Even after getting deep wounds, a boxer fights his opponent in the ring and makes the game exciting. These boxers did not get the respect they should have got. But now a woman has taken the initiative to promote boxing, yes we are talking about dashing internet personality star Sanna Suri.

Sanna is making history by becoming India's first female professional boxing promoter. Sanna is adding a tadka of fashion and glamour to the ring with Sniper Boxing Promotion. This explosive event is going to be held in Mumbai on 2 August. In the press conference of this event, popular Actor Rohit Roy along with Big Boss fame Shiv Thackeray, anchor and boxer Taher Khuram and others were also present.

Here Sanna told that it is going to be a great tadka of glamour, fashion and boxing. But about its entire format,



she said that all this will be seen in the ring on 2nd August.

Actor Rohit Roy, who came here to promote this event, also accepted this and said that pro boxing does not get the name and fame it should get. Our boxers get injured in the ring again and again but still fight. Boxing should be promoted, this step of Sanna in this direction is commendable, that is why we are with her and I think that after this event, the respect of boxers

will definitely increase. Here Big boss fame Shiv Thackeray said that since I like sports and I liked Sanna's intention to take boxing forward, that is why I am with her.

On this occasion, boxer Taher Khuram said that he is very excited and is waiting for 2nd August.

King James the official ring announcer n boxers were also present there Taher Khuram also said he is ready to accept all challenges

in his weight also harshgale Tahir is famous for his KO's he carries two countries with him in d. Ring India n Afghanistan.

Boxer Gagandeep said that Sanna Suri is creating a very good platform where boxers like us will get a chance to do something. Gagan also challenged a boxer Neeraj Goya in front of the media that if he has the guts, he should come and compete.

Here celebrity poet Divyansh said that it is a matter of shame that if we ask me or anyone to name five boxers, I can say with confidence that neither I know nor anyone present here knows. It is a matter of shame for us, I liked Sanna's intention to take boxing forward, that is why I am associated with her. I am enjoying it. A question, will there be female boxers in this? In response to this, Sanna said that not in this but from next season u ll see them too.

In the end, Sanna also said that if any poor or any boxer comes from a village, then our effort will also be to bring him forward.

If someone wants to make his child a boxer and needs financial help, then we will do that too.

Ultimate Kho Kho Appoints Dhiraj Parasher as CEO to Lead Global Expansion Ahead of Season 3 Kickoff on Nove, 29

Pune: Ultimate Kho Kho (UKK), India's first professional Kho Kho league, today announced the appointment of Dhiraj Parasher as its new Chief Executive Officer, a pivotal leadership move as the league prepares to welcome international players for the first time in its most ambitious edition yet, with Season 3 kicking off on November 29, 2025.

With talent from around the globe set to participate for the first time, Parasher's appointment comes at a strategic inflection point. UKK is looking to scale operations, attract global audiences, and deepen fan engagement, building on its reputation as one of the fastest-growing non-cricket sports properties in the country.

Parasher brings over two decades of experience across sports, entertainment, consulting, and brand development. Known for his

strategic acumen and innovative approach, he has held leadership roles at the Adani Group and Ernst & Young, and was instrumental in developing sports infrastructure and organising major events, including the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi. Furthermore, Parasher has worked closely with federations, state governments, and franchise-led models to build long-term sporting ecosystems, including a significant contribution to grassroots sport development with the Government of Jharkhand during his stint with E&Y.

Amit Burman, Promoter, Ultimate Kho Kho, welcomed the appointment: "Dhiraj's leadership aligns perfectly with our vision to take UKK to the next level. His strategic mindset and deep-rooted knowledge of grassroots sport will help us scale UKK's reach, especially among digitally savvy fans, while staying true to the

cultural core of Kho Kho." Building on this momentum, Parasher will lead UKK's next phase of growth, driving strategic expansion, operational excellence, and stakeholder alliances with a mandate to establish the league as a globally scalable yet culturally rooted sports property.

"Ultimate Kho Kho is the culmination of India's ambition to take a traditional sport to the global stage," said Dhiraj Parasher, CEO, Ultimate Kho Kho.

"As India prepares to include indigenous games in global platforms like the Commonwealth and Olympic Games, my focus is on building UKK into a league of global relevance — one powered by international participation, cutting-edge broadcasting, and next-gen community engagement. Season 3 is a strategic launchpad — a step towards making Kho Kho a scalable and exportable sport for the



world."

A Delhi University alumnus, Parasher is also known for championing sport-for-change initiatives and building inclusive, purpose-driven sporting platforms. His appointment is expected to further UKK's ambitions of being not just a professional league, but a national movement that inspires pride and participation in India's sporting heritage.

Ayush Shetty Clinches US Open Title; Tanvi Sharma Makes History with Final Finish



Pune: India's second-highest ranked Men's Singles player Ayush Shetty secured his first BWF World Tour title with a dominant win at the Yon-

ex US Open 2025, defeating third seed Brian Yang of Canada 21-18, 21-13 in the men's singles final on Sunday. In women's singles, 16-year-old Tanvi Sharma delivered one of the standout stories of the tournament, reaching the final with a string of fearless performances, with victories over World Rank 23, 40, 50, and 58 en route.

The 20-year-old rising star from Karnataka, Ayush became the first Indian to win a World Tour title this season. The victory capped off a stellar week for Shetty, who also stunned World No. 6 and top seed Chou Tien-Chen in the semifinals to underline his potential on the big stage.

Though she fell to top seed Beiwen Zhang of the USA

in three games (21-11, 16-21, 21-10), Tanvi etched her name in the record books as the youngest Indian ever to reach a BWF World Tour final. The teenager, ranked World No. 66 and a member of India's Asian Team Championship-winning squad, showcased her readiness for the senior circuit with poise, variety, and attacking flair.

Kidambi Srikanth Defeats World No. 6 Chou Tien-Chen

Pune: Former World No. 1 Kidambi Srikanth produced a dominant performance at the Markham Pan Am Centre, defeating top seed and World No. 6 Chou Tien-Chen to storm into the semifinals of the Canada Open 2025. Srikanth, on the comeback trail after

a challenging injury phase, sealed a straight-game victory 21-18, 21-9 in a commanding display of experience and resilience, wrapping up the victory in just 43 minutes. This marks Srikanth's second BWF World Tour semifinal of the season, following his run-

ner-up finish at the Malaysia Masters Super 500 earlier this year. After losing the opening game in his first-round match against compatriot Priyanshu Rajawat, the 31-year-old has not dropped a game since, signalling a strong return to form. Srikanth will next face

Japan's Kenta Nishimoto, the third seed, who got past India's S Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian in a hard-fought quarterfinal. The 21-year-old Subramanian displayed grit and promise but fell short against the higher-ranked opponent 15-21, 21-5, 17-21.

Le Méridien Hotels & Resorts Debuts in Ahmedabad, Inviting the Culturally Curious to Rediscover India's First UNESCO World Heritage City

Pune (Voice news service): Le Méridien Hotels & Resorts, part of Marriott Bonvoy's global portfolio of over 30 extraordinary hotel brands, today announced the opening of Le Méridien Ahmedabad. The hotel opens doors following the transformation of Courtyard by Marriott Ahmedabad and represents a significant milestone in the city's hospitality narrative. With a timeless chic, mid-century modern design philosophy and a spirit that celebrates culture, creativity, and slow travel, Le Méridien Ahmedabad is poised to become a new cultural touchpoint in the city.

Set in the heart of India's first UNESCO World Heritage City, where centuries-old façades and bustling bazaars coexist with riverfront promenades and modern architecture, the hotel invites guests to experience Ahmedabad anew—through moments that are quietly luxurious and instinctively refined. This is a destination for those who seek not only to stay, but to soak in every moment of their travels.

"We are excited to introduce the Le Méridien brand to Ahmedabad, bringing the brand's essence of savouring the good life to global tastemakers and locals" said Ranju Alex, Regional Vice President, South Asia, Marriott International. "Ahmedabad

is a destination known for its rich history and thriving art, culture, and culinary scene, which makes it the perfect fit for Le Méridien. This hotel is a celebration of detail and design - inviting travellers to explore Ahmedabad with curiosity, in style."

The property features 164 guest rooms and suites, each designed with a calm palette, mid-century silhouettes, and bespoke accents that nod to Ahmedabad's textile legacy and architectural landmarks. Poised as the visual anchor, the bespoke lobby art is an ode to the rich heritage of Ahmedabad representing a confluence of movement, culture, and life - inviting guests to explore Ahmedabad's layered legacy at a single glance. Celebrating the city's identity as the once textile capital of India, the design elements of Le Méridien Ahmedabad pay homage to the local craft and its deep ties to the Sabarmati River. In a poetic gesture, slender panes of transparent and azure-hued glass are suspended in graceful alignment, each angled uniquely to suggest the movement of fabric flowing freely in the river breeze. Together, the design elements throughout the hotel represent a multi-sensory journey of the city's cultural and progressive spirit. It stands as a living story welcoming guests with a sense

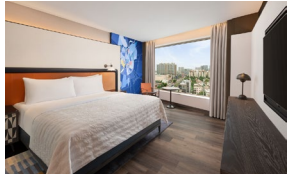
of place, purpose, and poetic elegance.

Le Méridien Ahmedabad will offer an interesting and decadent mix of dining options. The Market serves global cuisine with local influence in a lively all-day setting. Java+, the artisanal coffeehouse, offers Illy Coffee while Drift transitions from a tranquil poolside retreat to sophisticated evening dining, and Bayleaf presents refined Awadhi cuisine. For moments of play, Le Scoop, the brand's signature programme, delivers sweet frozen treats that savour the flavour of sweet summers.

The hotel boasts an expansive 20,000 square feet of versatile event spaces, including a grand pillarless ballroom and elegant outdoor lawns. Thoughtfully designed for seamless transitions and exceptional service, these venues cater to a variety of events, from conferences and boardroom meetings to social gatherings and weddings.

For moments of relaxation, Explore Spa offers treatments drawn from traditional therapies, complemented by a newly outfitted fitness centre and serene outdoor pool.

Signature brand programs enhance every stay. Under the Unlock Art programme Le Méridien Ahmedabad has partnered with Gujarat's largest art gallery, Archer Art Gallery to encourage guests to



explore the best destination has to offer. Guests can enjoy complimentary access to the art gallery by presenting their Unlock Art™ room key and browse through the extensive collection of artworks by both established and emerging Indian artists. The Le Méridien Family Passport turns exploration into a family affair through hands-on, engaging activities. Seasonal experiences such as Au Soleil, La Fête, Avec Amour, and the year-round La Vie programme reflect the brand's passion for celebrating life's moments.

"Le Méridien Ahmedabad is a celebration of design and culture," said Prashant Chadha, General Manager, Le Méridien Ahmedabad. "Inspired by the brand's spirit of savouring the good life, Le Méridien Ahmedabad celebrates the city's rich identity through thoughtful design, evocative cuisine, immersive programming, and curated experiences. From the art on the walls to the textures in every room, from the flavours on the plate to the sense of place that lingers long after check-out, this is a story waiting to be lived and shared."

SOCIAL Introduces The SOCIAL Jumpstart, a Fresh Take on Mornings and Movement

Pune: SOCIAL, India's favourite neighbourhood café-bar, announces the launch of The SOCIAL Jumpstart, a new morning format crafted for anyone seeking intentional, energizing starts to their day. Starting July, The SOCIAL Jumpstart will activate mornings from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM across key cities, transforming familiar SOCIAL outposts into high-energy spaces for movement, recovery, and real-world connection. With curated experiences, mood-lifting menus, and culture-forward brand integrations, The SOCIAL Jumpstart signals a fresh chapter in SOCIAL's evolution, one that reclaims mornings as a vibrant, purpose-driven time to gather, move, and reset.

At its core, The SOCIAL Jumpstart is a reflection of how India's cultural rhythm is evolving, where mornings are no longer rushed or routine, but intentional and community led. With this new format, SOCIAL extends its philosophy of creating spaces that adapt to how people live, move, and connect. From running clubs to casual breakfast seekers, the aim is to offer a morning environment that feels energizing, inclusive, and rooted in culture.

"The SOCIAL Jumpstart is our response to a cultural shift we've been observing for a while where mornings are becoming a space for community, clarity, and conscious living. At SOCIAL, we've always shaped culture

through community-first formats, and this one brings together everything we believe in: movement, clean fuel, and real-world vibe. It's not just about wellness, it's about starting your day with intent and energy," said Divya Aggarwal, Chief Growth Officer at Impresario Entertainment and Hospitality Pvt Ltd.

To bring The SOCIAL Jumpstart to life, SOCIAL has partnered with a thoughtful mix of brands and run clubs and movement groups that share its focus on purposeful activities and community energy. Isopure has joined as the clean nutrition partner, with a special menu of smoothies and breakfast bowls designed to support recovery and fuel early mornings. Fizzy

Whey (Big Muscles) brings a playful twist to the experience through a new lineup of functional mocktails, while Wellbeing Hydrasalts enhances the format with hydration support and immersive brand moments on-ground. Alongside the menus and activities, each city will see curated community gatherings that include fitness-led experiences, clean eating, and good music, all tied together by SOCIAL's unique storytelling and cultural lens. With The SOCIAL Jumpstart, SOCIAL is reimagining mornings as a space for culture, community, and conscious living. The format will continue to evolve with new cities, partners, and experiences that reflect how young India chooses to start its day.

MATTER AERA Debuts in Pune Nation's Automotive Power house Gets Early Access



India's First Geared Electric Motorbike, Just Ahead of the Festive Season

Pune: In a major milestone in its nationwide rollout, MATTER, India's trailblazing tech innovation company, today announced the official launch of its groundbreaking electric motorbike, the AERA, in Pune—widely recognized as the country's automotive powerhouse. Known for its deep engineering roots, thriving manufacturing ecosystem, and a fiercely passionate riding community, Pune is the ideal launchpad for MATTER's most advanced offering yet.

With the festive buying season just around the corner, MATTER's arrival in Pune couldn't be more timely. The company is bringing the AERA, India's first geared electric motorbike, to a city that's long been at the forefront of India's two-wheeler culture, blending a love for performance with an eye for cutting-edge innovation.

Bookings for the AERA are now open on www.matter.in.

In Pune, the AERA 5000+ is being offered at an introductory ex-showroom price of ₹1,93,826. Early adopters can reserve their motorbike online and become among the first to ride the electric future on roads they know best. "In India's automotive powerhouse, the future of mobility is not just arriving—it's being embraced. Pune has always been a city of thinkers, builders, and passionate riders. It's a city that understands the soul of machines and the importance of progress. That's why we're thrilled to bring the AERA here—right before the festive season, when the spirit of new beginnings is strongest. The AERA delivers the thrill of a rocket, the control of a manual, and the responsibility of a sustainable future. With our in-house engineered HyperShift gearbox, liquid-cooled drivetrain, and rider-first tech platform, we're offering a completely new motorcycling experience."

TiE Pune Nurture Accelerator Program Opens Applications for 14th Cohort Following Successful Graduation of 13th Edition

Pune: TiE Pune is thrilled to announce that applications are now open for the 14th edition of its flagship Nurture Accelerator Program, following the successful graduation of 35 high-potential startups from the 13th cohort earlier this year.

Held recently, the Nurture 13 graduation ceremony celebrated a diverse set of startups from Pune, Mumbai, Aurangabad, Hubli, Hyderabad, Delhi, and Bangalore. These startups represented sectors such as HealthTech, FinTech, AgriTech, CleanTech, ClimateTech, AI, Robotics, SaaS solutions for workflow automation in various industries, eCommerce & FinOps, and food and chemical manufacturing—underscoring the program's role in nurturing innovation across India's vibrant startup ecosystem.

Since its inception, the TiE Pune Nurture Accelerator has emerged as one of India's most impactful founder-first initiatives, known for its structured mentoring, business

deep-dives, and personalized guidance from accomplished entrepreneurs.

Now in its 14th edition, the program continues to raise the bar. Applications are officially open, and the new cohort will kick off in late September 2025. The upcoming edition will further amplify TiE Pune's focus on founder-centric mentoring, scalable business models, investor readiness, and new-age sectors with a strong lens on sustainable innovation.

"What sets Nurture apart is our mentors. They help lay strong foundations—not just for business success, but for building founders with resilience, emotional stability, critical thinking, and the ability to navigate the entrepreneurial journey with clarity," said Smriti Yedekar, Chair - Nurture 13 & 14, TiE Pune.

Startup founders eager to scale with support from TiE Pune's global network and deep-rooted mentorship ecosystem are encouraged to apply now for the 14th cohort.

Dr. Sanjay Runwal's 'Thoughtful Reflections for a Meaningful Life' book released



Pune: Dr. Sanjay Runwal, Author and founder of Sanjay Runwal Foundation has penned his third book 'Thoughtful Reflections for a Meaningful Life' which was released at a special function organised at MES Auditorium, Kothrud on Wednesday. The book, inspired by the author's personal experiences, addresses a wide range of life topics and aims to encourage self-reflection and personal growth. It serves as a guide for readers at various stages of life, promoting introspection and positive transformation. The book was released at the hands of Chief Guest Mrs. Asha Seth, award winning book blogger, author and founder of MBT.com and Guest of Honour. Wing Commander Vidya Kant Kala (Retd), Managing Director of My Crack - The Wellness Code Foundation in presence of Dr. Sanjay Runwal and Pratibha Runwal.

Speaking at the event, Mrs. Asha Seth said, "Thoughtful Reflections is a book for all ages and phases of life. It encourages readers to reflect deeply on their own lives and initiate positive change—one thought at a time. This is not just a book to read, but to live by. It invites readers to pause, reassess, and reimagine their life journeys."

Wing Commander Vidya Kant Kala (Retd) emphasized the power of reading in a visually dominated world. He said "At a time when we are watching more and reading less, it's crucial to realize the transformative impact of reading. Books offer new perspectives, foster creativity, enhance problem-solving, and contribute to a more meaningful life. Sanjay Runwal's journey is truly inspiring and shows how one can reshape their life for the greater good of society," he noted.

The launch was followed by an interactive session with Dr. Sanjay Runwal, who shared insights about the themes covered in his book. The book explores subjects such as self-awareness, emotional intelligence, personal development, adaptability, happiness, fulfillment, and the value of meaningful relationships. Through 401 reflections and experiences, the book provides practical guidance for navigating daily challenges and enhancing one's life. Written in simple and accessible language, Thoughtful Reflections for a Meaningful Life serves as a practical tool for readers from all walks of life. Its unique strength lies in its ability to understand everyday struggles and offer straightforward, actionable solutions.

Lokmanya Hospitals Announces Strategic Expansion with additional Investment to Establish Maharashtra's Premier Multi-Specialty and Quaternary

PUNE - Lokmanya Hospitals, Asia's pioneering institution in robotic-assisted joint replacement surgery with 50+ years of legacy, today announced a transformative strategic expansion following an investment by Unaprime Healthcare LLP.

The Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) floated by Unaprime Investment Advisors has acquired approximately 84.5% stake in the Maharashtra-based speciality hospital chain, positioning Lokmanya to emerge as Maharashtra's most advanced multi-specialty and quaternary care hospital network.

The transaction includes Unaprime's acquisition of the stake previously held by Tata Healthcare Fund, along with substantial primary capital infusion to fuel the organization's ambitious expansion plans. Unaprime Healthcare is backed by prominent domestic Limited Partners and family office including Dr. K. Ravindranath of Global Hospitals who had been pioneer in bringing organ transplantation to India and Mr. Manpreet Sohal, healthcare transformation expert.

STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATION OVERVIEW Under the strategic leadership of Managing Director & Group CEO Manpreet Sohal and guided by Chairman of Lok-



manya Hospitals, Dr. Narendra Vaidya & Dr. K. Ravindranath- who has been the pioneer in bringing multi organ transplantation to India, will execute an ambitious expansion from 300+ beds to 800+ beds within 3-4 years while establishing world-class Centres of Excellence in cardiac sciences, neurosciences, comprehensive cancer care, General and GI surgery and multi-organ transplantation across Pune and key cities in Maharashtra.

STRATEGIC VISION: A PREMIER MULTI-SPECIALTY & QUATERNARY CARE CHAIN By 2029, Lokmanya Hospitals will emerge as one of Maharashtra's premier multi-specialty and quaternary care hospital chain. With a deeply integrated approach, the organization brings together advanced Orthopaedic care, cutting-edge Neurosciences, Cardiac sciences,

General and GI surgery, oncology, trauma and critical care, along with state-of-the-art capabilities in organ transplantation and precision robotic surgery.

This comprehensive service spectrum, supported by super-specialized expertise, creates a differentiated value proposition serving as a referral center while capturing premium market segments across Maharashtra's major cities.

Manpreet Sohal, Group CEO & Managing Director: "This strategic partnership with Unaprime Healthcare represents a transformational moment for Lokmanya Hospitals as we evolve into Maharashtra's premier multi-specialty and quaternary care hospital chain. The substantial investment enables us to combine our proven expertise in robotic surgery with comprehensive quaternary care

Complicated UTI increasingly becoming a threat due to rising AMR Need timely attention: Experts at Best of Brussels

Pune: At the prestigious 13th Annual International Best of Brussels Symposium on Intensive Care & Emergency Medicine held in Pune, leading experts from the country emphasized on the growing prevalence of complicated UTI and AMR in India, highlighting the need for effective treatment options. While people have been advised on limiting irrational use of antibiotics, experts Dr Kapil Zirpe, Dr Shirish Prayag, Dr Subhal Dixit, Dr Deepak Govil, and Dr Balaji during the press conference, opined that the issue needs to be effectively addressed through a multi-faceted approach and integrated strategies.

On the burden of Complicated UTI in India, Dr. Shirish Prayag, Organizing Chairperson of Best of Brussels Symposium said, "Complicated Urinary Tract infections (cUTIs) are the most common bacterial infections in India. Bacterial AMR is estimated to have caused or contributed to 49.5 lakh deaths worldwide and is directly responsible for 12.7 lakh deaths, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) data. Escherichia coli and Klebsiella pneumoniae are the most common causes for Complicated UTI. Patients with Complicated Urinary Tract Infections require surgeries, renal replacement, utmost intensive care in ICU and sometimes ventilation. With the rising prevalence of AMR, treating complicated UTI is becoming extremely challenging,

thus requiring longer hospital stays."

He further added, "We need to find new antibiotics. The biggest cause of AMR is the misuse of antibiotics. Antibiotics should be given on time by experts, without delay or confusion.

In complicated cases, urine should be cultured, germs should be grown in the lab and tested with different antibiotics to find out which one works best. That specific antibiotic should be used." Highlighting the gap in MBBS education in India, Dr Prayag said, "The MBBS course should be upgraded regularly to include current AMR knowledge. Resistance patterns are different in each region—what's found in Vellore may not be the same as Pune or Delhi. So, new doctors must learn about local resistance and sensitivities. The government must strictly monitor antibiotic sales.

Emphasizing on the rising resistance levels, Dr. Kapil Zirpe, Org. Secretary of Best of Brussels Symposium said, "When E coli and other pathogens become resistant to anti-infectives like carbapenem, it is termed as carbapenem resistant Enterobacteriales (CRE). In India, mortality associated with CRE infections is as high as 20% to 54.3%, thus underscoring the need for newer treatment options. Dr. Subhal Dixit, Jt. Org. Secretary of Best of Brussels symposium said, "Increasing resistance complicates treatment, making outcomes



uncertain, even in simple cystitis. Antibiotics should be started only after proper collection of culture, along with the antibiogram schedule showing the exact sensitivity pattern and MIC concentration. We have awareness programs running in the community as well as in hospitals, but training programs are also needed. Antibiotics should always be used cautiously, only with a proper prescription, and strictly based on a culture sensitivity-guided protocol" Dr. Deepak Govil, Director—Critical Care Medicine, Medanta Institute of Critical Care and Anaesthesiology said, "Future research should also be conducted to enable targeted antimicrobial therapy, to both tackle the rise of AMR as well as the tackle the rising prevalence of Complicated UTI. A multifaceted approach is imperative for tackling AMR effectively in India. This involves increased awareness, novel treatment options, improving hygiene, and addressing the antibiotic resistance issue holistically."

Dr. V Balaji, Professor, Clinical Microbiology, CMC Vellore and Key member, IN-SAR network (Supported by

WHO-SEARO and ICMR) said, "We have observed significant link between of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) on the treatment of Complicated UTI. Till now, no new drug has ever been discovered in India, whether it's for cancer, hypertension, diabetes, or even antibiotics. But for the first time, a medical chemist from Chennai has discovered a new antibiotic called Cefepime Enmetazobactam. This is a big achievement because usually, when a drug is discovered abroad, it takes 5–6 years to reach India. First, their own demand is fulfilled, and then it's exported to us. And even when it comes to India, it's 3–5 times more expensive. But this time, since the drug is made in India, it has been released here first, and it's available at one-tenth of the cost. It's highly effective and affordable, especially for treating complicated urinary tract infections. This is truly a remarkable and positive step that happened in the past year, and it's something we should all be proud of."

More than 700 critical care doctors attended the 13th edition of Best of Brussels conference in Pune.

Experts deliberate on multidisciplinary approaches on managing diabetes and obesity



Pune: More than 500 national and international experts converged at the three day "International Conference on Diabetes and Obesity Metamorphosis Edition - 2" recently. The conference which is in its second edition is an initiative of Centre of Excellence for Diabetes & Obesity at Noble Hospitals. The Conference was inaugurated in presence of Namita Thapar, Executive Director of Emcure Pharmaceuticals, Dr. D B Kadam, Former Professor & Head, Dept. of Medicine, B. J. Govt. Medical College & SGH Pune, Dr. Sudam Kate, Pioneer of sickle cell advocacy, Mr. Satish Magar, Managing Director Magarpatta Township, Dr. Dileep Mane, Chairman and Managing Director Noble Hospitals and Research Centre, Dr. Divij Mane, Director, Dr. Sanjay Pathare Group Executive Officer Noble Hospitals and Research Centre, Dr. Reema Kashiva Hod of Diabetes, Dr Georgia Regas - Obesity Consultant, Senior Bariatric Physician, Dr. Ashok Tahilyani Eminent Cardiologist and other dignitaries.

The conference included deliberations and guidance from eminent speakers from the field of Bariatric Surgery, Oncology, Podiatry, cardiology, neurology, nephrology, physiotherapy, dietetics etc who shared their in-depth knowledge to empower a healthier tomorrow with the latest trends and techniques to manage the metamorphosis of diabetes and obesity. The topics discussed included childhood obesity, obesity complexities, obstructive sleep apnoea, impact of genetics, dietary approaches to obesity management, metabolic syndrome and other

insightful scientific sessions like the implication of diabetes and Obesity on the rising cancer incidence amount young generations.

Veteran Cardiologist Dr. P C Manoria and eminent neurologist Dr. Nasli Ichhaporia and Dr. Sudam Kate, founder-director of the Sudam Kate Research Foundation, and a true pioneer in the field of medical genetics and public health were conferred the lifetime achievement award for his contribution to this field.

Talking about the journey of Noble Hospitals, Dr. Dileep Mane, Chairman-MD and Chief consultant, Internal Medicine said that to have a successful hospital only constructing one is not enough, but quality care, academics, technology and affordability is the key. Every leader should have courage, vision and knowledge to build a hospital, but it the humility that is important and can make a leader from good to great.

Namita Thapar, Executive Director of Emcure Pharmaceuticals expressed her gratitude for the hard work of all doctors.

Mr. Satish Magar said that Noble Hospital has a human touch and the work done by the hospital especially during the Covid times is appreciable.

Dr. Divij Mane, Director of Noble Hospitals, stated that the knowledge transfer enabled by such conferences allows institutions to adopt a multidisciplinary, holistic approach to healthcare—ultimately improving patient outcomes and quality of life. Various awards including contribution to various disciplines, awards for paper presentation, women achiever awards were presented on the occasion.

Pune's Office Leasing Jumps 17% YoY in H1 2025; Residential Market Remains Stable: Knight Frank India

Pune: Knight Frank India in its latest report, India Real Estate – Residential and Office (January - June 2025) cited that Pune's office market recorded strong leasing volumes, with 5.1 mn sq. ft. transacted in H1 2025 – up 17% YoY, making it the best H1 performance in over a decade. The period also saw an unprecedented surge in office completions, totalling 8.8 mn sq. ft., a massive 264% YoY growth, primarily in PBD East, Kharadi, and SBD East.

Despite a sharp rise in supply pushing vacancy levels to 14.9%, the demand remained robust, underpinned by large-scale enterprise deals in Q1. Flex space operators led leasing activity, accounting for 44% of transactions, followed by Global Capability Centres (GCCs), which saw a significant rise in share to 25%, up from just 3% in H1 2025. This reflects Pune's growing position as a cost-efficient, talent-rich hub for complex global operations.

P Vilas, National Director - Occupier Strategy & Solutions, Industrial & Logistics, Capital Markets, and Branch Head (Pune), Knight Frank India, added, "Pune's residential market remains fundamentally strong, supported by steady end-user demand, competitive pricing, and ongoing infrastructure upgrades. While launches have moderated after a record-breaking 2024, buyer appetite remains intact, particularly in emerging micro-markets offering lifestyle and connectivity advantages. The market is recalibrating—not weakening—after a strong multi-year run."

despite the record highs of 2024. Sales stood at 24,329 units, a marginal 1% YoY dip, while new launches fell by 5% YoY to 26,559 units, indicating a market transitioning to a more measured phase.

Prices continued their upward trend, recording a 6% YoY increase to INR 4,868/sq. ft., led by sustained end-user demand, premium launches in West and East Pune, and rising land and construction costs. Homes priced above INR 10 mn now contribute 25% of overall demand, up from 20% last year, signalling a clear shift toward premiumisation. Meanwhile, the sub-INR 5 mn segment's share declined to 28% in H1 2025 from 34% in H1 2024.

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West Pune (Baner, Hinjewadi, Bavdhan) remained the top-performing region, contributing 40% of city-wide sales. East Pune (Kharadi, Hadapsar) followed with 22%. Despite a 14% rise in unsold inventory, Pune's Quarters to Sell (QTS) ratio stood at a healthy 3.7, underscoring robust market absorption.

LAPP India Strengthens Cable Gland Product Offering with SKINTOP® Range for Varied Industrial Applications



Pune (Voice news service):- LAPP India, a leading provider of cable and connectivity solutions, is advancing industrial cable management with SKINTOP®, a range of cable glands designed to meet diverse application needs across both critical and general industrial environments. Polyamide Glands are available in two complementary product lines: SKINTOP® ST /STR and SKINTOP® SMART, engineered to meet evolving market demands for safety, reliability, and ease of installation. Whether for heavy-duty or general-purpose use, SKINTOP® delivers high-performance and reliability. LAPP ensures that through the SKINTOP® range their customers receive the right-fit solution, customised to specific application demands, environmental factors, and certification needs.

Tailored for High-Performance Applications and Compliance The SKINTOP® portfolio is designed to support a wide spectrum of use cases with unique distinctive features that cater to different industrial requirements. Customers may select the most appropriate solution based on usage intensity, environment, and technical compliance. SKINTOP® ST and STR: Designed for performance-intensive and critical industrial settings, this globally certified cable gland is suited for cleanrooms, energy networks, automation systems, Food & Beverage, Pharma, Oil & Gas, Cleaning systems and data centres. These are high-quality, metric-threaded & PG threaded glands made from durable polyamide. They support a wide clamping range from M12–M63 and PG 7–48, accommodating a broad variety of cable diameters used in industrial installations. With ingress protection ratings of IP68 (up to 5 bar/30 minutes) and IP69 (withstand high-pressure, high-temperature water jets), flame resistance up to 650°C, and certifications including CE, UL, DNV, VDE, and UKCA, it is ideal for installations where operational continuity and international compliance are indispensable, thus making the equipment suitable for exports. Its dual sealing system and UV, ozone, and chemical resistance make it ideal for hygienic and outdoor settings. SKINTOP® SMART: Manufactured in India at LAPP's state-of-the-art facility in Dharuhera, the polyamide cable gland variant supports general-purpose industrial applications such as control panels, junction & array boxes, limit switches, parking systems, and surveillance setups. It supports clamping sizes from M12–M32 and PG 7–29, making it ideal for standard and compact installations. It offers robust ingress protection up to IP68 and carries UR (UL Rec-

ognized) certification, aligning with the needs of standard installations to cater local demands. The SMART series is being offered with the smart compact design, making them quick and easy to assemble. Each gland features a precision-engineered construction comprising sealing rings, gaskets, and locking components that ensure robust cable fixation and environmental sealing. The SMART Series enables faster availability without compromising on essential functionality. "Every industrial application has a unique requirement especially when it comes to cables and connections. At LAPP, we believe that every cable requires the right gland, they are mutually reinforcing for effective industrial solutions," said Sumit Mitra, Managing Director, LAPP India. "With decades of expertise in industrial connectivity, LAPP offers a comprehensive range of cable glands designed to meet diverse application needs across sectors. The SKINTOP® ST /STR variants are engineered for demanding environments that require global-standard certifications and long-term performance, while the SMART series is crafted for reliable, high-quality installation in mainstream applications. Backed by proven durability and precision design, our gland portfolio is a strong reflection of LAPP's commitment to delivering complete, dependable solutions for every industrial requirement." SKINTOP® cable glands are engineered to address key industrial challenges, offering: Hermetic Sealing for Maximum Protection: SKINTOP® ensures ingress protection (IP68 and IP69), preventing dust, water, and contaminants from compromising electrical connections. This makes it ideal for harsh environments, including food processing, pharmaceuticals, and outdoor applications. Optimized Strain Relief: Provides vibration resistance and secures cables in place to extend lifespan and prevent mechanical failures. Effortless Installation: The intuitive design enables quick and secure installation with a simple turn of the nut, eliminating the need for additional tools and reducing installation time across industries. Superior Material Options: Available in plastic, brass, and stainless steel, catering to diverse industrial requirements automation, manufacturing, and chemical processing. Temperature & Chemical Resistance: Built to withstand extreme temperatures, UV exposure, ozone, hot water and aggressive chemicals, SKINTOP® is well-suited for industries such as oil & gas, food & beverage, pharmaceuticals, and marine applications. From machine tools and robotics to transportation.

Radisson Blu Pune Hinjawadi Celebrates Doctors with a Month-Long Tribute

Pune:This National Doctor's Day, Radisson Blu Pune Hinjawadi rolls out the red carpet for the true heroes in white coats—for a month-long celebration honouring their extraordinary dedication, resilience, and compassion. In tribute to the healers who selflessly safeguard our lives, the hotel is offering an indulgent buffet experience at Café Blu, exclusively for medical professionals. Thoughtfully curated to blend nourishment with indulgence, this culinary affair promises more than just a meal—it offers a moment of luxury, relaxation, and heartfelt appreciation. "Doctors give their all, often

without pause. With this initiative, we want to give back in the most comforting way possible—by treating them to an experience that celebrates their spirit," said Amit Raman, General Manager, Radisson Blu Pune Hinjawadi. The exclusive offer is available throughout July 2025, with a valid medical ID/card required for availing the benefits. This Doctor's Day, step into a space of elegance and gratitude. Radisson Blu Pune Hinjawadi invites doctors to take a well-deserved pause, indulge in gourmet hospitality, and be celebrated the way they truly deserve.

Tally Solutions Signs MoU with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) to Digitally Empower MSMEs across India

Pune:On the occasion of International MSME Day, Tally Solutions, India's leading technology company providing business automation software, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)—a premier Government of India enterprise under the Ministry of MSME. The MoU signifies a collaborative effort to digitally empower Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the country and boost their growth trajectories through technology, capacity building, and integrated support services.

This strategic partnership aligns with the National vision of Viksit Bharat @2047 and India's march towards becoming a \$5 trillion economy. It brings together NSIC's expansive national network and developmental mandate with Tally's decades-long tech expertise in providing intuitive, reliable software solutions to small businesses.



Through this collaboration, MSMEs will gain greater access to business management tools those enable better financial compliance, GST readiness, inventory management, and operational efficiency. By simplifying business operations and promoting technology adoption, the MoU aims to enhance the overall competitiveness and resilience of India's MSME sector. The signing ceremony, was graced by Dr. Subhransu Sekhar Acharya, Chairman-Cum-Managing Director (NSIC) , Shri Kartikeya Sinha, Director (Planning and Mar-

keting), CA Shri Gaurav Gulati, Director (Finance) from NSIC side and senior representatives from Tally Solutions, marking a moment of shared commitment towards inclusive economic empowerment. Jayati Singh, Chief Marketing Officer, Tally Solutions, said, "We are honoured to partner with NSIC in our shared mission to empower MSMEs, the backbone of India's economy. Our mission aligns with India's aspirations of inclusive economic growth, and we believe this partnership will help thousands of enterprises

enhance their capabilities and scale sustainably. At Tally, we are committed to enabling small businesses to succeed with technology that is simple, powerful, and secure. We hope this MoU will help more enterprises on their digital journey, increase productivity, and achieve compliance." Dr. Subhransu Sekhar Acharya, Chairman-Cum-Managing Director at NSIC stated that, "The collaboration between NSIC and Tally Solutions marks a significant step in strengthening the digital capabilities of India's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. This MoU is aligned with the Government's vision of fostering a tech-enabled MSME eco-system that is efficient, compliant, and globally competitive. Through this initiative, we aim to enhance the ease of doing business, promote digital inclusion, and empower MSMEs to contribute meaningfully to India's economic transformation under the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047."

UGRO CAPITAL EMPOWERS OVER 135,000 MSMEs, RELEASES SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT CAPTURING GROWTH, INCLUSION & SUSTAINABILITY

Pune:UGRO Capital Limited, a leading DataTech NBFC focused on MSME lending, today released the third edition of its Social Impact Report, demonstrating how targeted credit drives measurable economic, social and environmental outcomes for India's most dynamic yet underserved businesses. Produced in partnership with Dun & Bradstreet India, the report reflects UGRO's expanding reach, serving over 135,000 MSMEs through 200+ branches nationwide and underscores its commitment to a sustainable, inclusive MSME ecosystem. Over the past three years, UGRO Capital has grown its customer base from just over 23,000 in March 2022 to more than 135,000 by January 2025, boosting its Assets Under Management nearly four-fold from ₹2,932 Crore to ₹11,067 Crore while deepening

financial inclusion across India's heartlands. Notably, 78% of these borrowers are first-generation entrepreneurs tapping formal credit for the first time, and women-led enterprises have surged to 74% of total portfolio. 9% of UGRO's portfolio is one woman owners. Beyond metros, AUM in Tier 3+ geographies climbed from ₹1,144 Crore to ₹2,596 Crore, reflecting a strong focus on rural and small-town growth. In line with its ESG framework, UGRO channelled ₹642 Crore to 3,369 green-sector MSMEs spanning renewable energy, WASH, and sustainable manufacturing and 42% of borrowers invested in energy and waste-efficiency initiatives. Talking about the report, Mr. Shachindra Nath, Founder and Managing Director of UGRO Capital, said, "This report is more than just num-

bers, it reflects our purpose. MSMEs are the backbone of India's economy, yet 75% rely on informal credit. This report validates our mission to democratize access to finance through data-led innovation. It also brings to life our campaign belief - MSME Accha Hai and now invites every Indian to show their support through #BharosaMSMEpar. Our emotion became evidence; now it becomes action." Ms. Irem Sayeed, Chief Credit Officer, UGRO Capital, added, "Our ESG-led lending framework ensures growth that is both inclusive and resilient. From clean-energy enterprises to women-led ventures, every loan becomes a lever for change. The 42% rise in women's employment within our borrower network shows the multiplier effect of thoughtful financing."

The report reaffirms UGRO's alignment with 11 UN Sustainable Development Goals, including decent work, gender equality, clean energy, innovation, and climate action. Its embedded ESG screening protocol ensures responsible disbursements without compromising growth momentum. The research—combining telephonic and in-person interviews across 200+ branches in metro and Tier 2/3 centers was enriched by platform analytics and public financial disclosures to ensure robustness and representativeness. The launch of this Impact Report also aligns with UGRO Capital's #BharosaMSMEpar campaign, a nationwide call for every Indian, from consumers to policymakers, to pledge support for MSMEs. Because when Indians back these businesses with their trust, they power a billion dreams.

OnePlus announces the launch of OnePlus Nord 5 Series

Pune (Voice news service):- OnePlus, a leading global technology brand, stays true to its core mission of making the signature OnePlus experience accessible to a wider community with the launch of three new products: the OnePlus Nord 5, OnePlus Nord CE5, and OnePlus Buds 4. Announced to launch on July 8, 2025, at 2 PM IST, the new OnePlus Nord series represents a significant leap forward in mid-range smartphone performance, combining flagship-grade power, breakthrough battery life, and user-focused innovation. The OnePlus Nord 5, OnePlus Nord CE5, and OnePlus Buds 4 will be available for purchase starting July 9 and July 12, respectively. To know more, visit oneplus.in, amazon.in, or a OnePlus store/mainline partner store near you.

OnePlus Nord 5: Next-gen performance with flagship imaging The OnePlus Nord 5 is the first in the Nord lineup to feature the powerful Snapdragon 8 series chipsets. Powered by the cutting-edge Snapdragon 8s Gen 3 Mobile Platform with a 4nm architecture and flagship Kryo CPU, paired with LPDDR5X RAM, this device delivers unparalleled performance in its class. It supports Snapdragon Elite Gaming with hardware-accelerated ray tracing for an enhanced gaming experience. The OnePlus Nord 5 runs

BGMI at native 90fps, with frame interpolation pushing it up to 144fps, and Call of Duty Mobile runs natively at 144fps. The OnePlus Nord 5 features a Cryo-Velocity VC cooling system with a 7,300 mm² heat dissipation area and graphene thermal conductors identical to the OnePlus 13, offering 1,800W/m-K thermal conductivity. A powerful processor combined with an advanced cooling system makes it a top choice for gamers seeking smooth, competitive play on the go. The OnePlus Nord 5 features a dual 50MP Ultra-Clear camera system on both front and rear, bringing flagship-grade imaging to the Nord series. The rear setup includes the LYT-700 sensor from the OnePlus 13 and an 8MP 116° ultra-wide lens, delivering sharp, true-to-life shots with advanced HDR and low-light performance. The front camera sees a major upgrade with a 50MP JN5 sensor and hardware autofocus, ensuring crisp selfies and groupies even in challenging lighting. It also supports 4K video recording at 60fps on both front and rear cameras. Additionally, the upgraded LivePhoto feature with Ultra HDR captures 3-second motion shots with rich detail and clarity. **OnePlus Nord CE5: Tablet-sized battery with apex performance** The OnePlus

Nord CE5 offers a significant leap forward, delivering class-leading performance powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 8350 Apex and a 7,100 mAh tablet-size battery. The OnePlus Nord CE5 is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 8350 Apex chipset, built on a 4nm process with Armv9 architecture and an octa-core CPU featuring high-performance Cortex-A715 cores up to 3.35GHz. It's paired with a 6-core Mali-G615 GPU, delivering 60% better peak graphics performance and 55% lower power consumption for efficient gaming and rendering. Paired with next-generation LPDDR5X RAM, it handles gaming, streaming, and AI-powered tasks with ease. With an AnTuTu score of over 1.47 million, the Nord CE5 leads its segment in performance. The OnePlus Nord CE5 packs a massive 7,100 mAh battery, offering multi-day usage and the best battery life in its class. It supports 80W SUPERVOOC fast charging, powering the device from 1% to 100% in just 59 minutes, with a 10-minute charge delivering over 6 hours of YouTube playback. To protect long-term battery health, it features Battery Health Magic, OnePlus's smart charging management system. The device also includes Bypass Charging, which routes power directly

from the charger during gaming to reduce heat and extend battery lifespan. Together, these features ensure all-day power, optimal performance, and greater durability. The OnePlus Nord CE5 features a 50MP Sony LYT-600 sensor with OIS, delivering sharp, vibrant shots with RAW HDR and Real Tone tech from the OnePlus 13 series. It supports Live Photo with Ultra HDR and 4K 60fps HDR video recording, ensuring rich detail, lifelike colors, and immersive visuals in every frame. **OnePlus Buds 4: Smart connectivity, long-lasting power and intuitive control** The OnePlus Buds 4 seamlessly blend powerful functionality with user-centric design. It delivers up to 11 hours of playback on a single charge and 45 hours total with the case, with fast charging for hours of use in just minutes. They feature Dual Drivers, Dual DACs, Hi-Res LHDC 5.0, and 3D Audio, offering flagship-level sound quality, along with 47ms low-latency Game Mode for seamless gaming. Users can enjoy intuitive slide gestures, Steady Connect for stable Bluetooth outdoors, and AI Translation for real-time language conversion. With Google Fast Pair and Dual-Device Connection, switching devices is effortless. Available in Zen Green and Storm Gray, the Buds 4 are designed for performance and everyday convenience.

Atlas Copco Tools and Assembly hosted EVolution Days to Showcase Innovative Solutions for e-Mobility customers

Pune (Voice news service):- Atlas Copco Tools and Industrial Assembly Solutions successfully hosted EVolution Days at its state-of-the-art Innovation Centre in Bavdhan, Pune, a landmark event focused on enabling the next generation of electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing. Bringing together over 110 key stakeholders from across the EV value chain, including OEMs, Tier suppliers and Line Builders, the event offered a deep dive into the cutting-edge technologies shaping the e-mobility landscape. Attendees experienced firsthand how Atlas Copco's smart, integrated and sustainable solutions can elevate EV production in terms of productivity, quality and traceability. The event showcased a broad spectrum of advanced technologies tailored for EV applications, including Automated Torquing, Robotic Dispensing, Flow Drilling, Advanced Riveting with error-proofing capabilities through vision integration and customized software suite. These innovations address some of the most pressing EV production challenges, ranging from battery cell safety and traceability to lightweight material compatibility and process reliability. Mr. Chandrashekar Pathak, General Manager, Industrial Technique, Atlas Copco (India) Pvt. Ltd., said, "As a proud 'One Stop Solution' provider for complete battery pack assembly and end-to-end EV manufacturing, we are committed to driving the future of mobility. Our EVolution Days program served as a dynamic platform to bring together key stakeholders across the value chain, from

EV Tiers, MTBs to OEMs, highlighting the power of collaboration in shaping the next phase of the EV revolution." He added, "We didn't just talk innovation, we demonstrated it. Through immersive, real-world use case demonstrations, we enabled participants to truly experience how our cutting-edge solutions can deliver tangible benefits to their operations. Customers experience firsthand the latest innovations in Automated Torquing, Dispensing, Vision Systems and allied software ecosystem, all under one roof at our Innovation Centre at Bavdhan, Pune, which jointly address EV-specific challenges such as lightweight material joining, traceability and battery cell safety. Each innovation showcased is a result of our team's deep understanding of industry challenges and relentless focus on enabling smarter, more sustainable EV production. We're not just solving problems, we're building the future, one innovation at a time." The event also featured thought-provoking sessions by industry experts and Atlas Copco's own technical experts, who delved into integrated design approaches and best practices for EV assembly. From design to delivery, Atlas Copco demonstrated its unwavering commitment to performance, reliability, and data-driven manufacturing excellence. With its proven track record in delivering turnkey solutions, Atlas Copco continues to play a pivotal role in transforming the e-mobility sector, empowering manufacturers to build the e-vehicles of tomorrow with confidence today.

Shimona Chadha Joins Persistent as Chief Marketing Officer

Pune: A global leader in Digital Engineering and Enterprise Modernization, today announced the appointment of Shimona Chadha as Chief Marketing Officer. She will be responsible for driving the Company's global marketing strategy, strengthening brand positioning, and enabling business growth through integrated marketing initiatives. With more than two decades of experience across B2B, B2C, and B2B2C segments, Shimona has led marketing transformations that unlock business value and accelerate growth. She joins Persistent from HCLTech, where she served as Vice President and Head of North America Vertical Marketing. As part of HCLTech's senior marketing leadership team, she drove revenue growth and was instrumental in building a Generative AI-powered marketing engine for improved brand visibility, go-to-market effectiveness, and pipeline conversion in high-value markets. Shimona has also held senior leadership roles and led customer-focused growth strategies at Vodafone Idea and Abbott. Her contributions have been recognized with industry honors, including For-

rester's Program of the Year 2025 and the Stevie Award for Women in Business and Inspiring Women in Business. She is also a strong advocate for inclusive leadership and talent development, having co-chaired initiatives for IAOP and mentored rising professionals across the global tech ecosystem. Shimona will be a member of Persistent's executive leadership team and is based out of New Jersey, USA. Sandeep Kalra, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Persistent "We are thrilled to welcome Shimona to Persistent as we accelerate our AI-led, platform-driven services strategy. With our global client relationships continuing to grow in scale and depth, the need for a brand that reflects both our innovation edge and execution excellence has never been greater. Shimona brings a results-oriented, data-informed approach to marketing, aligning brand strategy with business objectives to deliver measurable outcomes. Her leadership will be critical in strengthening market engagement, enabling go-to-market impact, and amplifying Persistent's differentiation in the industry."

Sooraj Balakrishnan, Associate Director & Head of Marketing, Acer India

Pune: "On National Technology Day, we celebrate India's incredible journey in science and technology, a story of innovation, resilience, and a united vision for progress. At Acer, we see technology not just as tools, but as a powerful force that connects aspirations with real-world outcomes. Our mission is empowering youth, nurturing creativity, and driving digital inclusion. We believe the future belongs to those who can innovate respon-

sibly and inclusively. Sustainability is integral to our approach; we are committed to advancing technology and supporting people and the planet. Today, we honor every innovator whose contributions, big or small, shape our collective future. Let us continue leveraging technology to build a smarter, greener, and more inclusive world for all." Sooraj Balakrishnan, Associate Director & Head of Marketing, Acer India.

Meet the Croma 100W Karaoke Machine!

Pune: Croma has just dropped its latest party-starter—the 100W Karaoke Machine with Built in Subwoofer (Model: CRSP100BPE301511), available for ₹20,000. Designed for music lovers and home entertainers, this powerhouse turns any living room, rooftop, or backyard into your personal concert arena. Unmatched Sound & Free-

dom 100W True RMS rich audio output: Feel every bass drop and vocal nuance fill the room. Dual UHF wireless mics with DSP Controls: Crystal-clear vocals up to 100 m away—no dropouts, no interference. Built for All-Nighters 5 hours of continuous play on one charge.