



Toshiba Invites Innovators to Shape the Future of IoT at GridDB Cloud IoT Hackathon

Pune (Voice news service):- Toshiba Digital Solutions Corporation, together with Toshiba Software India Pvt. Ltd., is pleased to announce the first ever GridDB Cloud IoT Hackathon, a two-day, in-person event that will take place in Bengaluru, India from January 31 to February 1, 2026. The hackathon invites startups, students, and developers to take on the challenge of developing real-time IoT applications using GridDB® Cloud, Toshiba's fully managed time-series database available on Microsoft Azure Marketplace.

Toshiba is organizing the hackathon to promote the capabilities of GridDB® Cloud, which became available worldwide in April this year. GridDB® Cloud serves as a core data infrastructure for digital transformation, enabling organizations to collect and analyze large volumes of data, uncover valuable insights, and drive new business initiatives. Rapid data ingestion, low-latency querying, and robust reliability make it a stand-out into supporting real-time analytics and

mission-critical operations across industries. Hackathon participants will have the opportunity to develop and prototype IoT solutions that address real-world challenges in areas as diverse as smart manufacturing, energy, mobility, and healthcare. The top five teams will be selected as finalists from a pool of online submissions. Once selected, they will receive direct technical support and mentorship from GridDB® engineers during the onsite event, helping them deepen their expertise in time-series data management and cloud-native development. Finalists will present their proofs-of-concept to a panel of judges, with outstanding projects eligible for additional support and recognition.

Throughout the hackathon, participants can get hands-on experience with the latest IoT technologies, connect with fellow innovators, and receive valuable feedback. The event offers a unique chance to grow technical skills, expand professional networks, and make a meaningful impact in the IoT field.

POWERGRID and Toshiba launch India's First Indigenous 220kV Mobile GIS (m-GIS) System

Pune (Voice news service):- In a landmark achievement for India's power transmission sector, country's first indigenous manufactured 220kV Mobile Gas-Insulated Switchgear (m-GIS) System was delivered to Power Grid Corporation of India (POWERGRID) by Toshiba Transmission & Distribution Systems (India) Private Limited (TTDI).

The launch reaffirms POWERGRID's leadership in promoting technological innovation, standardization, and indigenization in India's transmission network. The 220kV m-GIS System is designed and built fully in line with POWERGRID's operational requirements.

The system was formally flagged off from TTDI's manufacturing facility in Telangana, in the presence of Shri Vamsi Rama Mohan Burra (Director – Projects), Shri Rajil Srivastava (ED – Asset Management), and Shri Abhay Kumar (CGM-I/C Engineering). Gas-Insulated Switchgear (GIS) is a compact and highly reliable system used for safe and efficient high-voltage power distribution, especially in space-constrained environments.

Recognizing the need for mobility and rapid response, POWERGRID played a piv-



otal role in conceptualizing and defining the technical contours of a mobile GIS (m-GIS) solution. Developed and manufactured by TTDI under POWERGRID's initiative, the m-GIS offers rapid deployment and enhances grid flexibility, resilience, and disaster-readiness.

The 220kV m-GIS meets POWERGRID's stringent design, quality, and performance criteria, enables fast grid restoration, temporary power evacuation, and substation augmentation with minimal infrastructure and time. Its modular "Connect-Disconnect-Redeploy" feature ensures operational agility, making it a game-changer for handling emergency and flexible grid needs.

The m-GIS solution is designed to accommodate on standard trailer dimensions

and curated to meet the necessary electrical clearances and mechanical stresses during its transportation and deployment.

"We are proud to collaborate with POWERGRID in making this milestone possible and realize an indigenous solution to support the critical applications and needs in EHV GRID network in India. Reinforcing our Make in India commitment, the delivery of the first-of-its-kind Mobile 220kV m-GIS Solution in India is a remarkable achievement for us.

TTDI is at the forefront of providing special, unique and customized solutions to bring value to critical needs and unique applications of our customers. The m-GIS solution delivered to POWERGRID is fully customized and is adeptly tailored for var-

ious applications to improve resilience in network(s). The 220kV m-GIS showcases our competence and realizes the endeavor of "Make in India". To strengthen India's power infrastructure, we will continue to roll out more m-GIS solutions", remarked Mr. Hiroshi Furuta, Chairman and Managing Director, TTDI.

The m-GIS solution combines high-voltage reliability with strategic financial efficiency, making it ideal for utilities, renewable energy projects, and disaster recovery operations where mobile, fast, and reliable power evacuation solutions are essential, a future-ready investment for resilient power infrastructure. These m-GIS solutions are poised to be a game changer in addressing project requirements during construction and to maintain high availability of power system in operation phase.

TTDI will continue its journey of a series of firsts in m-GIS solutions in India, by manufacturing India's First indigenous 400kV Mobile Gas-Insulated Switchgear (GIS) System for POWERGRID, expected to be delivered during August' 2026. Apart from this, indigenous 132kV m-GIS Solution is also lined up for delivery to POWERGRID during November' 2025.

Kotak811 launches 3 in 1 super account: Save, Spend, Borrow & Earn – All in One

Pune (Voice news service):- Kotak811, India's leading digital banking platform, has launched the 3 in 1 super account – a savings account, a fixed deposit, and a secured credit card with super.money, all in one place. This is a proposition built for Core India – a large and growing segment of everyday Indians who want simple, digital-first financial tools. It includes salaried individuals, digital natives, students, first jobbers, and more. These are users who want to start small, stay in control, and get more out of their money. The 3 in 1 super account is designed to meet their needs with one easy-to-use solution.

Manish Agarwal, Head – Kotak811, said: "The 3 in 1 super account brings saving, spending, and borrowing together in one place. It's built for people who want to manage money better without paperwork or complexity. It's simple, secure, and designed for everyday use."

What you get with the 3 in 1 super account:

- Start with ₹1,000: Open an FD and get started

- Earn more: Interest on your FD + cashback on spends
- Use UPI on credit: Pay like you always do, and earn rewards
- Secured Kotak811-super.money credit card: Backed by your FD, with no income proof required
- No paperwork: 100% digital onboarding
- Stay in control: Your FD sets your spending limit

"Our audience intersects with Kotak811's – digital-first users who want things to be easy and rewarding. We're blending trusted banking with digital-first innovation to make credit as effortless as payments". said Prakash Sikaria, founder, super.money.

Jay Kotak, Co-Head – Kotak811, added: "Kotak811 serves a wide Core India audience that's looking for practical ways to move forward financially. These users are digital-savvy but cautious with credit. They want control, clarity, and value. The 3 in 1 super account fits that behaviour perfectly—it's easy to start, easy to use, and helps people build confidence with their money."

Galaxy AI Expands Support to 22 Languages

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. today announced the upcoming expansion of two new languages for Galaxy AI[1]: Filipino and Gujarati. This expanded language support began rolling out from October 29.

With this new update, Galaxy AI will support a total of 22[2] languages, strengthening Samsung's ongoing commitment to lowering language barriers and bringing meaningful mobile AI experiences to more people.

As Galaxy AI continues to evolve, users in even more regions can now access its suite of intelligent features designed to make communication and productivity easier and more intuitive in everyday life.

With Live Translate[3]'s real-time, two-way voice and text translations, calls become seamless across borders, ensuring conversations feel natural wherever users are.

Interpreter[4] translates in-person conversations instantly through a split-screen view, perfect for ordering at restaurants or asking for directions when traveling abroad.

Chat Assist[5] fine-tunes messages for any situation, offering tailored suggestions that strike the right tone – professional, friendly or playful – and match users' intent.

Note Assist[6] can generate summaries and pre-formatted templates that help users stay organized and streamline daily tasks, from quick notes to project outlines.

Transcript Assist[7] helps transcribe, summarize and translate voice recordings of everything from meetings and lectures to creative sessions with ease.

Browsing Assist[8] keeps users up to date on what matters most, summarizing news articles and webpages into quick, easy reads.

These features were created with deep linguistic understanding and regional insight to ensure Galaxy AI adapts naturally to the ways people

communicate. The Gujarati and Filipino languages were developed in close collaboration with Samsung Research centers in India and Indonesia, respectively. Their ongoing work advancing localized language models continues to shape Galaxy AI's global rollout.

"The addition of Gujarati to Galaxy AI is a significant milestone in our mission to democratize AI in India, which has a diverse linguistic landscape. By adding Gujarati to our spectrum, we are enabling the native speakers to seamlessly use popular Galaxy AI features such as Call Assist and Interpreter - all powered by our advanced on-device AI technology. As we continue expanding Galaxy AI's linguistic reach, we remain committed to creating technology that serves India's multilingual heritage while empowering communities to thrive in an interconnected world," said Giridhar Jakki, Senior Director and Head of Language AI Team at Samsung R&D Institute India, Bengaluru.

Galaxy AI has quickly become part of daily routines for millions of users around the world. At the Galaxy AI Forum earlier this year, Samsung shared that more than 70 percent of Galaxy S25 users regularly engage with Galaxy AI and Google Gemini features, with nearly half (47%) of consumers today relying heavily on AI in their day-to-day lives. The percentage of Galaxy S25 users engaging with Galaxy AI is a staggering 91 percent in India.

Samsung's ongoing commitment to democratize the power of mobile AI continues to drive this rapid global adoption, as more consumers integrate Galaxy AI into how they communicate, learn and stay productive every day. Since its debut with the Galaxy S24 series, Galaxy AI has been expanding at an unprecedented pace. After reaching 200 million devices in 2024, Samsung is now on track to bring Galaxy AI to over 400 million devices by the end of 2025.

Tata Motors partners with THINK Gas to advance India's LNG Trucking Ecosystem

Pune (Voice news service):- Tata Motors, India's largest commercial vehicle manufacturer, has signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) with THINK Gas, India's leading City Gas Distribution player, to strengthen the LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) refueling ecosystem for long-haul and heavy-duty trucking in the country. The partnership aims to enhance infrastructure readiness, build greater awareness around fuel quality, and enable wider adoption of LNG-powered commercial vehicles, accelerating the transition towards cleaner and more decarbonised freight operations.

As part of this collaboration, Tata Motors will work closely with THINK Gas to identify potential freight corridors and logistics clusters for LNG infrastructure expansion. THINK Gas will focus on maintaining high standards of fuel quality and supply reliability, ensuring optimal vehicle performance and efficiency. Exclusive benefits, including preferential pricing, will also be extended to Tata Motors customers.

Speaking on the partnership, Mr. Rajesh Kaul, Vice President & Business Head –



Trucks, Tata Motors, said, "As India advances towards sustainable and efficient freight movement, LNG presents a compelling solution for long-haul and heavy-duty trucking. Recognising its potential early on, we have developed robust solutions that deliver higher fuel efficiency, reduced emissions, and superior performance.

Through this partnership with THINK Gas, our goal is to strengthen ecosystem readiness – ensuring reliable access to refuelling infrastructure and enabling fleet operators to adopt LNG with

confidence. This collaboration marks another step forward in our commitment to advancing cleaner, future-ready mobility solutions for India's commercial vehicle industry."

Representing THINK Gas, Mr. Somil Garg, Senior Vice President and Business Head (LNG Fuel), said, "At THINK Gas, our aim is to make cleaner fuels accessible and affordable across India. Partnering with Tata Motors, a leader in advancing alternate-fuel mobility will help us strategically scale our expansion. Supported by our global in-

vestors –I-Squared Capital, Osaka Gas, Sumitomo Corporation, Konoike Transport, JOIN, we remain committed to building a robust, safe, and sustainable LNG network nationwide."

Tata Motors is at the forefront of developing innovative mobility solutions powered by alternative fuel technologies such as battery electric, CNG, LNG, hydrogen internal combustion, and hydrogen fuel cell. The company offers a robust portfolio of alternate-fuel powered commercial vehicles across various segments, including small commercial vehicles, trucks, buses and vans.

THINK Gas currently operates 18 Liquefied and Compressed Natural Gas (LCNG) stations, with several additional stations under development. Its proposed LCNG corridor is designed to connect key industrial hubs, agricultural regions, and logistics centres across the country. The corridor will cater to critical transport routes enabling efficient and reliable LNG fuelling access for fleets operating across manufacturing, warehousing, export, and agricultural supply chains.

Bajaj Finserv Mutual Fund Crosses 1 Million Folios, Reinforcing Investor Trust and Growth Momentum

Pune: Driven by its commitment to innovation, disciplined investing, and long-term value creation for investors, Bajaj Finserv Mutual Fund has achieved a key milestone in its journey, crossing the 1 million investor folios mark across its mutual fund schemes in just over two years since launch. The achievement reflects Bajaj Finserv Asset Management Limited's steady progress, growing investor trust, and focus on delivering differentiated investment solutions.

Speaking on the milestone, Ganesh Mohan, Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Asset Management Limited said, "Crossing the milestone of 1 million folios marks a significant achievement – not just for us, but our investors as well. It reflects the trust placed in our investor-first philosophy and performance-driven solutions. We remain steadfast in our commitment to delivering transparent, research-backed investment strategies that empower individuals to achieve their financial aspirations. By integrating human expertise with quantitative analytics, we navigate market complexities with precision, always keeping investor outcomes at the core of our decisions. This milestone inspires us to further innovate, enhance our offerings, and strengthen our engagement with the investor

community.

The company's strategy is anchored in innovation, win-win partnerships, and a future-ready business model driven using data and technology platforms. Its focus on digital enablement and providing a seamless investor experience through diverse channels including WhatsApp, Empower, Savings+ has played a pivotal role in attracting a diverse investor base across geographies.

What truly differentiates Bajaj Finserv AMC is its investment philosophy, which seeks to combine all sources of alpha – the Information edge, Quantitative edge, and Behavioural edge – within a proprietary framework called 'INQUEB'.

Since the launch of its first scheme in June 2023, Bajaj Finserv AMC has grown significantly in both size and scope, with a total AUM of ₹28,814.16 crore (as on 30th September 2025)". Simultaneously, the company continues to build on its mission of financial inclusion and long-term wealth creation, offering a diversified suite of mutual fund schemes tailored to evolving investor needs. Within a short period of time, the fund house already manages 17 active schemes (8 Equity, 5 Debt, and 4 Hybrid), along with 5 passive schemes.

Madhya Pradesh Travel Mart 2025: The Grand Confluence of Tourism in the Heart of India

Pune (Voice news service):- Under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, Madhya Pradesh is set to establish itself as a world-class tourism destination with the organization of the Madhya Pradesh Travel Mart (MPTM) 2025.

The event will bring together domestic and international buyers, sellers, travel agents, film representatives, and key stakeholders from across the tourism sector on a single platform.

Organized by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, this three-day event will host over 700 participants, including more than 80 foreign tour operators from 27 countries, 150 domestic tour operators, 355 sellers, film representatives, and media professionals. It will be India's largest state-level travel mart, positioning Madhya Pradesh on the global map as the "Heart of Incredible India."

Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Tourism, Culture, and Religious Trusts & Endowments, Shri Dhar-

mendra Bhav Singh Lodhi, stated that in collaboration with FICCI this will be one of the largest state-level travel marts in the country. It will connect the state's hoteliers, travel and tour operators, homestay owners, and other tourism stakeholders (sellers) with prominent domestic and international buyers, including major hoteliers and tour operators. This initiative will not only increase tourist inflow into Madhya Pradesh but will also open new avenues of economic growth in the tourism sector and create local employment opportunities.

A Major Step Towards Establishing Madhya Pradesh on the Global Tourism Map

Shri Sheo Shekhar Shukla, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Tourism, Culture, Home, and Religious Trusts & Endowments, and Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, stated that Madhya Pradesh Travel Mart 2025 will showcase the state's diverse tourism offerings – heritage, wildlife, rural culture, handicrafts, cuisine, and film tourism – under one roof.

Young Innovators from Bharat Shine at Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2025; Win INR 1 Crore to Build AI-Powered Solutions for a Better India

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung, India's largest consumer electronics brand, today announced the winners of Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2025, the fourth edition of its national education programme that challenges young students to use technology to create real-world solutions for pressing challenges in their local communities.

The Top Four winning teams – Percevia (Bengaluru), NextPlay.AI (Aurangabad), Paraspeak (Gurugram), and Prithvi Rakshak (Palamu) – received INR 1 crore in incubation grants and will continue to develop their prototypes into scalable real-world solutions with mentorship support at IIT Delhi's FITT Labs.

The jury panel brought together Samsung leadership and experts from across academia, government, and industry to evaluate the finalists' solutions across four thematic tracks – AI for a Safer, Smarter, and Inclusive Bharat; Future of Health, Hygiene, and Well-being in India; Environmental Sustainability via Technology; and Social Change through Sport and Tech.

This year's Samsung Solve for Tomorrow witnessed thousands of participants from across India presenting bold, human-centered ideas that blended innovation with purpose. For the first time, finalists

also gained hands-on access to FITT's advanced R&D infrastructure, refining their concepts before the Grand Finale. Winning Innovations That Redefine Possibility

Percevia (Bengaluru): An AI-powered wearable glasses system that identifies objects, announces their location through a 33-grid voice and vibration feedback, providing real-time spatial awareness for the visually impaired.

NextPlay.AI (Aurangabad): A mobile-first AI platform for sports that integrates an AI Virtual Coach, AI Referee, and Neuro-Inclusive Tracker, ensuring fairness, access, and inclusion for athletes – anytime, anywhere.

Paraspeak (Gurugram): A real-time, speaker-independent speech enhancement device that converts slurred speech (dysarthria) into clear communication using deep-learning algorithms, helping individuals communicate confidently.

Prithvi Rakshak (Palamu): A community-driven green app that encourages sustainable living through tree adoption, recycling, and gamified eco-actions – promoting environmental awareness across India.

Empowering India's Young Innovators

At the Grand Finale in New Delhi, winners were chosen after a rigorous six-month

journey that included multiple mentorship rounds, prototype development, and bootcamps. The Top 20 finalist teams also received INR 1 lakh each and the latest Samsung Galaxy Z Flip smartphones for their creativity and commitment to building a better world.

Additionally, the event presented five special awards: Goodwill Awards (2) – INR 1,00,000 each

Young Innovator Awards (2) – INR 1,00,000 each

Social Media Champion Award – INR 50,000

Building India's Innovation Ecosystem

Through multi-year partnerships with Startup India (DPIIT), MeitY Startup Hub, and Atal Innovation Mission (NITI Aayog), Samsung continues to strengthen India's youth innovation pipeline – creating opportunities for young changemakers from every corner of Bharat.

"Over the years, Samsung Solve for Tomorrow has built an innovation architecture that democratizes technology and celebrates creativity from every part of India.

This year, too, we witnessed extraordinary ideas emerging from small towns and rural communities – reaffirming that talent knows no boundaries. Our vision is to keep using technology for good – mentoring, resourcing, and empow-

Global Fashion with Mafatlat Apparels

Pune: Mafatlat Industries Limited (MIL), the flagship company of the Arvind Mafatlat Group and one of India's oldest and most trusted textile institutions, announced its foray into Mafatlat Apparel Exports Pvt. Ltd. (MAE). This strategic move marks MIL's transition from being a leading textile and institutional supplier to a full-fledged contemporary apparel brand, reinforcing its 120-year legacy with a modern, global outlook.

Building on its reputation for quality and craftsmanship, Mafatlat Apparels will

cater to a wide spectrum of fashion and casual apparel categories. The initial focus will be on everyday fashion and casual wear designed to meet the aspirations of global markets and leading multinational brands. With this launch, Mafatlat reinforces its commitment to "Make in Bharat for the World", blending heritage, innovation, value creation, and responsibility to deliver apparel that resonates with both domestic and global markets. The venture represents both strategic and financial significance.



Cinépolis and Fanta bring a spooky twist to movie nights this Halloween

Pune (Voice news service):- Cinépolis India, the country's first international cinema exhibitor, has partnered with Fanta to introduce an exclusive Halloween Combo for moviegoers across India. The limited-period offer brings together Fanta's playful spirit and Cinépolis' premium cinema experience, creating

a refreshing and immersive experience for its patrons to celebrate Halloween. Running from October 24 through November 6, the combo features Nachos + Fanta with unlimited refills, served in specially designed Halloween-themed cups. The campaign captures the fun of the spooky season with the theme — "Sip the Spook.

Snack the Fun." Speaking about the partnership, Devang Sampat, Managing Director, Cinépolis India said, "At Cinépolis, we believe in turning every visit to the cinema into an experience that connects with our audiences. Collaborations like this with Fanta allow us to engage with our younger patrons in ways that are playful yet experien-

tial. As India's festive calendar becomes more diverse, we see growing interest in global cultural moments like Halloween, and we are excited to bring that spirit alive within our cinemas." The offer is available across Cinépolis cinemas pan-India, except at Cinépolis Ireo, Cinépolis Savitri, and Cinépolis VIP locations.

Tips Music Releases "Meherbaan"

Aditya Rikhari's Energetic New Indi Pop Track

Pune (Voice news service):- Tips Music Ltd. is excited to announce the release of "Meherbaan," an energetic Indi Pop track that showcases the versatile talent of Aditya Rikhari. Following the success of their super hit collaboration "Raatein Guzaari," Tips Music and Aditya Rikhari join forces once again to deliver this high-energy number. Dropping today across all major streaming platforms, "Meherbaan" is set to become the soundtrack for celebrations and good times. "Meherbaan" marks an impressive showcase of Aditya Rikhari's creative range, as he takes on triple duty as

the singer, lyricist, and music composer. The track is produced by Ravator, bringing together fresh sounds and infectious beats that capture the spirit of contemporary Indi Pop. With its upbeat tempo and vibrant energy, "Meherbaan" is designed to get listeners moving and create an instant party atmosphere. The song delivers a perfect blend of catchy melodies and pulsating rhythms, making it an ideal addition to any party playlist. Aditya Rikhari's dynamic vocals paired with compelling lyrics create a track that resonates with music lovers who appreciate feel-good, energetic music.

Mr. Kumar Taurani, Managing Director of Tips Music Ltd, shared, "At Tips Music, continually seek out fresh talent and compelling sounds that resonate deeply with our diverse listener base. 'Meherbaan' is exactly that kind of track — it's vibrant, youthful, and full of life. Aditya Rikhari is a truly exceptional talent who masterfully understands the pulse of today's audience. We are immensely proud to support and celebrate artists who are actively shaping the contemporary soundscape of India." Aditya Rikhari expressed, "Creating 'Meherbaan' has been an incredible journey

for me. This song represents everything I love about music — energy, emotion, and the power to bring people together. I wanted to craft something that instantly lifts your mood and makes you want to move. Kumar sir and Tips Music has given me the platform to share this with the world, and I'm grateful for their support. I hope 'Meherbaan' becomes a part of your celebrations and brings as much joy to you as it brought me while creating it." "Meherbaan" is now available for streaming on all major music platforms. Turn up the volume and let this energetic track take over your playlist!

Universe Boss Chris Gayle Joins Lanka Premier League 2025 as Brand Ambassador Ahead of Biggest Season Yet

Pune (Voice news service):- West Indies cricketing legend and "Universe Boss" Chris Gayle has joined the Lanka Premier League (LPL) as its official Brand Ambassador for the 2025 season, which is set to take place in July–August 2026, following the conclusion of key international series. The rescheduled timeline allows players and fans uninterrupted access to the thrill of the tournament as it enters its sixth and biggest season yet.

Gayle, regarded as one of the most dominant and entertaining players the game has ever seen, brings with him an unmatched legacy in international and franchise T20 cricket. His larger-than-life persona aligns perfectly with the LPL's growing reputation for high-intensity action, star power, and fan engagement. As the league continues to build on its suc-

cess, the inclusion of Gayle and the mid-year window together position the LPL to attract global attention and deliver an even more electrifying cricket experience. The 2016 ICC T20 Cricket World Cup winner expressed his excitement at taking up the new role. "It's an honour to be part of the Lanka Premier League as its Brand Ambassador. Sri Lanka has always shown me incredible love throughout my career, and now I'm looking forward to bringing the Universe Boss energy to the tournament. LPL is not just about cricket; it's about entertainment, young talent, and giving fans unforgettable experiences. I can't wait to be part of this journey and see the league reach even greater heights."

Gayle's record-breaking feats have made him a household name in world cricket. With more than 14,000 runs and 22 centuries in T20 cricket, he is the leading century-maker in the format. His 175* in the Indian Premier League remains the highest individual score in T20 history, and his blistering century off 30 balls is still the fastest ever. For the West Indies, he has delivered some of the game's most iconic performances, including a Test triple century (333), a double century in ODIs (215), and countless explosive innings in T20 internationals. His ability to turn games single-handedly has earned him a place among the legends of the sport.

Welcoming Gayle, (Samantha Dodanwela, Tournament Director) said, "Chris Gayle embodies the very spirit of the Lanka Premier League, the vibrancy, the entertainment, and the explosive energy. His charisma and global appeal mirror the dy-

namism we bring to the field every season. As the perfect face for a growing league, having the Universe Boss as our Brand Ambassador amplifies the excitement and elevates the LPL's stature on the global stage." The 2025 edition of the Lanka Premier League will see five franchises — Colombo, Dambulla, Galle, Jaffna and Kandy — battle it out across Colombo, Dambulla and Kandy before the playoffs decide the champion. Over three weeks of thrilling action, fans can expect world-class cricket, star-studded lineups, and now, the added spectacle of the Universe Boss driving the LPL forward.

With Chris Gayle as its Brand Ambassador, the 2025 season promises to be bigger, bolder and more impactful, both as a sporting contest and as a celebration of cricket's global spirit.

FIDE World Cup 2025 Opens in Goa; Tournament Trophy Named as Viswanathan Anand Cup in a Grand Opening Ceremony

Pune (Voice news service):- A vibrant celebration of India and Goa's rich culture — highlighted by a dazzling light and music show portraying the Spirit and Story of Chess — set the stage for the grand opening of the FIDE World Cup 2025 at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium on Friday. The ceremony also witnessed the World Cup trophy renamed as the Viswanathan Anand Cup — a masterpiece forged in brass and gold-plated to last a lifetime. The trophy stands as a testament to passion, precision, and perseverance, values synonymous with India's first world chess champion and his enduring legacy. It will serve as a rolling trophy, passed on to future champions of the FIDE World Cup. The tournament, commencing Saturday, November 1, will feature 206 players from 82 countries vying for the coveted title and three Candidates 2026 spots. The FIDE World Cup 2025 was officially declared open by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi through a letter read out by AICF President Nitin Narang, in which the Prime Minister conveyed his best wishes and said, "...As the Chess World Cup returns to the 'home of chess', it feels as though the game has come full circle. India's growing role as a host to major international sporting events continues and augurs well for both India and the world...I declare the FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 open!"



The ceremony was also graced by Hon. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon. Chief Minister of Goa Dr Pramod Sawant, Hon. Min-

ister for Art & Culture, Tribal Welfare and Sports & Youth Affairs of Goa Dr Ramesh Tawadkar, FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich, AICF President Nitin Narang, and many other dignitaries and top grand masters participating in the tournament were in attendance. While the dignitaries unveiled the World Cup trophy, GM Divya Deshmukh, the reigning Women's Chess World Cup winner performed the draw of colours ceremony to pick the colours players will be starting off in round 1 with. Since she picked black for number one player, D Gukesh, all odd number players will begin with black pieces in their matches tomorrow.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Mandaviya praised the AICF and Goa government for hosting the event in India and said, "The last time India hosted the FIDE World Cup we had less than 10 Grandmasters. Now we have 90 and India holds the Olympiad titles in both open and women category and the Women's World Cup title won by Divya Deshmukh. India has come a long way in these 23 years and I am confident that hosting this world cup will only help us produce more champions in the future."

The colourful ceremony began with a performance from Hormuzd Khambata Dance group, followed by 'Spirit of Goa' act by Hema Sardesai and a Quadrant Duo performance before the legendary Usha Uthup signed off the evening with one of her trademark performances. Addressing the gathering, Goa Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant said, "Goa is known for its warmth and hospitality and we are very happy to welcome the world's best chess players here. The state government is actively promoting sports tourism and hosting events like the FIDE World Cup would only boost our efforts further."

Speaking on the occasion, FIDE president Arkady Dvorkovich said, "It is absolutely right that the World Cup is returning to India after 23 years. India is not just the ancient home of chess, but one of the greatest modern powerhouses of chess in the world. I would like to thank the AICF for the great work they

have done so far and continue to do, which is exemplified by this event." According to the tournament format, the top 50 players have received a bye in the opening round, Turkey's GM Yagiz Kaan Erdogmus will be the highest ranked player in the opening round and will take on the lowest-ranked player in the tournament, CM Nagi Abugenda of Libya. Among the Indians, reigning world junior champion Pranav V will be the highest rated player in action in round 1. He will be facing Ala Eddine Boulrens of Algeria. Top seed and World Champion D Gukesh, second seed Arjun Erigaisi, last edition runners-up R Praggnanandhaa will only be seen in action from November 4.

AICF president Nitin Narang said, "The FIDE World Cup 2025 being held in India provides Indian players a great opportunity to showcase their skills on home turf. Apart from the direct qualifiers, we could also get a wild card for five more Indian players, taking the total Indian participation to 24, highest in the history of the tournament. It would be an icing on the cake if any of them can lift this coveted Cup on November 26."

16 teams for the 20th edition of Ankur Joglekar Memorial Inter IT Cricket Championship Cup 2025-26

Pune: A total of 16 teams from various leading IT companies of Pune and its vicinity will be seen in action at the 19th edition of "Ankur Joglekar Memorial" Inter IT Cricket Championship Cup 2025-2026 which is being organized by IDeaS a SAS Company from 1st November 2025. K. S. PRASHANT [Managing Director [India], IDeaS a SAS Company], MALLIKA JAMES [Finance Head IDeaS India] said that Ankur Joglekar lost his life in a fatal road accident in the year 2005, an employee of IDeaS company Ankur Joglekar was a good cricket player. He was a good all-rounder. He represented the State Squad for the Under-19 team and was on the probable list of the National Team of Vidharba.

AJM inter IT Cricket Tournament is just an initiative taken by IDeaS a SAS Company for the last 20 years to keep the memories of Ankur Joglekar alive and also to raise awareness about Safe Driving of Vehicles, Road Safety & Traffic Disciplines of Pune. This will be the 20th year of the AJM Inter IT Cricket T-20 Tourney organized in fond memories of their employee ANKUR JOGLEKAR by "IDeaS a sas Company". Top IT companies of Pune and vicinity including Infosys [Defending Champions 2024–25],TCS (Runners-up), Cognizant, Yardi, SS&CTechnologies, Deutsche Bank,KPIT, Amdocs, Cybage Software,Aurus Tech, Bosch Global Software Technologies, IDeaS, a SAS Company, CITI, FIS Global,

BritishPetroleum, and Alliance Bernstein. There will be 4 pools & in each pool, there will be 4 teams. Each team will be playing 3 League matches in the initial round. The matches will be played on a League cum Knockout basis. 2 teams leading the points chart from each pool will qualify for the "QUARTER FINAL Round" & then the "SEMI Finals", the best 2 teams will play the "GRAND FINALE" of the "AJM 2025-26" on 21st December 2025 Sunday. The venue of the matches is PCMC VARROC VENG-SARKAR GROUND, Thergoan, Pune & Hajare Ground, Moshi, Pune will be played only on Saturdays & Sundays. The tournament offers total prize money of Rs.85,000/- which consists of cash prizes

to the Winners Rs.50,000/-, Runners-Up Rs.30,000/-, Man of The Series Rs.5,000/-. The Tournament opening match will be played between Infosys and SS&C Technologies on 1st November 2025 (Saturday) at PCMC VARROC VENG-SARKAR GROUND, Thergoan, Pune. The inauguration will be graced by the presence of K. S. PRASHANT [Managing Director [India], IDeaS a SAS Company], Mallika James [Finance Head IDeaS India], Rajiv Nashikkar, Ex-MD & VP IDeaS India Operations], Wing Commander Uday Joglekar [President, Ankur Joglekar Memorial Foundation & Father of Ankur Joglekar], Vijay Joglekar [Vice President, Ankur Joglekar Memorial Foundation].

Decathlon Launches Kipsta RESIST Football Series for Diverse Indian Terrains

Pune (Voice news service):- Decathlon, a leading sports retailer, today announced the launch of the Kipsta RESIST football series, developed to meet the needs of footballers across India's diverse playing surfaces. Recognizing the variety of conditions, from hard, dry grounds to wet, uneven pitches, Decathlon developed the RESIST series under its sub-label, Kipsta, to provide

a durable and reliable option for players across the country. The Kipsta RESIST football series is designed to meet the demands of India's varied playing environments, offering durability and consistent performance across different surfaces. The launch reinforces Decathlon's commitment to providing footballers—from urban centers to semi-urban and rural areas, with high-quality, affordable, and

accessible equipment that suits India's growing football community. Speaking on the launch, Hans Peter Jensen, Sports Director, Decathlon India, says, "Football is more than a game—it's a celebration of passion, community and the joy of playing together. In India, the sport is experiencing a cultural rise, rooted in self-expression, shared enthusiasm and the thrill of being in the moment.

The Kipsta RESIST series embodies this spirit, designed for durability and performance on any surface, enabling players to move freely, play fearlessly, and stay connected to the love of the game. At Decathlon, we are proud to support this growing football community, helping players of all levels explore their potential, celebrate their talent and experience the true joy of football."

Bajaj Champions Tennis as Platinum Sponsor of Chennai Open 2025 Partners TNTA to support India's future tennis stars

Pune: Serving an ace to strengthen India's tennis future, the Bajaj Group today announced its Platinum Sponsorship of the Chennai Open 2025. The Bajaj Group also unveiled a partnership with the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA) to champion its player development programme - 'THE NEXT LEVEL' — dedicated to nurturing India's emerging tennis stars. As the Platinum Sponsor of the Chennai Open 2025, the Bajaj Group, one of India's largest and oldest business conglomerates, steps in to support excellence in Indian tennis.



The partnership with TNTA will amplify the impact of 'THE NEXT LEVEL' by providing crucial financial and infrastructural support to promising young players. Initially, Bajaj will support four young women players. In the coming years, Bajaj will support TNTA in developing a comprehensive pathway for

young tennis talent. Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman & Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv, said, "Tennis is more than a sport for us. It reflects the Bajaj spirit of fairness, agility and resilience. Our sponsorship of Chennai Open 2025 brings the excitement of world-class tennis to passionate fans and deepens our connect with them. Beyond the tournament, tennis also has the power to inspire young people. Together with TNTA, we are enabling budding talent to find the right mentorship and opportunity they need to ace the global

stage. This is part of our long-standing commitment to empowering youth — both on and off the court." Vijay Amritraj, President, TNTA, said, "We are delighted to welcome Bajaj as a Platinum Sponsor for the Chennai Open 2025. Further, TNTA's partnership with Bajaj for 'THE NEXT LEVEL' initiative stems from our shared vision of fostering inclusivity and access to tennis. With Bajaj's support, 'THE NEXT LEVEL' becomes a transformative platform. We are thrilled to see our young players receive the backing they

deserve, and we look forward to seeing them evolve into tennis stars in the international circuit." As part of 'THE NEXT LEVEL' Player Development Programme, the Bajaj Group will support a significant number of the top 10 promising tennis players, handpicked by TNTA to undergo intensive training, mentorship, and exposure to competitive tennis. The sponsorship ensures that every aspect of the players' development — from coaching and camps to equipment and travel — is fully funded for the next three years, until they transition into the next phase of their tennis careers. TNTA's 'THE NEXT LEVEL' programme is a part of Bajaj's commitment to contribute to India's growth by supporting youth in areas of academics, employment, entrepreneurship, health, talent nurturing and now - sport. The partnership with TNTA aims to inspire, elevate, and champion excellence in tennis.

FIDE World Cup 2025: Ganguly, Sadhwani, Karthik, Pranesh advance; Aronyak Ghosh upsets GM Bartel to force a tiebreak



Pune (Voice news service):- The experienced Surya Shekhar Ganguly, GM Raunak Sadhwani and GM Karthik Venkatraman scored comfortable victories while M Pranesh played out a draw to advance to the second round while IM Aronyak Ghosh defeated GM Mateusz Bartel of Poland to force a tie-breaker in the FIDE World Cup 2025 here on Sunday. The 42-year-old Ganguly, playing black, knew that Ahmazada had to take risks to draw level after losing the opening game and the Indian took control of the match by attacking from his opponent's king side and forced him to resign after just 28 moves and became the first Indian to advance to the second round, where he will face French GM

Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France. Karthik, who had drawn his opening game against GM Roberto Garcia Pantorja on Saturday, forced his opponent to resign after 39 moves to set up a second round clash against compatriot GM Aravindh Chithambaram VR. Also advancing to the next round was Sadhwani. The 19-year-old from Nagpur had managed to draw the opening game against FM Daniel Barrish of South Africa despite making errors. On Sunday, he made no mistakes to clinch a win with black pieces in 39 moves. While Ganguly, Sadhwani and Karthik won, 19-year-old Pranesh did not take any unnecessary risk against Kazakhstan's Satbek Akhmedinov and split



the point after 36 moves in a rook-pawn end game. The FIDE World Cup 2025 is played as a single-elimination knock-out tournament with 206 players from 82 countries vying for the coveted Viswanathan Anand Cup, named after the Indian legend. Meanwhile, GM Aronyak Ghosh, who lost the first game with black pieces against Bartel, came up with a solid middle game to take the upper hand and then made the advantage count to win the game in 41 moves to keep his campaign alive. Four other Indian players, Raja Rithvik R, Diptayan Ghosh, Lalit Babu MR and Narayanan SL will now be taking the rapid route to make it to the next round after they drew their respective games. Rithvik was

held to a draw by Kazakhstan's Kazybek Nogerbek in 30 moves in the second game on Sunday while Diptayan Ghosh, playing white, could not find a way past China's GM Peng Xiongjian after 39 moves. Meanwhile, wild card entrant Divya Deshmukh's campaign came to an end in the first round after she went down 0:2 against Greek GM Stamatis Kourkoulos-Arditis. Having lost the opening game with white pieces, the 19-year-old women's world cup champion needed a win to stay alive on Sunday. She tried her best to get past the format of Stamatis but ultimately had to accept defeat in a marathon 73-move game with her opponent's additional pawn in the endgame making the difference.

Pune mental health practitioner Dr. Sheetal Harpale conferred with the Rising Clinician Award,2025



Pune: Dr. Sheetal Uday Harpale, mental health practitioner at Noble Hospitals and Research Centre was recently conferred with the Rising Clinician Award,2025 by the The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) at it's 56th Annual Conference held recently in Portland Oregon, USA. This is a historic milestone as Dr. Harpale is the first Indian Art Therapist to be recognised with this prestigious award, marking a moment of global recognition for India's advancing art therapy movement.

Presented during the in-person sessions of the AATA Conference, the Rising Clinician Award honors emerging professionals whose clinical work demonstrates innovation, depth, and substantial impact.

The award plaque presented to Dr. Harpale bears the inscription "Serves as a Model of Excellence in Art Therapy," acknowledging her dedicated efforts in advancing mental health through creative and culturally responsive therapeutic methods.

Dr. Sheetal Uday Harpale said that "Being the first Indian to receive the Rising

Clinician Award is a humbling honour.

I am grateful to AATA, my mentors, patients and my family for this journey. This milestone belongs to every Indian art therapist pushing boundaries."

She added that Art therapy is gaining momentum across India as mental health awareness deepens in healthcare systems, corporate spaces, educational settings, and community programs. The practice is being recognized as a vital conduit for emotional regulation, trauma support, and neuro-aesthetic well-being. Despite this growth, more research is needed in domains such as clinical validation, neuro-aesthetic correlation, culturally adaptive tools, and outcome-based studies — areas.

Congratulating Dr. Harpale for her recognition, Dr. Divij Mane, Director Noble Hospitals and Research Centre said that this achievement extends beyond individual success; it shines a global spotlight on India's growing presence in the art therapy field, affirming the power of creative healing in a culturally diverse context. The achievement symbolizes the increasing resonance of Indian art therapy practices in international discourse.

With over ten years of dedicated mental health practitioner , Dr.Sheetal Harpale has integrated expressive arts, psychology, and neuro-aesthetics in clinical, corporate, and educational contexts Dr. Sheetal Uday Harpale is a

distinguished Indian Architect, Art Therapist, and Mental Health Consultant, widely recognized for her integrative work in mental wellbeing, neuro-aesthetics, and expressive art therapy. Dr. Harpale is empanelled as a Universal Accessibility Auditor by the Government of India, serves as a Mental Health and Neuro-aesthetic Consultant at the JCI-accredited Noble Hospital, and is also a professor at MIT ADT University. She is the Founder & Director of Canvas of Mind, a pioneering wellness initiative that conducts workshops for diverse populations, including corporate professionals, oncology patients, expecting couples, adolescents, children and senior citizens.

She is a consultant & counsellor at leading corporate/IT companies. A MENSAs member since 1994, she contributes to gifted education and intellectual development in India as the Editor of MENSAs India's Mind magazine and Vice President of the MENSAs Pune Chapter.

With a Bachelor's in Architecture, a Master's in Art Therapy, a Postgraduate Diploma in the Psychology of Gifted Individuals, and an Honorary Doctorate for her work in Human Consciousness, she is a dynamic educator, researcher, and international presenter who seamlessly bridges Eastern wisdom with evidence-based psychological practices to promote healing through neuro-aesthetic approaches.

Ruby Hall Clinic Reinforces Leadership in Advanced Stroke Care with Dual National Accreditations (NABH & QAI) and Next-Generation Diagnostic Technology

Pune: Ruby Hall Clinic has reaffirmed its position as a national leader in stroke care by becoming India's first hospital to receive dual accreditations from NABH(National Accreditation Board for Hospitals) and QAI (Quality and Accreditation Institute) for Advanced Stroke Care.

This milestone underscores the hospital's long-standing commitment to excellence, patient safety, and rapid response in managing life-threatening neurological emergencies.

Dr. Purvez Grant Chief Cardiologist, Chairman and Managing Trustee Ruby Hall Clinic, Dr Simon Grant Trustee Ruby Hall Clinic, Dr. Kapil Zirpe, Head of Neuro-Intensive Care Unit, Ruby Hall Clinic and Dr Sunil Bandishetty, Head Neurology dept. Stroke Team is overjoyed to receive NABH and QAI two prestigious accreditations for Advanced Stroke Care. The hospital is proud to be recognized as a national leader in acute stroke management and remains steadfast in its mission to deliver exceptional care with speed, accuracy, and compassion.

This milestone stands as a testament to the dedication, expertise, and teamwork of the entire medical and support staff. The hospital extends heartfelt gratitude to its incredible team for their relentless efforts and

commitment to excellence, ensuring that every stroke patient receives the best chance at recovery.

At the core of this achievement is Ruby Hall Clinic's Advanced Stroke Care Centre, which ensures that every minute counts from the moment a patient arrives. Further strengthening its diagnostic capabilities, Ruby Hall Clinic has introduced India's first Philips Ingenia Evolution 3T MRI with SmartSpeed™ AI technology, which provides high-resolution imaging three times faster than conventional MRI systems. The AI-powered platform enables six-minute brain angiograms, transforming how clinicians diagnose and treat stroke within the golden hour. Complementing this, the hospital's upgraded Siemens Force VB 30 (1152-slice) CT scanner offers CT perfusion imaging for rapid stroke assessment and treatment planning.

Dr. Purvez Grant Chief Cardiologist, Chairman and Managing Trustee Ruby Hall Clinic"These dual accreditations reaffirm Ruby Hall Clinic's leadership in advanced stroke care. We are committed to providing timely, affordable, and world-class treatment that saves lives and ensures faster recovery."

Dr. Simon Grant, Physician and Trustee, Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune, stated, "At

Ruby Hall Clinic, our goal is to ensure that no stroke patient loses precious time due to delays in diagnosis or treatment. These accreditations are a reflection of our unwavering commitment to clinical excellence and compassionate care. Every member of our stroke team plays a vital role in turning medical emergencies into success stories of recovery."

Dr. Kapil Zirpe, Head of Neuro-Intensive Care Unit, Ruby Hall Clinic, added, "Stroke care is truly a race against time. Our structured protocols, dedicated teams, and rapid response systems allow us to diagnose and treat within minutes, significantly improving survival and recovery outcomes.

About Ruby Hall Clinic: Ruby Hall Clinic is the flagship multi-disciplinary hospital of Grant Medical Foundation. Based in Pune, it has been recognized for its' 8 NABH certifications and accreditations in healthcare provided by the Quality Council of India, the 'Best Organ Transplant Centre' by the Government of India, and 'Best Medical Tourism Facility' by the President of India. Serving the community since 1959, Ruby Hall Clinic is a family of 4000 doctors and support staff, and a system of 3 hospitals with 850 beds, 24 diagnostic centres and an array of other health services.

Janaseva Award 2025 for Cochlea Pune for Hearing and Speech



Pune: The Janaseva Award, instituted by Janaseva Sahakari Bank, will this year be conferred upon Cochlea Pune for Hearing and Speech, an NGO dedicated to the rehabilitation of children with congenital hearing impairments. This information was given at a press conference by Dr. Rajendra Hiremath, Chairman, Janaseva Sahakari Bank, Ravi Tupe , Vice Chairman, Rajendra Valekar, Director,Rajan Wadke, Director, Sachin Shirude, Director and Shirish Polekar, Chief Executive Officer, Janaseva Sahakari Bank. Since the inception of the Janaseva Awards in 1998 , they have been presented annually as part of the bank's anniversary celebrations to honour organ-

isations offering exceptional service in the fields of social work, healthcare, education, and community service.

This year marks the 26th edition of the award and the 53rd anniversary of the bank. The award ceremony will be held on Saturday 1 November 2025 at Vitthal Tupe Theatre, Malwadi, Hadapsar, Pune – 411 028 (5.30 pm) . The recipient organisation will receive a cheque of ₹1,01,000/- along with a certificate of appreciation.

Chief Guest and Motivational Speaker, Shri. Ganesh Shinde,will address the attendees on the topic "Life is Beautiful" .The program will be chaired by Dr. Pravin Dabodghav, Prant Karyavah of RSS (Western Maharashtra).

First Indians to Qualify for Prestigious WTT Finals

India's table tennis stars Diya Chitale and Manush Shah have etched their names in history, becoming the first-ever Indian pair to qualify for the prestigious WTT Finals — the season-ending showcase that features the sport's very best. Diya, the reigning National Champion and highest-valued Indian padder at Ultimate Table Tennis Season 6, and Manush, the reigning Men's National Champion and one of India's most consistent international performers, have earned their spot at the WTT Finals Hong Kong 2025, to be held from December 10 to 14.

LinkedIn's 2025 Top Startups list reveals robotics, automotive tech, and digital content are powering Pune's engineering-driven startup ecosystem

Pune,: LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, has unveiled the 2025 LinkedIn Top Startups Pune List — an annual ranking of the emerging companies where careers can thrive.

The list, based on exclusive LinkedIn data on employee growth, engagement interest, job interest, and attraction of top talent, surfaces insights that can help local job seekers identify opportunities in the city.

Electric vehicle maker EMotorad (#1) leads the list, followed by quick-commerce unicorn Zepto (#2), which leads the

national Top Startups list, and SaaS-based digital lending platform Lentra (#3). Despite operating in different categories, all three are scaling rapidly and gaining significant market attention, signalling that deep technology, and operational excellence are the defining advantages of Pune's top-performing startups.

Pune continues to shine in the robotics sector, with startups like Peppermint Robotics (#4) and Unbox Robotics (#5) leading innovation in industrial automation and supply-chain efficiency. The city's tech ecosystem also ex-

tends its strength to mobility, with EMotorad (#1) and Matter (#8) underscoring Pune's growing reputation as a key hub for automotive innovation beyond four-wheelers. Featuring seven new entrants, the list highlights a dynamic mix of hardware and software innovators, underscoring Pune's continued evolution as a hub for tech and engineering-driven startups.

Commenting on this year's list, Nirajita Banerjee, LinkedIn Career Expert and Sr. Managing Editor, LinkedIn India News, said, "Pune's startup momentum is creat-

ing powerful opportunities for professionals, driven by a unique blend of engineering depth and product innovation. These companies are translating industrial expertise into scalable solutions across mobility, logistics, and enterprise software — areas that demand a blend of cutting-edge technical, analytical, and soft skills. For professionals, the top startups list offers the chance to find opportunities to work on globally relevant solutions and build careers at the forefront of India's next wave of industrial transformation."

Founder of Suryadatta Group, Prof. Dr. Sanjay B. Chordiya, honored with 'Padma Vibhushan Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi Lifetime Achievement Award 2025'

Pune (Voice news service):- Founder President of Suryadatta Education Foundation, Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay B. Chordiya has been conferred with the 'Padma Vibhushan Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi Lifetime Achievement Award 2025' for his remarkable contributions to education and industry. The award was presented by Padma Vibhushan Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi himself during the 8th Industry-Academia Annual Conference, jointly organized by the Federation for World Academics (FWA) and Education Post News (EPN) in New Delhi.

Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, a senior statesman and one of the principal architects of the Bharatiya Janata Party, served as BJP President between 1991 and 1993 and later as Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Science and Technology from 1998 to 2004. His visionary leadership in educational reform, scientific research, and value-based education continues to inspire academicians and students across generations.

Expressing gratitude upon receiving the honor, Prof. (Dr.) Chordiya said, "I am grateful



to receive this award in the name of Dr. Joshi and at his hands. Suryadatta Education Foundation was established during Dr. Joshi's tenure as Education Minister in 1999. His vision has been a guiding light for our journey. Receiving this award from him, and in his name, is a deeply emotional and proud moment for me."

Under the Suryadatta Education Foundation, a wide range of courses are offered in disciplines such as Business Management, Information Technology, Hotel Management, Fashion and Interior Design, Animation, Cyber Security, Physiotherapy, Law, Pharmacy, Nursing, Home Science,

Teacher Education, Arts, and Commerce.

Prof. Chordiya is widely recognized as a visionary educationist, management expert, motivational trainer, and social reformer. Through Suryadatta, he has consistently promoted accessible and quality education with a focus on holistic student development. His forward-looking approach has led Suryadatta Group of Institutes to become a leading center of learning, housing over 25 recognized schools, colleges, research centers, and innovation hubs. Known for blending global perspectives with Indian values, Prof. Chordiya has redefined the concept of effective

learning environments by integrating rigorous academic standards with experiential and industry-linked education. His mission is to develop confident, creative, and socially responsible students equipped for leadership in a rapidly changing world.

Along with Prof. Chordiya, Dr. G. Viswanathan (Chancellor, VIT Vellore), Prof. (Dr.) Samit Ray (Chancellor, Adamas University, Kolkata), Dr. Madhu Chitkara (Pro-Chancellor, Chitkara University, Chandigarh), and Dr. Niranjan Kumar (Vice-Chancellor, SDM University, Dharwad) were also felicitated.

The conference concluded with an inspiring address by Padma Vibhushan Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, urging educationists to embrace innovation and value-based transformation in higher education.

The theme of this year's conference was "Technology and Teaching-Learning: Challenges and Opportunities." The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Irfan Rizvi, President, FWA, while Prof. G. C. Tripathi, former Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University, delivered the keynote address.

World's Top Boxers Set for World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 as India Names Strong 20-Member Squad

Pune (Voice news service):- The stage is set for a global boxing spectacle as the World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 come to Greater Noida's Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex from November 14 to 21, bringing together over 140 elite boxers from 18 nations, including three Olympic medalists. A strong 20-member squad will represent India at the event, led by seasoned pugilists, as well as medalists from previous World Boxing competitions.

Donning the Indian colours will be ten men and ten women, headlined by former World Champion Nikhat Zareen (51kg), reigning World

Champion Jaismine Lamboria (57kg), reigning World Champion Minakshi (48kg), two-time Asian Champion Pooja Rani (80kg), Former World Champion Saweety Boora (75kg), and World Championship silver medalist Nupur Sheoran (80+kg). The men's contingent features an exciting mix of youth and experience, led by Hitesh (70kg) and Abhinash Jamwal (65kg), both medalists from the earlier World Boxing Cup stages this season.

The prestigious event will feature three Paris Olympic medalists—Aeji Im of South Korea and Wu Shih-Yi and Chen Nien-Chin of Chinese

Taipei—alongside multiple World Boxing Championships and World Cup gold medalists from around the world.

Speaking on the occasion, BFI President Ajay Singh said , "Hosting the World Boxing Cup Finals is a proud moment for Indian boxing and a reflection of how far we've come on the global stage. Bringing the world's top nations and Olympic medalists to compete here is not just an honour, but a testament to India's growing stature as a boxing powerhouse. Our athletes have shown they can stand shoulder to shoulder with the best, and this event gives them the perfect plat-

form to prove it once again." The Indian team also includes Jadumani Singh (50kg), Pawan Bartwal (55kg), Sachin (60kg), Sumit (75kg), Lakshya Chahar (80kg), Jugnoo (85kg), Naveen Kumar (90kg), and Narendar (90+kg) in the men's section; and Preeti (54kg), Parveen (60kg), Neeraj Phogat (65kg), and Arundhati Choudhary (70kg) in the women's draw.

The World Boxing Cup Finals will mark the culmination of the sport's annual global series, featuring the season's top-ranked athletes vying across ten weight categories for the coveted World Boxing Cup trophy.

Third Campus for Global Indian International School in Pune

Pune: Global Indian International School (GIIS) is making history as a third campus is set to commence operations in Charholi. The school has already garnered the admissions of more than 1,000 learners in its pre-launch phase. The new campus is strategically designed to introduce a pioneering combination of world-class British pedagogy, cutting-edge facilities and compelling value for modern Indian families raising the bar in K-12 education space in Pune's fastest growing townships.

GIIS has two other highly successful K-12 campuses in Pune at Balewadi and Hadapsar areas.

"Our third campus in Pune reflects the growing trust in GIIS's global education model among the parent community," said Mr. Atul Temurnikar, Chairman and Co-founder, Global Schools Group. "We are expanding not just in scale, but in purpose—creating campuses that blend innovation, technology and global pedagogy to shape the leaders of tomorrow."

Spread across 4.7 acres, the campus to be operational from the upcoming academic session 2026-27, offers a curriculum anchored in CBSE (Central Board of Secondary



Education) — India's most trusted national educational board — yet enriched with global best practices, inquiry-centred learning, digital fluency, and structured value-based education. The 9 GEMS pedagogy will emphasise on excellence beyond academics in areas including sports, leadership, innovation, community service and universal values.

In doing so, the campus offers a unique proposition: the academically rigorous pathway valued by Indian parents, coupled with an internationally competitive learning experience. The campus will have a skills-based approach to learning of science, mathematics, IT, languages and arts, complemented by fully equipped wellness rooms and

fantastic sports facilities.

GIIS Charholi is part of Singapore-based Global Schools Group, an educational network which spans across 11 countries including Japan, Malaysia, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates and others. The school will follow the inclusive philosophy of GSG which comes with a promise of engaging students in more than classroom knowledge as they engage with international peers, participate in competitions on global platforms and attend virtual exchanges. This positions them not just for national academic success, but for future-ready careers and global citizenship — a dimension not widely offered in peer day-schools.

GSG schools have consistently shown strong results in

Board exams, and their students have been placed in the Top 50 universities worldwide for graduation studies. "Our goal is to make future-ready education accessible to every learner in Pune and beyond, while staying true to our philosophy of the Joy of Learning. We are excited to bring a best-in-class learning ecosystem to Charholi and deliver the Joy of Learning to more families in Pune," added Mr Temurnikar, who is winner of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2025.

Since its announcement, the campus has received an extraordinary response from parents, reflecting Pune's growing demand for global-standard education.

"The launch of our Charholi campus is a significant milestone in our journey to make global-quality education more accessible across India," said Mr. Rajeev Koul, Deputy COO, Global Schools Group. "We are delighted by the encouraging response from parents and look forward to shaping a new generation of learners with our holistic approach and international curriculum." For the academic year 2026-27, admissions are open from Pre-Nursery to Grade 7, with classes commencing in April 2026.

IFCCI and Arkema Empower Students with EduBench – "To Meet Dreams" Initiative



Pune (Voice news service):- In a concerted effort to enhance learning environments for school children, the Indo-French Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IFCCI), in collaboration with Arkema Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd., successfully launched the EduBench – "To Meet Dreams" initiative in presence of Mr Vivek Kumar Jagtap, Managing Director, Arkema Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd, Mr Vipul Sawant - AGM - HR & Admin, Arkema Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd, Mr Abdul Azeem - CSR Manager, Indo-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mr Prit Pal Singh, Di-



rector of Programmes and Board Member, Indian Society for Applied Research & Development.

Indo-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The project aims to provide new school desks to students across 17 schools in Mumbai and surrounding areas, ensuring children have a safe, comfortable, and conducive environment for learning.

Through this initiative, IFCCI and Arkema Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd. reinforce their commitment to quality education and student well-being, enabling students to focus better on studies and pursue their dreams without

infrastructural barriers. By supporting 17 schools in the region, the project directly benefits hundreds of children and indirectly impacts communities, fostering a culture of learning and growth.

Payal S. Kanwar, Director General, IFCCI, remarked: "EduBench is about giving children more than just desks, it's creating a space where they can feel comfortable, focus on their studies, and let their dreams take flight. We're truly excited to partner with Arkema Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd. to bring a little more inspiration and joy into these schools, and see these young minds

thrive."

Vivek Kumar Jagtap, Managing Director, Arkema Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd., added: "Supporting education is at the heart of Arkema Group CSR initiatives. By providing these desks, we aim to create a lasting impact on students' learning environments and enable them to thrive academically so as to reach their full potential."

This initiative is part of the broader CSR strategy of both IFCCI and Arkema Chemicals India Pvt. Ltd., aimed at enhancing educational infrastructure and promoting student development in under-resourced schools.

Scania strengthens India growth strategy with the appointment of GMMCO (CKA Birla Group) as a new dealer partner

Pune (Voice news service):- Scania Commercial Vehicles India Pvt. Ltd. announced the appointment of GMMCO Limited, part of the CKA Birla Group, as its new authorized dealer partner for Northern, Eastern and Central India. This partnership marks a key milestone in Scania's renewed India growth strategy, reinforcing its commitment to strengthen regional coverage, enhance customer experience, and drive expansion across all business segments. Under this arrangement, GMMCO will be responsible for sales and service support for projects located across the Northern, Eastern and Central regions of India, while PPS Motors will continue to represent Scania in the Southern and Western territories. This strategic allocation ensures seamless national coverage, enhanced customer support, and faster response times,

enabling Scania to deliver an even higher standard of service across the country. This collaboration represents Scania's transition from a direct sales model to a fully dealer-driven ecosystem. Going forward, Scania will focus on product planning, innovation, and lead generation, while its dealers will independently manage sales, service, invoicing, documentation, aftermarket operations, demo fleets, and inventory. This decentralized approach enhances operational agility, improves accountability, and ensures customer-centric responsiveness through dedicated regional expertise. Mr. Silvio Munhoz, Managing Director, Scania Commercial Vehicles India Pvt. Ltd., commented, "The appointment of GMMCO marks an important step in Scania's India growth journey. GMMCO's strong industry presence, wide service network, and customer-first

philosophy make them an ideal partner as we expand into new markets and business areas. This partnership reinforces our long-term vision for India and lays a solid foundation for our next phase of growth, driven by the Scania Super range and our focus on sustainable transport solutions." Driving a Shift from Selling Products to Delivering Complete Solutions. Keeping in line with Scania's global strategy of selling solutions rather than products, this partnership underscores the company's commitment to offering end-to-end value propositions that go beyond vehicle supply. Scania's solution-based approach encompasses application-specific product selection, tailor-made service and maintenance packages, customized financial solutions, and continuous performance optimization through connected services. With

the appointment of GMMCO, Scania aims to accelerate this "solution sales" concept through a dedicated, focused, and customer-oriented dealer network, ensuring that every Scania customer receives a transport solution precisely tailored to their operational and financial needs. Mr. Chandrashekar V, Managing Director & CEO, GMMCO Ltd., added, "We are delighted to partner with Scania, a global leader synonymous with innovation, performance, and sustainability. This collaboration reflects GMMCO's commitment to delivering comprehensive, technology-driven solutions that empower our customers across sectors. With our deep industry reach, strong service infrastructure, and relentless focus on operational excellence, we are confident of driving Scania's next phase of growth in India and creating exceptional value for our shared customers."

Škoda Auto India hits all-time high annual sales within 10 months of 2025

Pune (Voice news service):- The year 2025 is a landmark year for Škoda Auto India, as it marks 25 years in the country. In October 2025, the brand crossed yet another milestone by achieving its highest-ever sales in the country. Between January and October 2025, Škoda Auto India sold 61,607 cars. Adding to this strong performance, which already included its best-ever quarterly and half-yearly sales, the brand has now recorded its highest-ever monthly sales as well, with 8,252 cars sold in October 2025. The growth is driven by Škoda Auto India's first-ever sub-4m SUV, the Kylaq, with steady demand for the Kodiaq, Škoda's flagship luxury 4x4, sustained contributions from the Kushaq and Slavia, and the high-performance Škoda Octavia RS getting sold out within 20 minutes. Commenting on the landmark sales,

Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Škoda Auto India, said, "We began the year 2025 with the intent to significantly strengthen the brand and surge ahead in India. This milestone of our "biggest sales ever" is a testament to the strength of purpose, clarity of vision and agility of execution, all of which are pivotal to our surge in India. Our product offensive, culturally relevant communication, network expansion to 318 Customer Touchpoints, and increased presence in new geographic regions, are other landmarks that have fuelled our 25th anniversary to be our biggest year in India." **Being Relevant** Škoda Auto India's biggest year has been anchored by its product offensive and network expansion strategy. Kylaq sales have reached close to 40,000 units since its launch this year. Limited editions of the Kushaq and

Slavia further enhanced the value proposition, while the flagship 4x4 Kodiaq upped the luxury quotient. Enthusiasts had their appetite for performance whetted with the iconic Octavia RS. Škoda has now achieved a milestone of selling over 200,000 locally produced cars - Slavia, Kushaq, and Kylaq, with a reach of 318 Customer Touchpoints across 180 cities. With the Kylaq, Kushaq, and Kodiaq, Škoda now has an SUV for every aspiration, while continuing its sedan legacy with the Slavia and the return of the Octavia RS. **Driving Differentiation** In parallel, the brand has focused on building a unique voice through purposeful storytelling and meaningful narratives. India is also the first market for Škoda Auto globally to complete 100% rebranding of its entire network with the updated Corpo-

rate Identity and Design. The popular 'I love my Doda' campaign highlighted the brand's 'Fans, not Owners' ethos by putting Škoda customers at the heart of the story. **Enhancing Trust** Škoda Auto India continues to strengthen confidence through its focus on customers and service excellence. The brand plans to increase the total sales and aftersales workforce at its dealers by 50% to 7,500+ by the end of 2025, alongside an investment of over 25,000 training days to further enhance aftersales quality and customer satisfaction. This commitment to enhancing trust and building a community was also reflected in the Fans of Škoda initiative, where over 60 fans drove 28 Škoda cars to set a record of the largest convoy to reach Umling La at 19,024 ft, recognised by the India and Asia Book of Records.

India has Amway's heart: President and CEO, Michael Nelson

Pune (Voice news service):- Amway President and CEO Michael Nelson visited India this week to mark 10 years of the company's manufacturing journey in the country - a milestone that reinforces India's strategic importance in Amway's global operations as one of only three global manufacturing hubs for Amway, alongside the US and China. Building on this strong foundation, the company plans to invest INR 100 crore (USD 12 Million*) over the next three to five years to further enhance Amway Business Owner/ Distributor capabilities, strengthen and expand its physical presence, and elevate customer experience. This marks Nelson's maiden visit to India since assuming the President and CEO role, underscoring the country's pivotal role in Amway's global growth strategy and reaffirming the company's long-standing commitment to inclusive and sustainable progress in the region. "India stands at the very core of Amway's global vision," said Mr Michael Nelson, President and CEO, Amway. "It is a powerhouse of potential driven by its digitally empow-

ered population, a dynamic and young workforce, and thriving gig economy. For Amway, India is at the cusp of transformation, and to drive this change, we continue to make significant investments, focusing on key priorities - strengthening our values and culture, accelerating product innovation to meet evolving consumer needs, and deepening distributor partnerships through education and training. With its rapid economic rise and increasing focus on holistic wellbeing, India is poised to be a key driver of our global growth. The country's vibrancy, diversity, energy, and entrepreneurial spirit perfectly align with Amway's purpose of Helping People Live Better Lives through economic empowerment and wellbeing. As we celebrate a decade of local manufacturing, we are proud of what we have built and even more inspired by the extraordinary opportunities that lie ahead." The INR 100 crore investment is directed toward elevating distributor and customer experience by expanding the company's physical presence and transforming existing stores into dynamic hubs of

engagement with redesigned layouts, dedicated training zones, and enhanced service experiences. It will also be focused on empowering distributors through structured programs on product knowledge, quality assurance standards, and certification to strengthen customer engagement and support entrepreneurial success. Mr. Rajneesh Chopra, Managing Director, Amway India, said, "As India marches toward its vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, we are proud to contribute to this transformative journey by strengthening our local presence and investing in people and innovation. Guided by our Values and Founders' Fundamentals, our commitment to India goes beyond business - it's about fostering entrepreneurship, enhancing consumer trust, and driving science-backed product innovations that support holistic wellbeing. Through these efforts, we aim to align closely with the nation's vision of progress, self-reliance, and a healthier, more empowered India." With over 27 years in India and a decade of manufacturing excellence, Amway has made significant investments



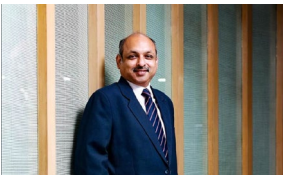
in India towards local manufacturing, boosting R&D, and digital initiatives, including the establishment of multiple state-of-the-art research labs, underscoring its long-term commitment to innovation and progress in the Indian market. Through these efforts and investments, the company aims to empower upto 5 million lives in the next five years, through its efforts to promote health and wellbeing across communities. Marking a decade of local manufacturing, Amway's state-of-the-art facility in Tamil Nadu stands as a testament to its alignment with "Make in India" vision. The facility has been instrumental in local job creation and skill development, reinforcing Amway's commitment to building in India, for India, and the world.

Suzlon appoints Rahul Jain as Chief Financial Officer to fuel growth aspirations

Pune: Suzlon Group has today announced the appointment of Mr. Rahul Jain as the new Chief financial Officer and Key Managerial Personnel, effective from 15th December 2025. With over two decades of experience in corporate finance, Rahul spent nearly 17 years at SRF Limited and resigned from his position as the Group CFO recently. Rahul led financial transformation at SRF by streamlining systems, leveraging technology, and strengthening financial discipline during his tenure. His work supported the company's inorganic and organic growth by identifying new

avenues, unlocking capital allocation etc. Prior to SRF, Rahul worked with Jubilant Organosys Limited for a decade contributing to its growth initiatives. A Chartered Accountant by qualification, Rahul brings with him extensive experience from reputable organisations. Girish Tanti, Vice Chairman, Suzlon Group, said, "We are pleased to welcome Rahul Jain to the Suzlon leadership team as we embark on the next chapter of our growth and transformation journey. With his strategic expertise in financial transformation, mergers and acquisitions, and fundraising, Rahul will play a

pivotal role in strengthening our capabilities and building a future-ready conglomerate." JP Chalasani, Chief Executive Officer, Suzlon Group, stated, "Rahul is one of India's most seasoned finance leaders, who has transformed SRF Limited's financial story and unlocked significant value for shareholders. His deep expertise will help us evaluate new areas for high growth while strengthening financial health and corporate governance even further. I look forward to working with him to drive Suzlon's next phase of growth across emerging opportunities in the renewable ecosystem."



Commenting on the announcement, Rahul Jain, said, "Since 1995, Suzlon has been India's most trusted wind energy which continues to play a big role in India's energy transition story. I will work with other leaders on driving profitability, building a more sustainable business while further strengthening its financial resilience and creating long-term value for shareholders."

Altos Launches the New Altos BrainSphere™ GB10 F1, Building the Next-Gen AI Workstation

Pune (Voice news service):- Altos Computing Inc., a subsidiary of Acer, today announced the launch of the new Altos BrainSphere™ GB10 F1 AI workstation, fully built on the NVIDIA Grace Blackwell architecture. Bringing revolutionary performance to desktop-level AI computing, the GB10 F1 also comes with the newly self-developed Altos aiGeni software, which simplifies AI development with one-click deployment

and intelligent tools. With the integration of Altos aiGeni and real-time resource management, the Altos BrainSphere™ GB10 F1 provides a brand-new AI computing experience for developers, researchers, and the education sector—enabling high-performance AI modeling at the desktop level and rapid deployment of intelligent development environments, while lowering barriers and increasing efficiency for AI applications.

"Generative AI has become the driving force of global industries, and the real challenge lies in turning creativity into reality quickly and bringing innovation to life faster. By offering an all-in-one AI solution with both hardware and software integration, Altos delivers an efficient, flexible, and secure computing foundation for industries, research, and academia. This will help customers across different fields accelerate innovation and drive



AI technology towards wider adoption. We will also continue collaborating with global ecosystem partners to advance intelligent infrastructure and next-generation applications, further accelerating digital transformation in academia and industry." Jackie Lee, CEO of Altos Computing Inc., said.

DULCOFLEX® LAUNCHES 'kNow CONSTIPATION' CAMPAIGN TO SPARK CONVERSATIONS ON SOMETHING WE DO EVERYDAY

Pune (Voice news service):- 1 in every 5 Indian today suffers from constipation. Dulcoflex®, India's trusted name and one of the most accessible for laxative solution in digestive wellness, has launched a unique campaign termed as "kNow Constipation". The campaign aims at normalizing conversations around one of the country's most prevalent yet under-discussed health conditions, 'constipation'. This novel concept will be leveraging light-hearted humor around the problem with the purpose to normalize conversations around constipation, especially among women without making fun of the sufferer. While constipation is something that can affect men and women, women end up suffering more as they

are more reluctant to discuss and hence treat it right. Also, women are biologically more prone to constipation due to anatomical, physiological, and hormonal factors. To break the silence around one of India's most common yet seldom discussed health concerns, Dulcoflex®, is re-defining the narrative with its "kNow Constipation" campaign to drive the importance of science-backed treatment options for timely treating constipation. To blend humor with relatability and create a lasting impact, popular stand-up comedians - Aanchal Aggarwal, Srishti Dixit and Soumya Venugopal soon to be followed by Gurleen Pannu, Jamie Lever, Shreya Roy, have come together to disrupt the deafening silence on the topic of 'Constipation'. With

this fresh approach, aiming to democratize awareness, Dulcoflex® is turning constipation into an open and empowering conversation. Talking about the newly launched campaign, Nupur Gurbaxani, Head of Brand & Innovation Opella CHC India said, "Campaigns around constipation usually centers around men and often ends up ridiculing the sufferer, hence trivializing a very real health issue. In line with our mission to make healthcare as simple and accessible it should be, our 'kNow constipation' campaign aims to break the barrier, and we want women to lead the conversations & be the change agent that normalizes constipation in society. Because only when we understand constipation will be know how to prevent it

and address it right." The campaign aims to extend beyond digital channels with a holistic approach, that will manifest with on-ground grassroots level activations and community engagement, radio channels initiatives across India. By moving the conversation offline, Dulcoflex® aims to spread awareness more widely in both urban and rural areas. Constipation impacts 276 million Indians daily (Nielsen U&A 2024 Functional + Perpetual). However, one third of those affected never seek help, and almost half rely on home remedies that may not always resolve the issue. For years, popular culture and advertising have turned constipation into a joke, downplaying the real struggles of patients.

LAVA LAUNCHES SHARK 2 4G WITH 50MP AI CAMERA AND 6.75" HD+ DISPLAY AT JUST ₹6,999

Pune (Voice news service):- Lava International Limited, one of the fastest growing Indian smartphone brand, today announced the launch of its latest smartphone, the Lava SHARK 2 4G. With this launch, Lava further expands its 4G portfolio, bringing a better processor, bigger display, and advanced features designed to meet the evolving needs of first-time smartphone buyers and young consumers. Combining strong performance, stylish design, and a clean software experience, the SHARK 2 offers a significant upgrade over its predecessor. The Lava SHARK 2 features a 50MP AI rear camera, 8MP selfie camera, Octa-core UNISOC T7250 processor, 4GB+4GB RAM, 64GB storage, and a 6.75" HD+ display with 120Hz refresh rate. It packs a 5000mAh battery with Type-C charging, is IP54 dust and water resistant, and comes in Eclipse Grey and Aurora Gold. The smartphone will be available from October 2025 across all retail stores. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Sumit Singh, Head – Product, Lava International Limited, said, "With SHARK 2, we are building upon the success of SHARK 4G to further strengthen Lava's 4G portfolio. Consumers today expect more power and a more immersive viewing experience, and SHARK 2 delivers both, with a better processor and a bigger, faster display. De-

signed for young India, it combines performance, style, and durability while staying true to our promise of clean, bloatware-free Android. We are confident that SHARK 2 will become a reliable choice for those upgrading to their next smartphone." **Performance and Storage** At the heart of the SHARK 2 is the powerful Octa-core UNISOC T7250 processor, delivering seamless performance for everyday multitasking, online study sessions, and mobile gaming. Backed by 4GB RAM expandable with an additional 4GB virtual RAM and 64GB internal storage, the device ensures faster app launches, smoother transitions, and ample space for photos, videos, and apps. **Camera Experience** For the youth who rely heavily on their smartphones for social media and content creation, the SHARK 2 comes equipped with a 50MP AI-powered rear camera that captures crisp and vibrant images in all lighting conditions. On the front, the 8MP selfie camera ensures sharp selfies and clear video calls, catering to the growing trend of online interactions and vlogging. **Display and Entertainment** The smartphone boasts a 17.13cm. (6.75") HD+ notch display with an impressive 120Hz refresh rate, offering smooth scrolling and an immersive visual experience. Whether watching videos on YouTube, scrolling Instagram, or playing fast-paced games,



the display is built to make entertainment more engaging and fluid. **Battery and Durability** Designed to keep up with long study hours, gaming sessions, and streaming marathons, the SHARK 2 houses a massive 5000mAh battery. It comes with a Type-C port and 10W charging out of the box, with support for 18W fast charging, ensuring users spend more time using their phone and less time charging it. Adding to its reliability, the device is IP54 rated, making it resistant to dust and water splashes, an assurance that it can withstand everyday challenges with ease. **Design and Colors** The Lava SHARK 2 is available in two striking color variants, Eclipse Grey and Aurora Gold, reflecting a youthful and dynamic

personality. With its sleek design and comfortable grip, the smartphone is crafted to resonate with the lifestyle and aspirations of today's youth. **Free Service@Home** Following brand's consumer-first philosophy, Lava will be offering Free Service@Home for the SHARK 2 4G, pan India alongside attending user concerns at retail outlets. To avail at home service, follow the link: https://www.lavamobiles.com/lava_service_at_home/. The smartphone comes with Lava promise of bloatware-free, ad-free experience and clean Android 15. **Pricing and Availability** Lava SHARK 2 4G will receive one Android OS upgrade and two years of security updates. Priced at ₹6,999. The device is available across all retail stores starting October 2025.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Launches the Urban Cruiser Hyryder Aero Edition with Exclusive Styling Package



Pune: Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) unveiled the Urban Cruiser Hyryder Aero Edition, a Limited-Edition styling package that brings an added dimension of prestige and premium appeal to Toyota's popular SUV. Designed to elevate Hyryder's on road presence, the Aero Edition blends bold aesthetics with refined detailing to meet the aspirations of customers who seek sophistication, individuality, and modern comfort. Exclusive Styling Features that are - Available across all Hyryder grades: **Front Spoiler** – The addition of the new front spoiler elevates the SUV's bold character, giving it a sharper and more aggressive stance. **Rear Spoiler** – Sculpted for both style and function, the new rear spoiler enhances the sporty appeal while contribut-

ing to aerodynamic efficiency. **Side Skirts** – The newly designed side skirts add flowing lines that create a dynamic, low-slung profile, further amplifying the SUV's premium and performance-inspired look. Exclusive Styling Package accessories are available at an additional cost of Rs.31,999/- and will be offered across all Toyota dealerships nationwide. Since its launch in 2022, the Urban Cruiser Hyryder has rapidly gained popularity among Indian SUV buyers, recently surpassing the 168,000-unit sales milestone. Building on Toyota's renowned global SUV legacy, the Hyryder combines bold and sophisticated styling with advanced technology, making it a preferred choice for discerning customers. With the addition of the new thoughtfully crafted accessories, the exclusive edition further enhances the SUV's signature elegance, making it truly distinctive on the road. The Aero Edition comes in four colour options – White,

Silver, Black, and Red. The Urban Cruiser Hyryder is attractively priced from Rs.10.94 lakh onwards (ex-showroom). Redefining Excellence in the B-SUV Category As one of Toyota's sustainable mobility offerings, The Urban Cruiser Hyryder has set a new standard in the B-SUV segment with its pioneering self-charging strong hybrid electric powertrain. This intelligent system seamlessly integrates petrol and electric power, delivering outstanding fuel efficiency alongside smooth and silent performance. Available in two powertrains- Self-charging Strong Hybrid Electric powertrain & Neo Drive, the Self-Charging Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicle is powered by an e-drive transmission and runs Highly Confidential 40% of the distance and 60% of the time on electric power, with engine shut-off, offering a fuel efficiency of 27.97km/l. Additionally, the Neo Drive comes with a 1.5-liter K-series engine, a five-speed

manual transmission, and a six-speed automatic transmission with 2WD and 4WD options. The Hyryder's exterior showcases a striking Crystal Acrylic Grille, signature twin LED DRLs, sculpted lines, and stylish 17-inch alloy wheels. Inside the cabin, comfort and convenience take center stage with ventilated leather seats, a panoramic sunroof, a 9-inch touchscreen supporting wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, wireless charging, ambient lighting, and a 360-degree camera. Practical amenities such as rear recline seats, rear AC vents, USB charging, and a flexible 60:40 split rear seat ensure that the Hyryder is perfectly suited to the needs of modern Indian families. Toyota further elevates the ownership experience by offering 66 exclusive accessories, a comprehensive 3-year/100,000 km warranty (extendable to 5 years/220,000 km), and an industry-leading 8-year/160,000 km hybrid battery warranty.