



## Force Motors Launches Force iPulse- its Intelligent Platform for AI-Driven Fleet Intelligence and Predictive Diagnostics



Pune: Force Motors Limited, a key automotive player and India's largest van manufacturer has announced the launch of Force iPulse, a next-generation connected vehicle platform that introduces a new standard in operational intelligence and vehicle lifecycle management. Developed in collaboration with Intangles, a global pioneer in AI-powered predictive analytics, Force iPulse brings state-of-the-art artificial intelligence and proprietary hybrid analytics to the core of vehicle operations. As a flagship offering under Project DigiForce, Force iPulse goes beyond a digital upgrade, representing a founda-

tional shift in how vehicle performance, health, and operational behaviors are understood and managed. The platform continuously ingests and interprets high-resolution vehicular data to power predictive insights, enabling early detection of performance degradation and preemptive identification of component failures. Unlike conventional monitoring solutions, Force iPulse does not just report anomalies; it understands their context. The system performs root-cause analysis across key subsystems, including engine, powertrain, electrical and thermal systems, allow-

ing for proactive interventions that prevent escalation and unplanned downtime. Its ability to distinguish between surface-level symptoms and systemic issues empowers fleet operators to act precisely, not reactively.

"At Force Motors, we believe in value-driven innovation, and this launch is yet another step in our mission to deliver superior, intelligent mobility solutions. Force iPulse is more than just a technological solution—it is a business enabler for our customers. It brings in transparency, improves efficiency, and ensures safety across operations, thereby equipping our customers with complete control over their fleet operations. We are confident that this new initiative will be well appreciated by both our customers as well as our partners and help take us another step forward in delivering our promise of customer delight," said Mr. Prasan Firodia, Managing Director of Force Motors.

Built on a secure, cloud-native architecture, the platform provides intuitive access to live and historical vehicle intelligence, with insights

available across mobile and desktop environments. From driver behavior and fuel efficiency to system health and performance benchmarks, Force iPulse offers a unified operational view that helps fleet managers detect inefficiencies, enforce best practices, and optimize total cost of ownership.

To ensure operational continuity, Force Motors has established a dedicated Intelligence Command Center at its Pune headquarters. Staffed by a team of diagnostics experts and domain specialists, the center is responsible for remote vehicle monitoring, alert management, and expert-guided resolutions. This capability is further reinforced by a 24/7 support infrastructure, built to deliver timely assistance and issue resolution across India's dynamic fleet landscape. Force iPulse is now available through Force Motors' extensive dealership network of more than 300 touchpoints, with field deployment and support facilitated by both Force Motors and Intangles' integrated service teams.

"Partnering with Force Mo-

tors is an opportunity to bring high-impact technology into the hands of operators who face real-world challenges every day," said Anup Patil, CEO of Intangles. "Our goal is to complement Force Motors' product strength with advanced diagnostics and predictive AI that enhance system-level visibility, improve maintenance planning, and enable more confident, data-backed decision-making across the vehicle lifecycle. We are excited to collaborate closely to serve this segment better and advance the next phase of connected mobility." Force iPulse will be a standard feature across all new Force Motors commercial vehicles, and is also offered as a certified aftermarket solution through authorized dealerships. With its adaptive AI engine, continuous learning models, and tight integration into Force Motors' service ecosystem, Force iPulse is purpose-built to support the evolving needs of modern fleet operators. It serves as a digital foundation for smarter operations, safer journeys, and a future-ready mobility ecosystem.

## Samsung India Launches 2025 Soundbar Lineup Featuring AI, Smart Versatility, and New Design

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today launched its 2025 soundbar line-up, introducing next-generation innovations in audio intelligence, adaptive design, and smart home integration. Tailored to suit modern Indian homes and viewing habits, the new soundbar range brings together enhanced performance and personalization across multiple form factors. The new lineup consists of flagship HW-Q990F and the convertible HW-QS700F models. The new range brings the latest global innovations to transform everyday entertainment into immersive experiences. The line-up fea-

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- AI Sound Optimization for real-time audio tuning tailored to content
- Dynamic Bass Control for deeper, more refined low-end sound without distortion
- Active Voice Amplifier Pro for enhancing dialogue clarity with Convertible Fit Design
- Integrated Gyro Sensor for adjusting acoustics based on placement

A compact wireless subwoofer offers powerful bass in a smaller form, Q-Symphony Pro creates expansive, synchronized sound with Samsung TVs whilst Wireless Dolby Atmos brings cinematic 3D audio without cables. "Samsung's new soundbars complement our premium TV

ecosystem that now comes with Vision AI, transforming everyday viewing into immersive experience. This range is a masterclass in precision sound engineering, offering unmatched versatility in an ultra-slim form. By combining AI-powered personalization with a sleek design, our new soundbar range meets the growing demand for adaptive and beautifully integrated audio solutions. Whether you are a cinephile, a minimalist, or someone building a connected smart home, Samsung's new range offers a soundbar that fits your space, style, and expectations," Viplesh Dang, Senior Director and Head of Visual Display Business, Samsung India, said.

## Rassense Reports FY25 Revenue of INR 471 Cr, Reinforces Leadership in Contract Food Services

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Rassense Private Limited, India's largest domestically owned contract food services company, has announced its provisional financial results for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025. The company reported a 29% year-on-year increase in revenue, reaching INR 471 crore, as it continues to build on its leadership position in the sector.

Founded through a leveraged buyout and the reconstitution of the erstwhile CRCL—backed by Spark Capital AIF—Rassense today delivers over 325,000 meals daily across industrial campuses, educational institutions, and corporate parks. The scale reflects the strength of its integrated, technologically-led, and operations-driven model. During FY25, the company expanded its footprint across northern and western India, reinforcing its pan-India presence. EBITDA margins stood at 3.6%, even as Rassense invested nearly 2% of its revenue into technology solutions, robotics-led process automation, ERP governance systems, and employee welfare. These investments demonstrate a clear commitment to institutional readiness and long-term sustainability, rather than short-term margin optimization. "Our growth strategy is centered on operational excel-

lence through technology that enhances efficiency across the value chain—from procurement to consumption—while maintaining long-term alignment with our clients," said Sanjay Kumar, MD & CEO of Rassense. Kumar further emphasized that Rassense remains committed to being professionally governed, technologically driven, and deeply invested in best-in-class employee welfare practices. Notably, Rassense is the only Indian food services company to be audited by a global Big Five audit firm. Its continued association with BDO as statutory auditors signals the company's confidence in the robustness of its governance and financial reporting frameworks—especially significant in a sector often marked by fragmentation and poor transparency due to the absence of Input Tax Credit on GST. "Our 'governance-first' philosophy is at the heart of our ambition to build a nationally scalable enterprise—anchored in compliance, data integrity, and operational excellence," Kumar added. The company's leadership model is equally progressive. Rassense is led by a diverse executive team, many with formal training in emerging technologies like AI, which directly informs its data-driven operations and decision-making processes. In contrast to industry norms

where ownership is concentrated among promoters, Rassense has implemented a share dilution program that extends equity to site-level managers and operational leaders—a model distinct from traditional ESOPs. This inclusive equity approach has fostered a deep culture of ownership among its 4,000+ employees, all of whom are on payroll and receive full statutory benefits. Beyond operations and governance, Rassense is advancing environmental responsibility. Its composting and urban farming programs, built around the reuse of kitchen waste, mark a deliberate shift towards circular food systems. These initiatives reflect Rassense's belief that scalable food services must also be sustainable. Looking ahead to FY26, the company is targeting revenues in excess of INR 564 crore, with growth expected from both existing clients and new verticals. Rassense remains focused on organic growth, with no immediate plans for external fundraising or acquisitions. With its integrated model—rooted in technology, governance, and sustainability—Rassense is setting new benchmarks in India's evolving food services sector. The company is now well-positioned for its next phase of growth.

## India Records Highest Average Cost of a Data Breach at INR 220 million in 2025: IBM Report

**Pune (Voice news service):-** IBM released its Cost of a Data Breach Report, which revealed the average total organizational cost of data breach in India reached an all-time high of INR 220 million in 2025 (13% higher than last year). The report also found that globally, AI adoption is greatly outpacing AI security and governance. While the overall number of organizations globally experiencing an AI-related breach is a small representation of the researched population, this is the first time security, governance and access controls for AI have been studied in this report, which suggests AI is already an easy, high value target. Only 37% of organizations reported having AI access controls in place in India. Nearly 60% of organizations either don't have AI governance policies in place or are still developing them in India. This year's results show that organizations are bypassing security and governance for AI in favor of do-it-now AI adoption. Globally, ungoverned systems are more likely to be breached, and more costly when they are. "India's accelerating AI adoption brings immense

opportunity, but it's also exposing enterprises to new and complex cyber threats. The report revealed a gap, while AI is being rapidly embedded across business operations, security and governance are being left behind. The absence of access controls and AI governance tools are not just a technical oversight, it's a strategic vulnerability. CISOs must act decisively—embedding trust, transparency, and governance into AI systems by design," said Viswanath Ramaswamy, Vice President, Technology, IBM India & South Asia. Key findings from the report for India are as follows:

**Breaches and the AI era** AI Governance Policies: Nearly 60% of breached organizations either don't have an AI governance policy or are still developing a policy. Of the organizations that have AI governance policies in place, only 34% use AI governance technology. The Cost of Shadow AI (the use of AI tools and applications without oversight from the organization's IT department): Shadow AI was among the top 3 cost driver of a breach in India, added INR 17.9 million to the cost of a breach on average. De-

spite this, we found that only 42% have policies to manage AI or detect shadow AI. **The Financial Cost of a Breach** Data Breach Costs: In India, the average total organizational cost of data breach was INR 220 million in 2025, which is about 13% higher than 2024 (was INR 195 million). Phishing Remains the Top Attack Vector: In India, the top three initial cause/attack vector for the data breaches were Phishing (18%), third party vendor and supply chain compromise (17%), and vulnerability exploitation (13%). India Breach Lifecycles Hit Record Low: The India average breach lifecycle (the mean time to identify and contain a breach, including restore services) dropped to 263 days, a 15-day reduction from 2024, as more studied organizations were able to speed identification. Research Breaches Become the Costliest: The research sector in India faced the highest impact from data breaches, with average cost reaching INR 289 million, closely followed by the transportation industry at INR 288 million and the industrial sector (which was the highest in 2024) at INR 264 million.

## Noble Hospitals Launches 24/7 AI Chatbot Service for Kidney Patients to answer general queries

Pune :In a step towards enhancing patient support and digital healthcare delivery, Noble Hospitals and Research Centre has launched a 24/7 AI-powered chatbot to assist kidney patients with general medical queries, available any time, day or night. Dr. Divij Mane, Director Noble Hospitals and Research Centre said, "Conceptualized by Dr. Avinash Ignatius leading to its development with Noble Hospitals, this innovative tool is available at no cost in multiple languages including English, Marathi, Hindi and others, specifically catering to the needs of kidney disease patients."

Curated in close collaboration with the hospital's team of nephrologists the chatbot offers reliable, easy-to-understand responses to frequently asked questions related to kidney health, lifestyle and dietary plans and more. Dr.Avinash Ignatius, Nephrologist at Noble

Hospital and Research Centre said that "Chronic kidney disease can be overwhelming, and patients often have simple but urgent questions outside regular hospital hours," the AI chatbot bridges that gap, offering answers to queries—anytime patients need it." The AI chatbot is available via a link or a QR code, and is part of the hospital's broader digital health initiative to improve accessibility, health literacy, and patient empowerment. Dr. Ignatius added that while chatbot is not a replacement for medical consultation and treatment, it is a valuable tool towards empowering patients and caregivers to take informed decisions. Dr. Divij Mane added that this specialist-driven AI resource is a pioneering initiative in our country, enhancing accessibility to evidence-based medical science for patients seeking doctor-verified, prompt assistance.

## ADP India celebrates 26 years of Excellence in Pune highlights India's strategic significance for the Decade Ahead



Pune: ADP India, a leading provider of Human Resources Management Software & Services, has celebrated its 26th Company Anniversary with great enthusiasm and jubilation at JW Marriott, Pune. The commemorative event witnessed an exceptional gathering of over 1,300 ADP associates, who were joined by their Executive Committee Leader, Mr. Brian Michaud, Executive Vice President, Smart Compliance Solutions & Human Resources Outsourcing and Mr. Muhammad Fahmy, Senior Vice President and General Manager, ADP TotalSource® from across global ADP locations to celebrate the company's remarkable journey and unceasing growth over the years. As part of the festivities, which boasted the theme of "Think Beyond for the New Era," ADP

organized various cultural and immersive activities, including theatrical performances, the traditional Maharashtrian Dhol Tasha, and live musical performances. The audience was also kept engrossed and enthused with different dance sequences and entertaining acts. ADP India continues to play a pivotal role in the company's global growth story, India serving as a key strategic hub for technology, innovation, and service delivery. The leadership sees India as central to ADP's vision for the next decade, driven by a strong talent ecosystem, deep technical expertise, and a culture of innovation. With plans to further expand its capabilities and invest in top talent, ADP is focused on building solutions in India that power businesses across the

globe. In the past 26 years, ADP India has grown from 102 associates to over 13,000 associates. This growth is a testament to the company's commitment to India as a strategic hub in technology and innovation. Overjoyed with the gathering, Mr. Vijay Vemulapalli, Managing Director and General Manager, ADP Pvt. Ltd., said, "Commemorating 26 years of ADP India is a significant milestone for us. This journey has been shaped by the dedication, innovation, and perseverance of our associates - our ADPeers. They have played a vital role in our continued success across the Technology and Services spaces. This celebration is a testament and reflection of our culture, our people, and the values that drive us. This

year, as we celebrate under the theme 'Think Beyond,' we're not just looking back at what we've achieved, but forward to what's possible. We look forward to continuing our journey of innovation and delivering impactful solutions that help our clients and communities thrive. We are extremely committed to fostering an inclusive, future-ready workplace that remains stronger than ever. The journey ahead is exciting, and we're ready to Think Beyond for the new era." ADP Studio, the company's in-house music group, delivered a foot-tapping medley that set the tone for the night. ADP's theatre group performed a thought-provoking act centered on patriotism and the grit of women in India to join the armed forces to serve the nation.

It was followed by a high-energy performance by ADP Dancing Stars, where associates showcased a futuristic dance medley celebrating innovation and teamwork. A key highlight of the evening was the awards segment, recognizing extraordinary contributions by associates and teams across business verticals. From tech innovation to service excellence, these recognitions at a colossal gathering were a powerful motivator, boosting morale and reinforcing ADP's people-first culture, celebrating the passion that fuels day-to-day operations. Moments like these underscore how shared appreciation and recognition go a long way in nurturing high-performing, engaged teams. The event concluded with an electrifying DJ and a gala dinner.

## Inamdar Multispeciality Hospital Unveils State-of-the-Art Hematology Department in Pune

PUNE: Inamdar Multispeciality Hospital is proud to announce the launch of its new, fully equipped Hematology department, designed to deliver world-class diagnosis and treatment for a wide spectrum of blood disorders. This expansion underscores the hospital's commitment to offering comprehensive, patient-focused care under one roof, reducing the need for patients to travel outside Pune for specialized hematological services. A Dual Leadership of Renowned Specialists The department is co-led by Dr. Abhijit S. Baheti and Dr. Urmi Sheth, both of whom bring exceptional expertise and experience: Dr. Abhijit S. Baheti, Consultant Hemato-Oncologist & BMT Physician, holds an MBBS from KIMS Karad, an MD in Medicine from BJGMC Pune, and dual super-specializations (DM & DNB) in Hemato-Oncology from CMC Vellore. With over a decade of clinical practice, Dr. Baheti specializes in leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma, bone marrow transplantation, aplastic anemia, myelodysplastic syndromes, myeloproliferative neoplasms, thalassemia, and complex clotting disorders. He has served as an Assistant Professor at BJGMC and as Registrar at CMC Vellore, and has

presented research at leading forums including ASCO, API-AFMS, ICON, and MHG. Dr. Urmi Sheth, Clinical Haematologist, earned her MBBS and DNB in Medicine from Mumbai, followed by a Fellowship in Haematology at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune. She further secured her Diplomateship and Fellowship in Clinical Haematology from the Royal College of Pathologists, London. With nine years of dedicated practice, Dr. Sheth's clinical focus encompasses coagulation disorders, hematological malignancies, and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation. She currently serves as Consultant Haematologist at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital and Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune. Comprehensive Services and Advanced Technology The new department features: Cutting-Edge Diagnostics: Automated flow cytometry, molecular assays, advanced coagulation profiling, and genetic testing platforms. Therapeutic Expertise: Chemotherapy suites, outpatient infusion services, and an in-house bone marrow transplant unit with dedicated isolation rooms. Multidisciplinary Collaboration: Integrated care pathways with oncology, immunology, pathology and radiology



teams to ensure coordinated treatment planning and follow-up. A Patient-Centric Approach "At Inamdar Multispeciality Hospital, patient well-being guides every decision," said the hospital's Medical Director. "By bringing Dr. Baheti and Dr. Sheth on board, we ensure that Pune's community can access the highest level of hematology care locally. Our goal is to combine cutting-edge technology with compassionate service, streamlining the patient journey from diagnosis through recovery." Impact on the Community The department's presence will significantly reduce travel requirements for families seeking specialized hematology care, lowering both financial burden and emotional stress. With early-intervention programs and community outreach initiatives planned, the hospital aims to raise awareness of blood disorders and promote timely screenings.

## OnePlus' Independence Day Sale with incredible offers across the Products

**Pune (Voice news service):-** OnePlus recently announced the OnePlus Independence Day Sale, introducing a series of incredible offers across its product ecosystem. Customers can now unlock great value deals and compelling offers

on the recently launched OnePlus Nord 5, OnePlus Nord CE5, as well as the acclaimed OnePlus 13 series, OnePlus Pad Go, OnePlus Buds 4, among other bestsellers till 17th August. In addition to compelling offers spanning across a variety of prod-

ucts, The Independence Day Sale also marked the beginning of open sales for the all-new OnePlus Pad Lite at just Rs. 12,999. The exciting offers are available across Amazon.in, OnePlus.in, offline partner stores such as Croma, Reliance Digital, Vijay Sales,

OnePlus experience stores, as well as Flipkart, Myntira, and Blink-it for OnePlus Community. **OnePlus Pad Lite:** The newly launched OnePlus Pad Lite, which offers an 11-inch display and an impressive battery backup of almost 80 hours of music playtime.

As a stellar offering in the affordable tablet category offering from OnePlus, the OnePlus Pad Lite is designed to bring a reliable everyday experience to more users, making it accessible to all. As an introductory offer, the OnePlus Pad Lite,



## ‘Swami-2’ devotional music video launched amid spiritual fervor



PUNE: Chants of “Anant-koti Brahmandanayak, Jai Jai Swami Samarth” reverberated through the auditorium as visuals of Swami Samarth lit up the screen and filled the atmosphere with devotion-al energy. In a grand launch ceremony held at MDS Ban-quets, Kiwale, the sequel to the popular devotional song ‘Swami’ — titled ‘Swami-2’ — was officially released on Tuesday evening.

Following the immense popu-larity of its predecessor, ‘Swami-2’ has been produced by Bhairava Films and continues to narrate the spiritual journey and divine experiences of



Swami devotees. The video is inspired by true events and features Dr. Prashant Gawali, a young entrepreneur, in the lead role, showcasing his emotion-ally resonant life story and his unwavering faith in Swami Samarth. The video has been directed by Manish Mahajan, sung by Harshvardhan Vavare, with lyrics and music by Narhar Rahekar and Brahma Ma-hajan. The combination of heartfelt storytelling and high production value has added another compelling chapter to the ‘Swami’ series.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Prashant Gawali said, “I see Swami in my mother. His blessings have helped me through every struggle in life. This song is my humble at-tempt to express that spiritual journey. Swami lifts the bur-dens of life, and this video re-flects that divine intervention which I experience every step of the way.” The event was graced by several notable personalities, including industrialists Av-nash Tupe, Usman Shaikh, Prakash Mangane, Sudama Das, and Yogita Gawali. Vete-ran actor Sunil Godbole, singer Avdhut Gandhi, and actors Akshay Waghmare,

## Over 130 Indian Legislators (MLAs &MLCs) from 24 States and 21 political parties to Attend Global NCSL Legislative Summit in Boston

Pune: In a significant step toward strengthening global democratic engagement, a landmark delegation of over 130 Indian legislators will participate in the National Conference of State Legisla-tures (NCSL) Summit in Bos-ton, USA, from August 4 to 6, 2025. The initiative for Bharatiya delegation of legislators is being facilitated by Nation-al Legislators’ Conference Bharat (NLC Bharat), a pio-neering platform dedicated to empowering Indian legislators and fostering national and in-ternational legislative collabo-ration, cooperation and dia-logue for sharing knowledge and best practices.



The delegation—comprising Members of Legislative As-semblies (MLAs) and Mem-bers of Legislative Councils (MLCs) from over 24 Indian states and representing a di-verse spectrum of 21 po-litical parties—embodies the rich and inclusive tapestry of Bharat’s democratic leader-ship. This historic journey be-gan in 2024, when a pioneer-ing group of 50 legislators participated in the Legislative Summit held in Louisville, USA—an initiative unprece-dented in independent Bharat and undertaken neither by the government nor any other in-stitution. Now, in a landmark moment, the delegation has grown to an unprecedented 130 leg-islators—marking the larg-est-ever Indian legislative presence at any global con-ference. This first-of-its-kind endeavour aims to foster cross-border learning, en-

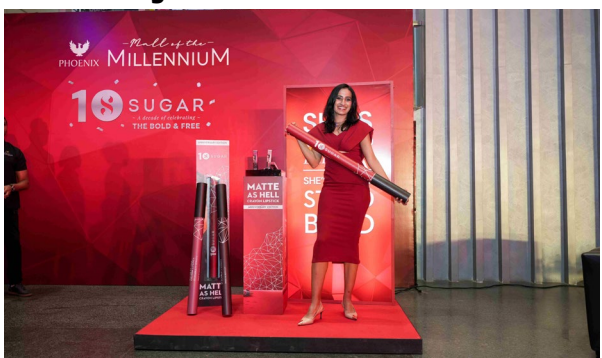
hance legislative capacity, and provide exposure to in-ternational best practices in governance and lawmaking. Rooted in the success of the inaugural NLC Bharat 2023 in Mumbai, this international vis-it is part of a long-term vision to create non-partisan, knowl-edge-driven platforms for leg-islators. At the NCSL Summit, legislators from Bharat will participate alongside over 2,000 U.S. legislators and more than 7000 legislators from different parts of the world in sessions addressing AI in governance, digital de-mocracy, cybersecurity, voter

confidence, and policy inno-vation. Dr. Rahul Karad, Founder, NLC Bharat, said, “This is not just a delegation. It is a living expression of Bharat’s dem-ocratic strength and unity in diversity — never before has such a large and represen-tative group of Honourable MLAs and MLCs come to-gether to engage the world on such a scale. What makes this moment even more special is the spirit behind it — the desire to learn, to grow, and to lead with wisdom and vision. When our legislators step into this international arena, they carry not only their personal aspira-tions, but the hopes of a bil-lion citizens and the essence of an ancient civilization. Our goal is simple yet profound — to build meaningful bridges across democracies, to learn from each other, and to kindle conversations that transcend borders and strengthen gov-ernance.”

shape the future of retail,” said Mr. Vikram Pai, Centre Director, Phoenix Mall of the Millennium. Guests were treated to an immersive brand experience with experiential booths, mini makeover stations, product sampling zones, exclusive giveaways, and branded merchandise, creating an unfor-gettable celebration of beauty and innovation. Phoenix Mall of the Millennium continues to stay at the forefront of retail innovation by not only expanding its por-tfolio of stores but also curat-ing elevated, customer-first experiences. With a keen un-derstanding of evolving con-sumer preferences, the mall is constantly adapting to meet demand, offering a dynamic blend of shopping, dining, and lifestyle engagements that redefine the modern mall ex-perience.

## Sugar Cosmetics Celebrates a Glamorous 10-Year Journey with Star-Studded Anniversary Bash at Phoenix Mall of the Millennium

Pune: Sugar Cosmetics, one of India’s leading beauty brands, marked a dazzling milestone with its 10th Anni-versary Celebration at Phoe-nix Mall of the Millennium — Fan Park, transforming the venue into a vibrant spectacle of color, glamour, and style. The landmark event celebrat-ed Sugar’s meteoric rise in the beauty industry and its ever-growing bond with millions of loyal consumers across the nation. Co-founders Vineeta Singh and Kaushik Mukherjee graced the evening with their inspiring presence, sharing heartfelt reflections on Sug-ar’s remarkable decade-long journey. The celebration wit-nessed the grand unveiling of a new line of cutting-edge beauty products, met with overwhelming enthusiasm from city’s A-listers, followed by a special cake-cutting cer-



emony commemorating the brand’s success. “We’re thrilled to have host-ed Sugar Cosmetics’ 10th anniversary celebration at Fan Park, a space that truly comes alive with brand-led innovation and consumer en-gagement. The event was a spectacular showcase of beauty, energy, and consumer love, com-plete with immersive brand experiences, exciting prod-

uct unveilings, and vibrant on-ground interactions. At Phoenix Mall of the Millenni-um, we’re committed to cre-ating immersive experiences that go beyond shopping, by providing platforms where leading brands can connect meaningfully with their audi-ences. As consumer expec-tations continue to evolve, so do we, with vibrant events, exclusive launches, and tai-lored lifestyle offerings that

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## SSBeauty & Shoppers Stop Present ShowStoppers’25 The Beauty Celebration Gets Bigger, Bolder, and More Glamorous



Pune (Voice news ser-vice):- SSBeauty & Shop-pers Stop are excited to un-veil the most glamorous edition yet of their highly anticipated beauty festival – ShowStop-pers’25, live from August 1 to September 15 across stores and online. This 45-day cele-bration brings together India’s leading luxury beauty brands, unforgettable activations, and

irresistible offers – designed to elevate every beauty lover into the spotlight. From 1st August to 15th September, beauty enthusiasts across India are invited to explore a world of inspiration, celebra-tion, and exclusive experi-ences. An interactive in store pop up at Inorbit Mall, Malad (Mumbai), will offer immersive brand experiences - encour-aging self-expression and re-defining how India connects with beauty. This interactive beauty festival offers an excit-ing blend of Makeover Mara-thons, Masterclasses, Skin-care Consultations, Gamified Experiences, Personalized Consultations, Fragrance Dis-covery, and Try Ons. Guests can look forward to exclusive offers from top brands like Lancôme fragrances, Gior-dano Fragrances, Shiseido, LOVETC, Joyology Beauty, Clarins, Yves Saint Laurent,

Armani fragrances, NARS & many more—making every beauty lover’s dream a reality. Bollywood’s radiant star, Vaani Kapoor features in the ShowStoppers’25 campaign video, bringing her signature blend of modern glamour and fearless individuality to the screen. Her presence adds a bold new energy to this year’s narrative—one that cele-brates personal expression, high-octane glam, and the power of feeling like a show-stopper in your own skin. Commenting on ShowStop-pers’25, Mr. Biju Kassim, CEO of Beauty at Shoppers Stop, said, “We’re delighted to return with ShowStoppers’25, our biggest beauty IP of the year. Featuring Vaani Kapoor as the face of this campaign brings glamour and elegance, perfectly aligning with our cele-bration of individuality and self-expression. With #Show-

Stoppers’25, we’re present-ing the beauty festival that will keep you spotlight-ready, reaffirming our commitment to beauty in all its forms. We believe this initiative will re-sonate with every beauty en-thusiast, inspiring them to ex-plore, develop, and celebrate their unique identities.” Shop iconic brands like MAC, Clinique, Estee Lauder, Car-olina Herrera, Rabanne, Max Factor, Arcella and more - with online exclusives on ss-beauty.in and shoppersstop.com. Discover curated looks, limited-time beauty kits, and trend-forward products to ele-vate your beauty routine this festive season. Whether you’re looking to re-fresh your beauty stash, glam up for a celebration, or simply discover your next holy grail, ShowStoppers’25 is here to inspire, indulge, and celebrate you — in the spotlight.

## 2nd Edition of the Federal Bank Pune Marathon to be held on November 23, 2025

Pune: The Federal Bank Pune Marathon returns for its much-awaited 2nd edition, scheduled on Sunday, No-vember 23, 2025 and Pune has now cemented its place on India’s growing fitness map. The participants can register online through the official event website:<https://stridersevents.in/events/info?FederalBankPuneMarathon2025>



Renowned actor, model, and fitness icon Milind Soman will continue to serve as the face of the Federal Bank Pune Marathon, reinforcing his commitment to encouraging health, endurance, and inclu-sive participation across all age groups. The flag off is at Savitribai Phule Pune University. The total prize money for this edition stands at INR 11 Lakh, across various race cate-gories. Registrations are now open. Entry fees are structured as follows: Marathon (42.2K): INR 950 + GST Half Marathon (21.1K): INR 900 + GST 10K Run: INR 750 + GST 5K Run: INR 600 + GST In a tribute to India’s uni-

formed services, Defence Forces and Police personnel can register free of cost. Federal Bank Pune Marathon at the Cultural Capital of Maha-rashtra remains one of India’s most inclusive marathons, welcoming differently-abled participants to run alongside others. Leading this mission will be Milind Soman. More than 3000 runners are expected across the event’s three main categories: 42.2K Marathon, 21.1K Half Ma-rathon, and other race cate-gories. Runners completing full or half marathons across cities will receive a commem-orative finisher’s medal cele-brating their achievement. M V S Murthy, CMO, Federal Bank said, “At Federal Bank,

we believe in powering purposeful journeys — whether financial or physical. Running is a metaphor for life — it rewards preparation, perse-verance, and passion. The Federal Bank Pune Marathon embodies all three, but with a uniquely Puneri pulse. With Milind Soman continuing as the face of this initiative, the second edition happening on the 23 rd November gets even more interesting. We’re excited to lace up once again for a cause that moves us, literally and metaphorically. Praful Uchil, Director, Striders commented, “Last year, we witnessed an overwhelming response to the inaugural edition of this event. What stood out most was not just

the number of participants, but the energy, the spirit, and the belief that Pune is ready — not just for a race, but for a movement. That belief is what brings us back this year — with more ambition, greater scale, and a stronger sense of purpose. The 5K Fun Run, 10K, 21K Half Marathon, and the 42K Full Marathon are now open. Each distance is a celebration of personal fit-ness, endurance, and trans-formation. Whether you’re a first-time runner or a sea-soned marathoner, this event is designed to inspire, en-gage, and elevate.” Special message from Milind Sonam to all those intending to participate - Every step you run tells a story — of strength, resilience, and the will to push beyond limits. The Federal Bank Pune Marathon is not just a race; it’s a journey that begins the moment you decide to show up for yourself. Whether you’re chasing a per-sonal best or simply proving to yourself that you can, this is your moment. I’ll be there — not just to run, but to witness thousands write their own sto-ries of grit and glory. See you at the start line.

## Beyond Healing: Abhinav Bindra Reflects on the crucial role of Physiotherapists in Sports

Pune: Physiotherapists are not just a part of the recovery but they really are the recovery, India’s first Gold Medalist at Olympics Abhinav Bindra reflected on the crucial role of physiotherapists in the life of a sportsman. He was speak-ing at the inauguration of the state of the art Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Depart-ment at Sancheti Hospital . Dr. K.H Sancheti, Founder President, Sancheti Hospi-tals, Rajiv Bajaj, Managing Director, Bajaj Auto Dr. Parag Sancheti, Chairman Sancheti Hospitals, Manisha Sangh-vi, Executive Director, Rupal Sancheti, Director of Home Healthcare and Communi-cations Sancheti Hospital, Darshita Narvani, HoD Phys-iotherapy Department were present on the occasion. This next-generation department brings together highly qual-ified physiotherapists across specialties—neuro, ortho-

paedic, paediatric, vestibular, cardio-respiratory, and sports rehabilitation—offering hollis-tic, evidence-based, and per-sonalized treatment. Abhinav Bindra said that I had a very long career in sports of over two decades. During that tenure I had more than 10 physiotherapists. Physiotherapists are not just a part of the recovery but they really are the recovery. My relationship with them has been based on trust. Athletes’ lives are long and hard as we push ourselves to the limit every day. Citing the point in time where he had a tough relationship with his coach, he said that my physiotherapists were not only physiothera-pists but mental therapists as well. They were the ones who helped mend the relation-ship with my coach by telling me the coach’s perspective during my treatment. So, this



relationship takes care of our overall wellbeing. It is the same relationship that goes to patients and helps them over-come fears. We are living in times where physical inactiv-ity is at an all time high and so many people have postural challenges and therefore this department will help in not only treating but also in pre-vention. Dr. Parag Sancheti, Chairman Sancheti Hospitals said that Abhinav Bindra has inspired many youths through his ca-reer, tireless work and the

Abhinav Bindra Foundation. The state-of-the-art physio-therapy centre inaugurated today at the hands of Abhinav Bindra will go a long way in helping not only patients but also sportsman to assess their abilities and get to their peak performances. This centre will start a new journey for patients and athletes. Rajiv Bajaj, Managing Direc-tor, Bajaj Auto said that I look at this centre with three met-rics viz individualisation, holis-tic experience and vitality. This is an outstanding centre.

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## India Handed Comfortable Group Stage Draw at BWF World Junior Team Championships 2025

Pune (Voice news ser-vice):- The Badminton World Federation (BWF) to-day announced the draw for the BWF World Junior Cham-pionships 2025 - Suhandinata Cup (Mixed Team Event), to be held at the National Centre of Excellence, Amingaon, Guwahati, from 6 to 11 Oc-tober 2025. Second-seeded India will compete in Group H alongside Hong Kong China, Nepal, and Ghana. This prestigious global junior team event returns to India for the first time since 2008 and will feature 37 teams from across the world. The tournament format will

see the winner from each group advance to the quar-ter-finals. Top seeds Thailand are drawn in Group A with Den-mark, Slovenia, and Cook Islands. Defending champi-ions Indonesia are placed in Group C with Türkiye, Ro-mania, and the Netherlands, while 14-time champions China will face Japan, Sin-gapore, Brazil, and Bhutan in Group E. This year a new relay format will be tested in the com-petition. In the new format there will be best of three sets, where a team reaching 45 points in a relay format

wins a set. A set will have each of men’s singles, wom-en’s singles, men’s doubles, women’s doubles and mixed doubles matches with the first match ending after one team reaching nine points and the next match will start. Earlier, the relay format con-sisted of a single set with a race to 110-points in 10 matches. For the Indian team, medal winners from the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2025 will gain direct entry, while the remaining spots will be decided through a se-lection trial from 9th to 13th August 2025 at the same

venue. Players eligible for the trials include those meet-ing the BAI ranking cut-offs, Indian shuttlers ranked in the BWF World Junior Top 20, and juniors ranked in the BWF Senior Top 50 as of 29 July 2025. All players select-ed in the Indian team for the WONDR Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2025 are also invited for the trials, except the medalists who al-ready have direct entry. Following the Suhandinata Cup, the individual events will also be staged in Guwahati from 13 to 19 October 2025 at the National Centre of Ex-cellence.

## KPIT and COEP Technological University Launch Hardware-Software Integration Lab to Bridge Industry and Academia

Pune: KPIT Technologies, a global leader in building mo-bility solutions for a cleaner, smarter, and safer world, has announced the launch of the KPIT APEX Lab in collabo-ration with COEP Technological University. APEX stands for Advanced Platform for Em-bedded eXpertise—is part of KPIT’s Corporate Social Re-sponsibility (CSR) program and academia upskilling and represents a strategic step towards bridging the gap be-tween academic learning and industrial application. The lab is equipped with the most advanced tools and designed to empower stu-dents and faculty to work on real-world challenges in em-bedded systems and hard-ware-software integration, fostering innovation and in-dustry-readiness. The KPIT APEX Lab will benefit undergraduate and postgraduate students, PhD scholars, and faculty mem-bers, offering them a platform to: ·Build core technical compe-



tencies in embedded systems and hardware-software inte-gration technologies ·Conduct advanced research and contribute to industry-rele-vant innovation ·Engage in continuous learn-ing and cross-institutional colla-boration Commenting on the launch, Mr. Vinayak Pai, Chairman, COEP Technological Univer-sity said, “This KPIT Apex lab, an initiative of KPIT and COEP Technological Univer-sity, marks a significant step forward in bridging the gap between academic learning and industrial application. By fostering collaboration with industry leaders, we are

empowering our students with hands-on experience in cutting-edge embedded systems, preparing them for the challenges of tomorrow. With active support of Vice Chancellor and all my Board of Governance (BOG) mem-bers, I am confident that this lab will become a hub of in-novation, research, and ex-cellence.” Mr. Anup Sable CTO of KPIT Technologies, said “We be-lieve that the future of mobi-lity and embedded systems will be shaped by strong industry-academia part-nerships. The KPIT APEX Lab is an initiative to nurture en-gineering talent with hands-

on experience and real-world problem-solving capabilities. By empowering students and faculty with cutting-edge tools and collaborative learning, we are investing in upskilling up-coming engineering talent.” Aligned with the New Edu-cation Policy (NEP) 2020, the lab promotes multidisci-plinary learning, hands-on experience, and modular, credit-based education. It operates in a cluster-based format, making it accessi-ble to students from COEP Technological University and member institutions. Currently AISSMS Institute of Informa-tion Technology, Marathwa-da Mitra Mandal’s College of Engineering, and Pimpri Chinchwad College of En-gineering are member institu-tions in the cluster with more institutions expected to join. This collaborative model en-courages shared infrastruc-ture, curriculum development, and faculty upskilling—ensur-ing a scalable and inclusive approach to technical educa-tion.



## LFE & TISS Launched Sadhana Fellowship to Empower India's Next Generation of Educators



Pune: In a significant step toward transforming the education landscape, Pune-based non-profit Leadership for Equity (LFE), in collaboration with the Centre for Excellence in Teacher Education, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), has launched the Sadhana Fellowship 2025-26.

This six-month, practice-based learning programme aims to train and empower aspiring educators, especially those from under-represented backgrounds, informed by Siddhesh Sharma, Co-Founder of LFE, in the press conference. Kajal Pawar, Project Manager & Shardul Joshi, Academic Lead at LFE, were present at the conference.

Set to begin in September, the Sadhana Fellowship is a blended programme combining rigorous academic input with real-world school experience. It is designed for two main groups: unemployed teaching graduates seeking to refine their skills and individuals from non-teaching fields looking to transition to a meaningful career in education.

Selected fellows will receive over 400 hours of school-based teaching practice and immersion in schools, four days a week, supplemented by expert-led training in general and subject-based pedagogy, English proficiency, digital tools, and other essential soft skills.

The program's core strength lies in its practice-based approach. This hands-on model ensures that participants

don't just learn about teaching—they actively do it, under the guidance of experienced mentors. Fellows will be mentored by skilled professionals and receive a monthly stipend of ₹5,000. Upon successful completion, they will be awarded a joint certificate from TISS and LFE, and gain access to employment opportunities through LFE's network of partner institutions.

"The Sadhana Fellowship is our commitment to nurturing a new generation of educators who are not only professionally competent but deeply confident in their classroom leadership," said Siddhesh Sharma. "We're focused on developing teachers who can transform learning environments and uplift entire communities."

Kajal Pawar added, "This fellowship is not just about employment—it's about empowerment. Whether you're a graduate teacher or a passionate career-changer, Sadhana is your launchpad for a fulfilling journey in education." Backed by Bajaj FinServ, the programme prioritizes both equity and excellence in education by addressing the urgent need for skilled, confident teachers in India's school ecosystem. Applications are open until September 30, 2025, and aspirants can gain further information by visiting [www.Leadership-ForEquity.org](http://www.Leadership-ForEquity.org).

The official press briefing was held in Pune, where Siddesh Sharma and his team addressed media representatives and stakeholders.

## Pune Office Stock Crosses 100 Mn Sq Ft, Demand Driven by Tech and Talent: Knight Frank India

Pune: Knight Frank India, in its landmark report A Billion Sq Ft and Counting – India Office Supply Growth Story, has highlighted Pune's emergence as one of India's most dynamic and cost-effective office markets. With a total office stock of 106 million square feet as of H1 2025, Pune contributes 11% to India's commercial real estate landscape and has recorded an impressive CAGR of 8.9% since 2005.

Strategically located and supported by world-class educational institutions, Pune's evolution from a traditional manufacturing base to a technology and innovation powerhouse has cemented its place in the country's top-tier office markets. Pune's growth rate is the second highest and more than the national average.

**PBDs Dominate Pune's Commercial Landscape**

Pune stands out for its strong peripheral orientation, with 51% of its office stock concentrated in Peripheral Business Districts (PBDs) such as Hinjewadi and Kharadi. These locations have emerged as major business corridors, thanks to proactive infrastructure investments and occupier preference for scalable, high-specification campuses.

SBDs like Baner, Aundh, Kalyani Nagar, and Yerwada account for 38% of stock, offering a balance between accessibility and affordability. Meanwhile, CBDs, including traditional hubs like Camp, Bund Garden Road, and Deccan, contribute only 11% of total stock, reflecting the city's decentralised, corridor-led growth pattern.

**Modern, High-Quality Stock Powers Growth**

Pune's commercial stock reflects a strong inclination toward quality, with 50% of inventory classified as Grade A and the rest of the stock in other grades, the city boasts one of the most modern and efficient

real estate footprints in the country. This healthy mix has allowed Pune to cater to a broad spectrum of occupiers from startups and SMEs to global technology giants and R&D centres.

The presence of tech majors and multinational GCCs in PBDs, supported by lower rentals and a robust talent pipeline, continues to drive sustained demand for high-quality office spaces.

P Vilas, National Director - Occupier Strategy & Solutions, Industrial & Logistics, Capital Markets, and Branch Head (Pune), Knight Frank India, said: "Pune has quietly emerged as a high-growth, innovation-focused office market with a unique blend of talent, affordability, and Grade A supply. The dominance of PBDs shows the city's success in enabling corridor-based development models, particularly in IT and R&D. As global firms continue to adopt hybrid work formats, Pune's flexibility and infrastructure edge make it one of the most attractive office markets for long-term commitments."

As metro connectivity improves and road infrastructure expands across the Kharadi-Hinjewadi-Shivajinagar corridor, Pune is expected to see renewed investor interest and occupier expansion in its PBDs. These submarkets are already experiencing upward rental pressure, with newer Grade A assets commanding significant premiums.

The city's ability to retain and attract young, digitally skilled talent while offering cost-effective, scalable workspaces ensures that it remains a focal point for tech, GCC, and manufacturing-linked office demand. With modern campuses, strong absorption trends, and institutional participation on the rise, Pune is set to play a central role in India's journey to the next billion square feet of office supply.

## Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) Celebrates 16 Glorious Years of ANTHE with the Launch of ANTHE 2025 Empowering Students to Become Problem Solvers of Tomorrow

Pune: Marking 16 successful years of transforming student aspirations into achievements, Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), the national leader in test preparatory services, proudly announces the launch of its flagship initiative – ANTHE 2025 (Aakash National Talent Hunt Exam).

One of the most awaited annual events in the Indian academic calendar, ANTHE 2025 aims to empower Class V-XII studying students to rise above challenges and emerge as true problem solvers. Carrying forward its mission of democratizing access to quality education, ANTHE 2025 offers up to 100% scholarships worth ₹250 Cr in total to Classroom, Aakash Digital and Invictus Courses, along with significant cash awards worth ₹2.5 Cr helping students achieve their dreams of a successful career in medicine or engineering. The exam opens the door for students to avail the best coaching for competitive exams like NEET, JEE, State CETs, NTSE, and Olympiads, offered by Aakash's expert faculty.

Adding to this commitment, Aakash is also launching the Invictus Ace test, a scholarship exam for admission to the Aakash Invictus JEE Advanced preparation program for students from Classes 8 to 12 studying.

The national-level eligibility-cum-scholarship test will be conducted on August 24,



August 31, and September 7, 2025. The three-hour test (10:00 AM to 1:00 PM), available in both online and offline modes, carries a ₹300 application fee.

Those who perform exceptionally well will be rewarded with scholarships of up to 100% and exciting cash prizes. Aakash Invictus is available to students at exclusive Invictus Centers in Delhi-NCR, Chennai, Bengaluru, Lucknow, Meerut, Prayagraj, Dehradun, Bhopal, Indore, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh/Rohtak, Hyderabad, Namakkal, Coimbatore, Bhubaneswar, Ranchi, Trichy, Vizag, Mumbai, Kolkata, Durgapur & Patna.

Mr. Deepak Mehrotra, CEO and MD of Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL), remarked, "ANTHE has become a symbol of possibility for students across India. Over the past 16 years, we have enabled meritorious students to pursue their dreams, regardless of financial background or location. At Aakash, we believe every student has the potential to become a problem solver, someone who can think critically, face challenges head-on, and create

impact. ANTHE 2025 continues this legacy by providing deserving students with the resources, support, and motivation to rise and shine. With our wide network and hybrid learning approach, we are making quality education truly inclusive and outcome-focused.

From this year onwards, we are also launching the Invictus Ace Test for Scholarship & admission to the prestigious Aakash Invictus course for Advanced JEE preparation, that has been thoughtfully designed to evaluate students' understanding of core concepts and their preparedness for competitive exams."

ANTHE has been instrumental in nurturing several top achievers over the years. In 2025, more than one million students appeared for the exam, making it one of the largest scholarship tests in the country.

Many of AESL's current top-performers began their academic journey with ANTHE. Notably, this year 22 out of Top 100 in NEET and 10 out of Top 100 in JEE Advanced 2025 started their journey through ANTHE.

## Kick start your monsoon with immunity booster - Dabur Chyawanprash

Pune: Monsoon Season is the most awaited season in India since it offers a rejuvenating break from the sizzling heat of summers. But with the refreshing properties, it may bring a plethora of diseases which may be manifested more if immunity levels are low, especially in Children.

Due to a decrease in temperature and increase in moisture levels, infections become common during the Monsoons. Diseases like Cold and Cough, Malaria, Dengue, Typhoid and Pneumonia are most prevalent in monsoon. The warm, wet and humid climate results in significant increase in germ breeding leading to various infections which may be more prevalent if the immunity is weak.

Century's old Ayurvedic science serves as the right dose of medicine to fight the germs in monsoon. While allopathic science has a solution to treat diseases, ancient Indian herbs and compound formulations explained in Ayurveda are the answer for maintaining healthy and energetic lifestyle.

Rasayana tantra, is one of the eight specialties of Ayurveda. It concerns rejuvenative recipes, dietary regimens and special health promoting behavior. One way to include

Rasayana tantra in your daily diet is to consume two spoons of Chyawanprash daily. As part of Dabur Chyawanprash's initiative, a program was recently organized at Barrister Vitthalrao Gadgil School. Present at the event were Dinesh Kumar from Dabur India Limited, Acting Headmistress Mrs. Sunita Jadhav, Mr. Nitin Vani, Mrs. Sanjeevani Sonar, Mr. Pradeep Gawli, Mrs. Swati Lohakare, Mrs. Surekha Daphal, Sevikha Mrs. Pooja Ghogare, Ajay Kondhawale, Tushar Tamnar, Rohit Sirswal, Kalyani Gade, and all the staff and teachers from School No. 118, Vishrantwadi.

Dr. Parmeshwar Arora, M.D. (Ayurveda), B.H.U. said :-Chyawanprash is a well-known Ayurvedic formulation, used since decades for boosting immunity and provides resistance against infections. Dabur Chyawanprash, based on an age old formulation, is an Ayurvedic supplement, fortified with various herbs and minerals.

Dabur Chyawanprash helps in prevention of variety of diseases through its immunomodulatory effects. Dabur has conducted various clinical and preclinical studies which confirms Chyawanprash's beneficial effect on immunity,



seasonal influences, nasal allergies and infections, etc. Chyawanprash helps balance tridoshas 'vata, pitta, and Kapha as mentioned in ancient ayurvedic scriptures. Dabur Chyawanprash helps activate Dentic Cells, NK cells & macrophages helping fight germs.

Mr. Amit Garg, Marketing Head- Health Supplements, Dabur India Ltd said, "With a rich heritage of Ayurveda and deep knowledge of nature, Dabur has always focused on safe, cost-efficient and effective health care for all through the study of authentic Ayurveda books/manuscripts. Through our product, we are striving to combat the various diseases in India at present. In India, people prefer herbal & botanical extracts as medical interventions due to their

'nature' properties. Dabur Chyawanprash is formulation created with ancient Indian knowledge of Ayurveda and cutting edge of science. This product is a perfect way to protect ourselves from various day to day infections." The key ingredient of Dabur Chyawanprash is Amla (Indian gooseberry) which is known for its immunity building properties. Other ingredients like Guduchi, Pippali, Kantakari, Kakdashingi, Bhuyamalak, Vasaka, Pushkarmool, Prishniparni, Shalparni, etc., helps in alleviating the common infections and allergies of respiratory system. An amalgamation of these ingredients make Chyawanprash a perfect blend of herbs to provide immunity for a better health in the monsoon season.

## Crossword Book-A-Thon Hosts Dr. Shashi Tharoor for a Lively Conversation on his latest book Our Living Constitution at Phoenix Marketcity

Pune: At a house-full event at Phoenix Marketcity, Pune, Crossword Book-A-Thon brought together readers, students, and admirers for a delightfully engaging evening with Dr. Shashi Tharoor. In conversation with Aakash Gupta, CEO of Crossword Bookstores, Dr. Tharoor introduced his latest work, Our Living Constitution: A Concise Introduction & Commentary, published by Aleph Book Company sharing that the book was written to make the Constitution accessible to all Indians not just legal experts, but citizens who want to understand their rights, the ideas behind the document, and what it truly takes to give it meaning in everyday life.

Witty, thoughtful, candid, and deeply insightful, the conversation moved through ideas and anecdotes that revealed his commitment to public service and the values that have shaped his journey. He reflected on how a childhood marked by illness turned him into an avid reader and how that early question of purpose,



what it means to make a difference, has guided everything he has done since, whether through writing or public life.

On his experience of the Crossword Bookstores event, Dr. Tharoor remarked, "It was great to see so many people here on a Sunday evening and not just interested in shopping at the mall but also in books, ideas and conversation. I am just delighted that we had such a good turnout and so many of them came for the signature, that as a writer it gladdens my heart to see that there are still so many readers here in Pune,

so obviously this is a city of literature." Speaking to those who missed the session, he offered this message: "The most important thing is to keep reading. I was very pleased to have met so many people, readers face to face.

For those who could not come, there will be other opportunities, and really, the best part of me is what is in the printed pages. Do read it more."

Reflecting on the evening, Aakash Gupta noted, "Hosting Dr. Shashi Tharoor at Crossword was a powerful reminder of the

role bookstores play in shaping public thought. In a time when the Constitution is being discussed, debated, and often misunderstood, his voice brings clarity, nuance, and conviction. We're proud to be a platform where such important conversations come alive, not on screens, but in person, with readers, questions, and shared ideas. This is what a living democracy looks like, and what a living bookstore should feel like."

Mr. Anshuman Bharadwaj, Senior Centre Director, Phoenix [Pune Malls], added, "At Phoenix Marketcity Pune, we take pride in creating spaces where thought and community come together.

The audience that gathered to hear Dr. Shashi Tharoor today reflects Pune's strong interest in books and public discourse. We stand behind events that spark reflection and add lasting value to the city."

The evening concluded with a book signing, where attendees had the opportunity to meet Dr. Tharoor and have their copies personally signed.

## Enhancing Eye Care Access : H.V Desai Eye Hospital expands with satellite centre at Kalyani Nagar



Pune: As a part of its vision to make eye care more accessible to all, PBMA's H.V Desai Eye Hospital today inaugurated a satellite centre at Kalyani Nagar next to the metro station. This will help patients from North Eastern parts of Pune get access to world class eye care.

The centre has been supported by Desai Brothers and inaugurated in presence of Mr.Nitin Desai, Chairman Poona Blind Men's Association (PBMA), Mr. Rajesh Shah, President, PBMA, Mr.Parvez Billimoria, Executive Director H.V.Desai Eye Hospital, Dr.Kuldeep Dole and Dr.Sucheta Kulkarni, Medical Directors ,Dr.Sushila Kawade Bhosale, Chief Operating Officer amongst other dignitaries.

The satellite centre is equipped with state of the art equipments for diagnosis of various eye conditions, unit for spectacle and lenses and will soon have a state of the art operation theatre.

With the launch of this satellite centre H.V. Desai Eye

Hospital now has two satellite centres, the other one being in Nandurbar. In an effort to reach to the last mile, the hospital has around 46 Vision Centres which are primary healthcare units.

Mr.Parvez Billimoria, Executive Director said that this satellite centre builds on our legacy of providing world class eye care with the best of expertise and latest technologies. It is the dedication of our entire team that the hospital has earned a reputation for being a centre of excellence in treatment, academics and research. We will soon launch a new unit in Solapur to make available state of the art eye care accessible to Solapur and surrounding districts.

Nitin Desai, Chairman, Poona Blind Men's Association (PBMA) said that our aim is to give the best of eye care to all sections of the society. This satellite centre will help the patients from Kalyani Nagar and surrounding areas and will pave the way to build more such centres in other parts of the city.

## Sancheti Hospital Launches One of India's Largest State-of-the-Art Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Departments



Pune: Sancheti Hospital, Pune, a national leader in orthopaedic and rehabilitation care, announced today at a press conference the grand inauguration of its newly upgraded, state-of-the-art Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department—, This facility is now positioned as one of the largest and most advanced rehabilitation centers in India. The announcement was made in the presence of Dr. Parag Sancheti Chairman, Sancheti Hospital, Dr. Darshita Narwani, HoD Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department and Rupal Sancheti, Director Communications and Home Healthcare, Sancheti Hospital. The press conference highlighted the hospital's vision to push the boundaries of rehabilitative medicine with advanced technology, multidisciplinary expertise, and patient-centered care.

This next-generation department brings together highly qualified physiotherapists across specialties—neuro, orthopaedic, paediatric, vestibular, cardio-respiratory, and sports rehabilitation—offering holistic, evidence-based, and personalized treatment. A hallmark of this facility is its integration of cutting-edge robotic and intelligent therapy systems including: Exoskeletal Gait Training Robots, Shoulder, Hand, and Cognitive Rehab Robots, Underwater Treadmill, Balance Master, Virtual Reality Therapy, Isokinetic Trainers, FES &



FMS, BFRF Matrix Rhythm Therapy, Shock Wave Therapy, Robotic Hand Trainers, and ADL-focused hand stations Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) Functional Magnetic Stimulation (FMS) Blood flow restriction therapy (BFRF)

These systems are designed to accelerate recovery, restore function, and promote independence.

Dr. Parag Sancheti, Chairman of Sancheti Hospital, shared his thoughts at the conference: "At Sancheti, our mission is to be at the forefront of healing—where compassionate care meets cutting-edge science. This department is not just an expansion of infrastructure; it is a leap forward in how we envision rehabilitation—precise, personalized, and powered by technology. We are proud to offer one of India's most advanced rehab facilities that places patients' well-being and recovery at its core."

With this bold step, Sancheti Hospital continues its legacy of pioneering advancements in medical care, delivering world-class services with integrity, innovation, and empathy.

## Toyota Innova Completes 20 Glorious Years in India

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Marking a proud milestone in its journey in India, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today celebrated 20 remarkable years of the Toyota Innova, a name that has grown to become a trusted companion for millions of Indian families and businesses.

With over 12 lakh plus units sold across its three offerings, Innova, Innova Crysta, and Innova HyCross, the brand stands as a symbol of unwavering customer trust and lasting value.

Over the past two decades, the Innova has continuously evolved to reflect the changing aspirations of the customers in India, while staying rooted in Toyota's core philosophy of Quality, Durability, and Reliability (QDR). This is not just a milestone of numbers, but a celebration of innumerable journeys, memories, and moments made possible by Innova that has truly stood the test of time.





## Samsung and Startup India Sign MoU to Empower India's Next Generation of Innovators

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, has signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Startup India, a flagship initiative of the Government of India, to empower young innovators from remote corners of India and strengthen the country's startup ecosystem with Samsung Solve for Tomorrow. The MoU was signed in New Delhi and brings together Samsung's flagship nationwide innovation contest, Samsung Solve for Tomorrow, and Startup India's robust national ecosystem of incubation, mentorship, and policy support. The collaboration aims to identify and nurture high-potential talent, especially from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, by providing access to infrastructure, expert guidance, market linkages, and funding opportunities. "At Samsung, we believe innovation thrives when young minds are empowered with the right platforms and support systems. Our partnership with Startup India is a significant step in that direction. By bringing together Samsung Solve for Tomorrow's vision and Startup India's expansive ecosystem and network, we

aim to nurture the next generation of the change makers from the remote corners of India to become the problem solvers of tomorrow. This collaboration is aligned with Skill India and Digital India initiatives and aims to strengthen the innovation ecosystem in the country," said SP Chun, Corporate Vice President, Samsung Southwest Asia. "Innovation is the key to growth, unlocking new possibilities, driving progress, and enabling solutions that shape a better future. And, empowering young innovators is central to India's growth story. Through this collaboration between Startup India and Samsung Solve for Tomorrow, we are strengthening our commitment to building an inclusive, innovation-led ecosystem. This partnership will not only encourage youth from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities to ideate and innovate, but also aligns closely with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat. We are happy to see Samsung stepping forward to nurture the entrepreneurial spirit across the country," said Shri Sanjiv, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India. Samsung Solve for Tomorrow

is a flagship innovation and education initiative designed to foster problem-solving, creativity, and social impact among India's youth. Through this programme, young students are encouraged to identify real-world issues in their communities and work toward building scalable solutions using design thinking, technology and entrepreneurial skills. The initiative provides mentorship, workshops, prototype development support, and opportunities to pitch ideas to experts and investors. The new partnership will see Startup India leveraging its extensive network of incubators and accelerators, while Samsung drives on-ground engagement with students and young innovators through hands-on learning and innovation challenges. This integrated approach, designed to scale grassroots innovation, will place innovation at the core of India's education and entrepreneurship ecosystems. This model public-private partnership between Samsung India and Startup India reinforces the shared commitment to the Make in India, Digital India, and Skill India missions—putting young, local innovators at the centre of India's technology

and manufacturing-led future. First launched in the US in 2010, Samsung Solve for Tomorrow is currently operational in 68 countries and has seen over 3 million young people participate worldwide. The 2025 edition offers an incubation programme for the Top 4 winning teams that will receive a grant of INR 1 crore. Additionally, the Top 20 teams will be awarded INR 20 lakh, while the Top 40 teams will receive INR 8 lakh. This year, participants were encouraged to design solutions across four key themes: AI for a Safer, Smarter, and Inclusive Bharat; Future of Health, Hygiene, and Well-being in India; Social change through Sports and Tech for Education and Better Futures; and Environmental Sustainability via Technology. The shortlists have gone hyper-local, with the programme discovering young innovators from some of India's far-flung districts—including Samastipur in Bihar, Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, Baramulla in Jammu & Kashmir, and Cachar in Assam. The reach and resonance of the programme is evident not just in the geographies covered, but also in the ingenuity of the ideas submitted across all four themes.

## MINI revs up the excitement in Bollywood's biggest action entertainer YRF's 'WAR 2'

**Pune (Voice news service):-**MINI India is all set to add excitement with the much-anticipated Yash Raj Films (YRF) action thriller War 2, set to release nationwide on 14 August 2025. The film stars two of Indian cinema's biggest powerhouses, Hrithik Roshan and Jr. NTR and features a pulse-racing chase sequence with the MINI Countryman at its core.

Mr. Vikram Pawah, President and CEO, BMW Group India said, "MINI embodies spontaneity, bold design, and a go-kart feeling that makes every drive unforgettable. Our collaboration with War 2 brings these attributes to life on the big screen through a high-adrenaline chase sequence that's as thrilling as it



is stylish.

This partnership seamlessly blends MINI's iconic character with cinematic scale and action, creating a compelling celebration of performance, creativity, and pure driving fun."

Mr. Manan Mehta, Senior Vice President, Marketing & Merchandising Yash Raj

Films said, "War 2 will thrill audiences with some of the most ambitious and visually spectacular action sequences ever seen in Indian cinema. The MINI Countryman adds a bold and distinctive edge to the film's high-octane chase, seamlessly aligning with the scale and style of the narrative.

From precision stunts to adrenaline-pumping moments, MINI played an integral role in making War 2 not just action-packed, but effortlessly cool. At YRF, we have always believed in crafting meaningful integrations that elevate storytelling and this collaboration with MINI is a perfect reflection of that commitment."

Directed by Ayan Mukerji, War 2 is the next chapter in the blockbuster YRF Spy Universe. With its gripping narrative and high-octane set pieces, the film promises to be one of the biggest cinematic events of the year. The film stars Hrithik Roshan, NTR and Kiara Advani in the lead roles alongside Ashutosh Rana and Anil Kapoor.

## Special Career Acceleration Masterclass by Ankur Warikoo Held in Delhi on the Occasion of SCDL's Silver Jubilee Year

Pune: As part of its 25th Silver Jubilee celebrations, the Symbiosis Centre for Distance Learning (SCDL) organized a special Career Acceleration Masterclass by renowned speaker Ankur Warikoo in New Delhi. The event featured sessions on career guidance, a Dale Carnegie Leadership Masterclass, a presentation on SCDL's journey so far, an awards ceremony, and an HR Round Table Conference – all of which provided valuable insights to attendees. The program saw enthusiastic participation from students, graduates, working professionals at various levels, alumni, corporate professionals, and HR leaders who are looking to change or advance their careers. The event was graced by Dr. Swati S. Mujumdar, Principal Director of Symbiosis Open Education Society; Sonali Kadam, Deputy Director of SCDL; and Ashish Pandita, Corporate Head. As one of India's leading autonomous educational institutions, SCDL has delivered quality education to over 1 million learners so far, with more than 80,000 active students

currently enrolled across the country. SCDL offers specially designed postgraduate programs for graduates and working professionals. Established in 2001, SCDL is one of India's largest private distance education institutes and is a pioneer in providing flexible, high-quality education to thousands of students across India and abroad. In addition to individual programs, SCDL collaborates with top local, national, and international organizations to offer corporate programs—of which this seminar was a part. The event included detailed career guidance for students across various fields and the career opportunities currently available in the market. Speaking at the event, Dr. Swati S. Mujumdar said: "It is heartening to see such a large gathering of corporate trainers, HR leaders, and alumni here today. SCDL was conceived from the Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies, established in 1995. General Aluwalia suggested to our Chancellor, Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, that certain courses should be initiated for Army personnel who couldn't travel

to Pune to study. This idea laid the foundation for SCDL. In 2001, civilian students and their children also began enrolling. When I returned from the US in 2003, I took charge of SCDL. At that time, we had very few students and minimal use of technology. In 2003-04, we introduced e-learning, computerized programs, computerized exams, and on-demand exams, which helped connect more learners across India. We realized that jobs related to technology and data would thrive in the future. The key is to identify your interest. Choosing a niche skill and building on it can yield great results." She added: "Symbiosis was started by a teacher. Dr. S. B. Mujumdar was a teacher, and when a businessman starts an educational institute versus when a teacher starts one—there's a big difference. Today, Symbiosis students are making their mark globally." In his Career Acceleration Masterclass, Ankur Warikoo highlighted several transformative ideas: "What we're using and seeing today will not

be the same 20 years from now—the world will change drastically, and we are not prepared for it. To adapt to rapidly evolving technology, one must stay a learner for life. Lifelong learning is a skill in itself. In the future, you'll be able to learn anything you want, from anyone, anywhere, in any language, and in any format—on demand. There will be no excuse not to learn. Career planning with a futuristic outlook is essential. 50% of colleges will shut down in the next 10 years because they won't be needed. If you want to grow, spend time with people who are not like you. See the world from their perspective. Learn how they work. Learn something new every day from the people around you. Learn self-discipline. Discover what works best for you. People often say you need to control your mind to do something. But if you love what you do, you'll do it naturally—you won't need to force it. Be a lifelong learner. Spend time with people who are unlike you. Learn daily. Keep doing what works for you."

## Navi UPI's Unbelievable Growth Takes Centre Stage in New Brand Campaign

**Pune (Voice news service):-** Navi Technologies Limited, one of India's fastest-growing financial services companies, unveiled its new brand campaign spotlighting the rapid growth of its flagship payments product Navi UPI. Titled "Some things grow unbelievably fast", the campaign highlights Navi UPI's swift climb to become India's fastest-growing UPI app\* in just two years since launch. The campaign aims to build strong consumer recall and reinforce Navi UPI's position as a high-performing, home-grown disruptor in the country's digital payments landscape.

Conceptualised by Sideways, the campaign launched with two tongue-in-cheek TVCs that use surreal, humorous analogies to depict unexpected, rapid transformation - a nod to the pace of Navi UPI's growth. Rajiv Nares, CEO, Navi Technologies, said, "We've let Navi UPI's growth speak for itself until now. This campaign puts a spotlight on that journey and captures our momentum in a way that's simple and memorable. Navi UPI has reached millions in two years, but what we're building is bigger - a sus-



tained, fast-scaling payments destination for Indians." Mr. Abhijit Avasthi, Founder of Sideways, added, "The objective was to stand out with our ads from the other UPI players in the market. The fact

that Navi is unlike any other UPI app is the reason why it has grown so fast. After that, it was just a matter of sprinkling some quirk and making something memorable.

## Wärtsilä's Half-year Financial Report January–June 2025

Pune (Voice news service):- HAKAN AGNEVALL, PRESIDENT & CEO: Strong order intake and improved profitability "The second quarter of 2025 was strong for Wärtsilä, with increases in order intake, net sales, operating result and cash flow. We ended the quarter with an all-time-high order book of EUR 8,764 million. However, the global economic outlook remained uncertain due to increased trade barriers and policy uncertainty. This, combined with the risk of further protectionism, could add to inflationary pressures and dampen growth in global economic activity. In the energy market, the rising global electricity demand is driving the need for new power generation capacity. The ongoing global energy transition is expected to continue, with renewables meeting most of the upcoming capacity growth, as these are the most affordable way to generate electricity. This trend will continue to support the demand for Wärtsilä's balancing power offering, which includes both engine power plants and battery energy storage systems. However, the US market for battery energy storage is currently facing challenges due to increased tariffs, leading to heightened competition in other markets.

Baseload generation remains a consistent source of demand for engine power plants, particularly in remote areas and locations where grid power access is uncertain or time sensitive. For example, in the second quarter,

we secured a large EPC order to supply 12 Wärtsilä 50 engines and auxiliaries for the Reko Diq copper-gold mining project in Pakistan. The solution will provide a critically needed reliable and economical power supply, enabling mining operations to function efficiently. Our medium-speed engines also provide an excellent baseload solution for data centres, a rapidly expanding market with unique power requirements. I am very pleased to highlight the fact that we secured our first data centre order from the US during the second quarter. We will supply a total of 15 Wärtsilä 50 engines ensuring high availability of power. The data centre segment continues to offer interesting business potential for Wärtsilä in both equipment and services. In the marine market, the uncertain global economic outlook has dampened demand for new ship capacity in 2025. Slowing demand for tonnage, coupled with uncertainties in global trade policies and a strong supply of new ships, has led to mixed market conditions across many vessel segments. However, activity in Wärtsilä's key segments, such as cruise and ferry, remains supportive. In April, the 83rd session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization proposed a set of measures to drive the decarbonisation of global shipping. Although these measures are still awaiting adoption in October 2025, they underscore

the regulatory push to reduce emissions and encourage shipowners to continue their investments in decarbonisation. During the first half of 2025, 183 orders for new alternative fuel capable vessels were reported, accounting for 55% of the capacity of contracted vessels. Wärtsilä continues to play an important role in the maritime industry's decarbonisation efforts, exemplified by the launch of our carbon capture solution during the second quarter. This innovative technology supports the ongoing efforts to significantly reduce vessel emissions and avoid stranded assets. During the quarter we also announced that we will expand our state-of-the-art Sustainable Technology Hub in Vasa, Finland, with a €50 million total investment. Expanding the R&D testing and manufacturing capacity will enhance Wärtsilä's ability to meet the growing demand for developing and delivering sustainable technologies in marine and energy. Order intake in the second quarter increased organically by 20%. Equipment order intake increased as a result of strong equipment orders in Energy and Marine. Service order intake decreased mainly due to lower project-oriented activities in retrofits and upgrades. All other service disciplines continue to grow, with rolling 12-month book-to-bill ratios above 1. Net sales increased organically by 13%, with increases in both equipment and service net sales. The comparable operating

result increased by 18% to EUR 207 million, representing 12.0% of net sales. The result was supported by increases in Energy, Marine and Portfolio Business. Cash flow from operating activities almost doubled, following the improved result and a good level of received customer payments. The current negative working capital level is very favourable for our business, and we expect it to normalise going forward. We will continue our active efforts to manage working capital to maintain it clearly below the long-term historical average. We expect the demand environment for the coming 12 months to be better than in the comparison period in Marine and Energy Storage, while the demand environment in Energy is expected to remain at a similar level. It is worth noting that order intake in Energy has been very strong over the past 12 months. However, as we have outlined, the current high external uncertainties make forward-looking statements challenging. We are making continued progress towards our financial targets, driven by our focus on supporting our customers towards a marine and energy future that is both environmentally sustainable and financially viable. Our strong financial position, industry-leading offering and mindset of continuous improvement equip us to navigate future challenges and capture the many opportunities offered by the decarbonization transformation."

## Shriram Wealth partners with Round Table India for Financial Literacy and Philanthropic Initiatives

**Pune (Voice news service):-** In a unique initiative that blends financial wisdom with social purpose, Shriram Wealth Limited and Round Table India (RTI), a renowned non-profit organisation focused on community development, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote financial awareness among RTI members, and contribute to Philanthropic initiatives across India. The partnership is built on a shared belief that nation-building requires strong personal foundations. Shriram Wealth through this partnership is also enabling its clients to participate in various Philanthropic and CSR

initiatives undertaken by RTI across the country. The collaboration reflects Shriram Wealth's commitment to meaningful engagement by sharing its financial expertise not only with members of Round Table India, but also with communities at large—empowering them to make informed financial decisions for a more secure future. "At Shriram Wealth, we've always believed that financial empowerment is not a privilege — it's a responsibility," said Vikas Satija, MD & CEO of Shriram Wealth. "Through this collaboration with Round Table India, we aim to strengthen the personal financial journeys of

those who are already driving change in society. It's about offering 'Wealth, Your Way' — solutions that respect individual goals, values, and aspirations." Round Table India has been at the forefront of community upliftment through its extensive work in education, healthcare, and infrastructure support. With thousands of active members across the country, it has consistently championed causes that touch lives across society. "Round Table India has always focused on building the nation through service and fellowship," said Tr. Rachit Bansal, National President

of Round Table India. "This collaboration with Shriram Wealth brings in a new dimension to that journey — by encouraging our members to invest in themselves while continuing their work in society. We are glad to have found a like-minded partner who understands that creating impact begins with financial stability." Shriram Wealth through this joint effort will engage with broad spectrum of stakeholders through facilitated interactions and offer personalised financial solutions tailored to their individual needs. It reflects a deep alignment of values between the two organisations — both rooted in trust, integrity, and long-term vision.

## Ryan International Academy and Rotary Club Plant 1,200 Saplings Across Pune in a Major Green Initiative

Pune: In a significant step toward nurturing environmental stewardship among India's youth, Ryan International Academy has partnered with The Rotary Club of Pune Camp to roll out a large-scale tree plantation drive across Four campuses in Pune including RIA Wagholi, RIA Hinjawadi and both RIA (CBSE) and RIS (ICSE) campus in Bavdhan Under the 'Each One, Plant One' initiative, more than 1,200 fruit-bearing saplings were planted by Rotarians and Ryan students this week at campuses in The initiative comes under the 12-point vision of Dr. A.F. Pinto, Chairman of Ryan Group of Institutions, based on the international theme: "Our Land. Our Future. We are #GenerationRestoration" — emphasizing the

crucial importance of afforestation and nature restoration efforts in halting climate change and land degradation. This school philosophy of environmental stewardship is already well ingrained at all the Schools. From planting saplings on birthdays, to working actively on recycling and e-waste management, the school makes sustainability a part of everyday learning. "At Ryan Schools, environmental responsibility is woven into our everyday culture. Inspired by our Chairman Sir's vision for a greener, safer planet, we have made planting not just a symbolic act but a meaningful habit. From asking students to plant saplings on their birthdays to making it a point that all the events including external guests are started with

the planting of a tree, we are teaching our students the importance of giving back to nature. Whether it's managing e-waste, recycling plastics, or simply nurturing green spaces in and around the school, we are committed to raising environmentally conscious citizens who grow up with purpose and empathy for the planet." John Alex, Vice President, Ryan Education Services Pvt. Ltd. This week's Pune plantation drive across campuses in Wagholi, Hinjawadi, and Bavdhan saw fruit-bearing saplings such as Mango, Jamun, Jackfruit, Guava, Rose Apple, Star Fruit and others. All 1,200 saplings were donated by Mr. Ravishankar Dakoji, and notable Rotarians helped plant them on the four campuses. Mr. Neil Michael Joseph—

Director, Baghirathi Group and Happiness in Transit mentioned, "This initiative, inspired by Rotarian Ravi Shankar Dakoji's vision, is rooted in gratitude — a way to thank nature for all that it provides. Through 'Each One, Plant One', we aim not only to plant trees but to sow values of responsibility and environmental consciousness in young minds. When children nurture a sapling, they form a lifelong bond with nature, understanding the true meaning of sustainability. With a target of planting one crore saplings across India and having already created the 1,500-acre Dakoji Rotary Forest in Challakere, this is more than a green mission, it's a movement to build a generation that grows up with both roots in the earth and responsibility in their hearts."

## Innovative Education is the Key to National Progress



Pune: The 21st century has redefined the meaning of education. It is no longer limited to universities, laboratories, or the pursuit of degrees. Education has now become a powerful tool for national development. To realize the vision of a Developed India @2047, students must be equipped with an education that enables them to solve real-world problems in science, technology, engineering, and other critical sectors. India has always progressed through bold and visionary thinking, and students today must rise to the challenge by

contributing their best to their chosen fields, said Prof. Dr. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. He was addressing students during the 10th Vidyarambh-25 inaugural ceremony held at MIT Art, Design & Technology University, Vishwarajbaug, Pune. Also present on the dais were Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Founder-President of MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions, Prof. Dr. Mangesh Karad, Executive President of MIT-ADT University, Prof. Dr. Rajesh S., Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Sunita Karad, Executive Director, Dr. Vinayak Ghaisas, Executive Director, Dr. Ramchandra Pujeri, Pro-Vice Chancellor, and Dr. Mohit Dubey, along with directors of all departments of

the university. Dr. Karandikar emphasized that, as Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam once said, students should dare to dream big — because even the failures that arise from big dreams become milestones. He appreciated the state-of-the-art 150+ acre campus of MIT-ADT University and its innovative initiatives like "CRIEYA", Research and Development Centers, and more. He expressed his delight to learn that over 75 research projects are currently active on campus. The ceremony, which began with a World Peace Prayer, concluded with the National Anthem. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. Dr. Rajesh S., and the vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Mohit Dubey. Anchoring of the event was done by Prof.

Shraddha Wagharkar and Dr. Ashok Ghughe. Highlight: "The World's Eyes Are Now on India" – Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad In his presidential address, Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad mesmerized the audience with his life story. "As a student, I used to graze cattle and dream of becoming a high-ranking officer in the city. Dreams do come true if pursued with conviction," he said. He also shared his experience from his visit to the United States and observed, "Today, the whole world is looking towards India. In a time when the world is gripped with unrest, wars, and uprisings, Indian culture holds the strength to offer a path of peace, happiness, and spiritual fulfilment to humanity."