



Hyundai Motor India Limited Launches Nationwide Smart Care Clinic for Enhanced Ownership Experience

Pune (Voice news service):- Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) today announced its nationwide 'Hyundai Smart Care Clinic', a customer-centric initiative aimed at providing comprehensive vehicle health checks, value-added services and special benefits to Hyundai customers across India. Scheduled from 18th Nov/25 to 2nd Dec'25, the Hyundai Smart Care Clinic reaffirms Hyundai's commitment to deliver an exceptional ownership experience through quality service, transparency and innovation.

Commenting on the launch of Hyundai Smart Care Clinic, Mr. Tarun Garg, Whole-Time Director & Chief Operating Officer, Hyundai Motor India Limited, said, "At Hyundai, our customers are at the heart of everything we do. The Hyundai Smart Care Clinic is yet another step in our ongoing endeavor to deliver value beyond mobility by ensuring the highest levels of care and convenience throughout the ownership journey. With this nationwide initiative, we aim to reaffirm our commitment



Hyundai Smart Care Clinic
18th Nov - 2nd Dec
Care that keeps you moving

to quality, reliability and service excellence. Supported by Hyundai's extensive service network, this program ensures easy access to expert maintenance and a one-stop solution for our beloved customers across India."

The nationwide Hyundai Smart Care Clinic offers a wide range of benefits to the customers such as: Free 70-point checkup including Engine, Brakes & Electrical system, Suspension etc. Up to 25% benefit on Extended Warranty Up to 30% benefit on Mechanical labor 15% benefit on: Interior enrichment Exterior beautification

Ceramic Coating 10% benefit on Mechanical & Maintenance parts 15% benefit on Roadside Assistance Policy

With the onset of winter season, this service campaign is especially timed to help customers prepare their vehicles to beat the cold weather and ensure optimum performance. The Hyundai Smart Care Clinic is not just about service; it is about empowering customers. Discount offers on services such as - mechanical parts and labor charges will encourage the customers to avail the long due periodic maintenance, leading to better health of their cars.

PNG Jewellers unveils 'Pratha' a Wedding Collection redefining Tradition for the modern bride



Pune: As the grand Indian wedding season unfolds, PNG Jewellers, one of India's most trusted legacy jewellery brands, announces the launch of its much-anticipated Pratha campaign across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Goa. The collection, inspired by the spirit of tradition and modern femininity, redefines bridal elegance with new designs that pay homage to heritage while embracing contemporary craftsmanship. Building upon its enduring success, Pratha meaning 'tradition' is a celebration of grace,

emotion, and artistry. The new line introduces exquisite bridal sets, necklaces, earrings, bangles, and maang tikas crafted in gold and diamonds, embodying the essence of timeless beauty. Each piece reflects the deep-rooted significance of wedding jewellery, blending intricate detailing with modern silhouettes for today's discerning brides. To mark the onset of weddings, PNG Jewellers has announced exciting offers across its stores: up to 30% off on making charges for gold jewellery and up to 75% off on diamond jewellery making

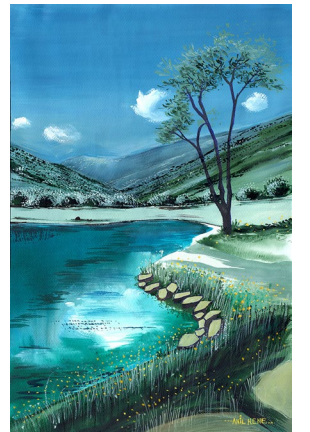
charges. In addition, customers can enjoy a 0% reduction on old gold exchange, making it an ideal time to invest in heirloom pieces that symbolise love and legacy. Speaking about the campaign, Dr. Saurabh Gadgil, Chairman and Managing Director, PNG Jewellers, said, "Pratha represents the eternal connection between heritage and emotion. Every design in this collection is created to be a lifelong companion for brides as they embark on a new journey. Through this campaign, we celebrate not just jewellery, but the sentiment of commitment and togetherness that defines every wedding." The Pratha collection is endowed with the craftsmanship of old Indian art forms, resonating with women who wish to honour their roots while embracing change. This limited-time offer aims to strengthen PNG Jewellers' connection with its customers and enhance footfall across all showrooms. The initiative also underscores the brand's commitment to innovation, craftsmanship, and trust, values that have guided its 192-year journey.

Watercolour Artworks Exhibition by Architect Anil Nene

Pune: An exhibition of Watercolour Artworks and Paintings by Architect Anil Nene will be held at PNG Art Gallery, Near Reliance Mart, Aundh, from 18th November to 23rd November 2025. The exhibition will be open to visitors from 11.00 AM to 8.00 PM.

The exhibition will showcase around 50 paintings based on the theme of Nature. Through his watercolour paintings, Anil Nene expresses the beauty, calmness, and harmony of nature in a unique and refreshing way.

Art lovers and the general public are invited to visit and enjoy this beautiful collection of artworks. Venue: PNG Art Gallery, Near Reliance Mart, Aundh Dates: 18th to 23rd November 2025 Time: 11.00 AM to 8.00 PM. Entry: Free



Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ranchi wins Cummins India's Flagship B-School Case Study Competition REDEFINE 2025

Pune: Cummins in India ("Cummins India"), a leading power technology provider, successfully concluded 'REDEFINE 2025', the eighth edition of its prestigious annual B-school case study competition. Team Crow from Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ranchi emerged as champions, winning the coveted winner's trophy and cash prize, while Team Visioners from Indian School of Business, Mohali earned the runner-up title. This year's theme, "From Backup to Backbone: Driving the Energy Shift," encouraged participants to explore innovative and sustainable models that address critical challenges across the energy value chain. The competition, facilitated a dynamic exchange of ideas and collaboration, drew participation from 6453 students across 2151 teams from 19 premier B-schools across the country. Following multiple competitive rounds, six finalist teams advanced to the grand finale held at the Cummins India Office Campus, Pune.

The two-day finale was a rich learning experience, featuring engaging leadership sessions, networking opportunities, and guided tours of Cummins Technical Center India (CTCI) and Kothrud Engine Plant (KEP). The event



culminated with a jury evaluation and live voting session by employees. In addition to the main competition, all finalist teams participated in a fun social media contest. They created short, engaging team introduction videos that were uploaded on LinkedIn. Team Crow from IIM, Ranchi achieved the highest engagement for their video and was declared the contest winner. Congratulating the winners, Anupama Kaul, Human Resources Leader, Cummins India, said, "REDEFINE celebrates the power of young minds to challenge conventions and think beyond boundaries. I am incredibly proud of the talent, creativity and problem-solving spirit demonstrated by the participants. Their ideas are bold, practical and rooted in purpose and responsibility. It's inspiring to see how these young change-

makers are addressing real-world energy challenges with remarkable intent and innovation. Nurturing next-gen talent is integral to Cummins India's commitment to powering a stronger, more sustainable future for all." Subramanian Chidambaram, Chief Strategy Officer, Cummins India, added, "Each year, REDEFINE offers us a front-row view into how the next generation bridges real-world challenges with academic excellence. This year, participants displayed remarkable strategic thinking and a nuanced understanding of how to build a resilient, future-ready business model. We were particularly impressed by their ability to combine innovation with practicality. Congratulations to all the winning teams and participants for their incredible efforts and outstanding per-

formances." A distinguished jury panel of Cummins India leaders, including Srinivasa Raghavan, Executive Director - Engineering and Chief Technical Officer; Jameson Mendonca, Power Generation Business Leader; and Sachin Simant, Director - Strategy, Product Planning and Digital, Power Systems Business Unit, evaluated the finalists' presentations.

Leading up to the grand finale, Cummins India hosted interactive leadership sessions and quizzes to help participants prepare and understand the company's mission, vision and the evolving energy landscape. The six finalist teams that competed in the grand finale were:

1. GASx3 from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi
2. Dynamic Dreamers from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong
3. Crow from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ranchi
4. Visioners from the Indian School of Business, Mohali
5. Team 7 from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Tiruchirappalli
6. Ninja Turtles from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow

FOGSI's Sampoorna Public Forum Promotes Preconception Care and Safer Motherhood

Pune: The Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI), in association with the Pune Obstetric and Gynaecological Society (POGS), successfully organized the Sampoorna Public Forum, a program on Preconception Care on Thursday, at IMA Hall, Tilak Road, Pune. The community-focused event aimed to raise awareness about preconception health and promote healthier pregnancies and safer motherhood. The program was held under the leadership of Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar, President FOGSI. Renowned actress Mrunmayee Deshpande was the Chief Guest for the program. Dr. Manish Machave (President, POGS), Dr. Ashwini Kale (Joint Secretary, FOGSI), Dr. Nilesh Balakawade (General Secretary, POGS), Dr. Pooja Lodha (Organizing Secretary) Dr. Vijayanti Patwardhan, Dr. Revati Rane were the convenors. Dr. Aarti Nimkar, and Dr. Alka Kshirsagar, Dr. Alka Kuthe, along with and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. The event convened leading experts and enthusiastic community members in an engaging blend of education and creativity.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sunita Tandulwadkar said, "Preconception care is the first step toward a healthy pregnancy and a healthy nation. Every pregnancy should be planned properly. Key parameters like weight, haemoglobin, blood pressure, blood sugar level, thyroid hormones should be checked while planning. Through the Sampoorna initiative, FOGSI aims to reach communities across India, educating families about the importance of early health interventions and holistic wellness. We have been conducting various programs through our 292 societies across India in an effort to reduce mortality. Till now we have done around 300 such programs for sensitisation of public and aim to do 25 more programs by January 2026. The program has been applauded at international

forums including the recent conference at Cape Town. Renowned Actress Mrunmayee Deshpande said that 'Sampoorna' is the need of the hour. With changing times and race for survival, uncertainty and volatility the concept of pre-conception planning assumes greater importance. This concept should be talked about with greater awareness. The Sampoorna Public Forum also set the stage for FOGSI Presidential Conference - STAR Sampoorna, focusing on Strategy, Transformation, Advancement, and Research in women's healthcare. Dr. Ashwin Kale, Joint Secretary FOGSI said Every pregnancy should be a planned pregnancy for a healthy mother and healthy family. Dr. Manish Machave, President POGS said that Preg-

nancy should be given time, energy and effort. Main effort is to reduce the maternal mortality with awareness and empowerment programs like these.

Dr. Nilesh Balkawade, Secretary POGS proposed the vote of thanks.

Dr. Revati Rane spoke on the topic know your number which includes knowing key health parameters like blood pressure, BMI, Hemoglobin etc.

Through initiatives like Sampoorna, FOGSI continues its commitment to reducing maternal and neonatal mortality by empowering communities with knowledge, access, and awareness. The organization's ongoing efforts in preconception and maternal health education are a testament to its mission of building a healthier, safer future for mothers and babies.

Adding vibrancy to the event, a Dance Competition (Theme: "Maa") and a Skit Competition (Theme: "Safe Motherhood") encouraged public participation, with creative performances spreading messages of care, empowerment, and responsibility. Winners were felicitated with attractive prizes to recognize their contribution to community health awareness.

Hawkins Comes Alive as "Stranger Things: The Experience" Opens on Yas Island!

Pune: The rifts open to a new dimension on Yas Island, the leading leisure and entertainment destination, as "Stranger Things: The Experience" makes its regional debut. Visitors can now dive into 80s nostalgia and thrilling adventure, becoming the main characters in a story stranger than fiction, in a mind-bending, interactive journey through the "Stranger Things" universe.

From the haunting corridors of Hawkins Lab to the eerie depths of the Upside Down, every moment pulls fans deeper into the "Stranger Things" universe. Guests will step into the infamous Hawkins Lab, where a seemingly harmless 'sleep study' created by the minds behind the show quickly descends into chaos. They will meet Eleven and the gang as they navigate a dangerous path, uncovering hidden secrets that lurk in the Upside Down.

This isn't just a show; it's an immersive journey where live actors and advanced 4D technology blur the lines of reality. Guests will have to unlock their own hidden powers to defeat terrifying Demogorgons and help Max and Eleven save the day, exploring iconic, unsettling locations like the Hawkins Lab Play Room and the disturbing Upside Down itself. Once the cosmic anomalies are contained, visitors can

return from the brink to the vibrant world of the 80s in the 'Mix-Tape' area.

Here, they can capture unforgettable moments with fun photo ops, enjoy tasty treats and drinks featured in the show, and browse exclusive "Stranger Things" merchandise. No visit to this world is complete without a stop at the legendary Scoops Ahoy and the Palace Arcade.

This groundbreaking experience takes fans of the global hit series inside some of its most iconic settings on an intimate guided new adventure alongside their favourite characters before the chance to hang out and explore all the fan-favorite locations from the show. Whether you're a long-time fan or a curious newcomer, this thrilling escape promises an unforgettable adventure for friends and families alike. It's a world where the ordinary becomes extraordinary and anything is possible.

Liam Findlay, CEO, Miral Destinations said: "We're excited to turn up the nostalgia and thrills dial on Yas Island with the launch of Stranger Things: The Experience. This launch is bringing our guests closer to their favourite show, ahead of the globally anticipated fifth and final season, and marks the first time this award-winning experience has come to the region."

Record yield from Shriram Super 5-SR-05 and 1-SR-14 wheat seeds, remains farmer's first choice in coming sowing season

Pune : In Maharashtra, Shriram Farm Solutions' developed wheat seeds, Shriram Super 5-SR-05 and Shriram Super 1-SR-14, have brought significant change to wheat farming. These advanced varieties are known for high yield, disease resistance, and adaptability across various climatic conditions.

Developed by globally renowned wheat scientists at Shriram Farm Solutions, Shriram Super 5-SR-05 and Shriram Super 1-SR-14 are very popular among farmers due to their adaptability and excellent productivity. These varieties have more tillers, longer ears, and are resistant to diseases. Notably, even amidst new challenges posed by changing nature, these varieties continue to perform excellently. Because of these qualities, they have become the first choice for farmers in different parts of India.

Experienced farmer Vipul



Vasant Rao Deshmukh shares that this year he sowed the Shriram Super 5-SR-05 wheat variety in his field. He notes that the stems of this variety are extremely strong, preventing the crop from lodging. Additionally, the higher number of tillers and 85-90 grains per panicle resulted in exceptional yields. He says, "Even under unfavorable weather conditions, Shriram Super 5-SR-05 delivered con-

sistent and impressive yields — it is truly a dependable wheat variety."

Farmers are also very pleased with another variety introduced by Shriram in the market, Shriram Super 1-SR-14, and are achieving excellent results with it.

Another farmer, Mangesh Kumar, who sowed Shriram Super 1-SR-14 wheat last year, mentioned that compared to other varieties, Shriram Su-

per 1-SR-14 produced longer panicles, more tillers, and a higher number of grains per ear. Additionally, this variety required less water. He recommends that other farmers also consider cultivating Shriram Super 1-SR-14.

Along with Shriram Super 5-SR-05 and 1-SR-14 wheat seeds, other products from Shriram Farm Solutions, such as Shriram Super 303 and 111 are also highly popular among farmers due to their outstanding performance over the past few years.

Shriram Farm Solutions is part of the 135-year-old DCM Shriram Limited, a leading business group with a turnover of ₹12741 crore. Shriram Farm Solutions is actively involved in the agri-inputs business, including seeds, specialty plant nutrition, and crop protection, thereby strengthening Indian agricultural landscape and helping increase farmers' incomes.

World Diabetes Day: Young diabetics need to be careful about their eyes

Pune: With rising incidence of type 2 diabetes hitting the young as well as adolescents, the complications could come much earlier in life.

The longer a person lives with diabetes, the greater the risk of eye damage if blood sugar is not managed well. Therefore, young diabetics should be extra careful about their eyes, opined experts.

As the world observes World Diabetes Day on November 14, it is necessary to draw at-

tention to Diabetic Retinopathy, one of the most overlooked complications of diabetes. It is one of the leading causes of blindness amongst the working-age adults in India.

Dr. Rashmi Kashikar, a retina specialist at PBMA's H. V. Desai Eye Hospital said that more than half the patients coming to our clinic are unaware how diabetes can affect their retinas. There is clearly a need for more awareness and action. She added that type 1 Diabetic

patients are recommended to have their retinal examination after five years of diagnosis and for type 2 diabetes patients, they are recommended to have retinal exam at the time of diagnosis itself.

Especially those with other complications like those of kidneys, those who are on dialysis need to make sure that they get their retina checked more frequently. Diabetic retinopathy occurs when persistently high blood sugar damages the

tiny blood vessels of the retina, the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. Over time, this damage can cause blurred vision, floaters, bleeding inside the eye, or even permanent blindness if left untreated. Early detection and timely treatment are crucial, yet many patients remain unaware of the condition until it reaches an advanced stage.

Dr. Kashikar said that with diabetes hitting the young Indian population, every young dia-

betic needs to have a comprehensive dilated eye exam at least once a year. Obesity and insulin resistance are the two most common risk factors for faster progression of diabetic retinopathy in young diabetics. Chances of severity of diabetic retinopathy and complications in young age patients is more as they have a longer exposure to hyperglycaemia and often have poorer glycaemic control. As per WHO classification both type 1 and type 2 diabetes di-

agnosed before 25 years of age is considered as young diabetics

Taking the lack of awareness in consideration and the need to increase the outreach, we have been doing screenings especially in the slum areas. Currently, the screening is underway in the slums in PCMC and Chakan areas. Daily we screen about 30-40 patients informed Dr. Kuldeep Dole, Medical Director, H.V. Desai Eye Hospital.



A decade of Let's All Go to Cinépolis: Children's Day screenings for over 13,000 children



Pune: Cinépolis India today hosted the 10th edition of Let's All Go to Cinépolis, welcoming more than 13,000 children for complimentary morning shows across 40

Cinépolis locations in partnership with Round Table India (RTI). Screenings featured Mahayodha Rama in Hindi and Telugu and Kantara in Tamil and Kannada. Launched in 2014, Let's All Go to Cinépolis provides access to the big-screen experience for children who may not otherwise get the opportunity. Since inception, the program has reached more than 45,000 children through coordinated efforts with RTI and a network of schools and child-focused organisations. Speaking about the initiative, Devang Sampat, Managing

Director, Cinépolis India, said, "Let's All Go to Cinépolis started with a simple idea. Every child should experience the big screen in a safe, welcoming environment. Ten years on, we are glad to continue this effort with Round Table India and our local partners." Rachit Bansal, President of Round Table India said, "Our work with Cinépolis helps bring Children's Day to life in cinemas across many cities. The partnership ensures a well-organised outing that many children look forward to each year."

National Institute of Naturopathy to Host 3-Day Natural Food Fair from Nov 16-18 on the occasion of the 8th Naturopathy Day

Pune: To promote the philosophy and scientific approach of naturopathy, the National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN) will organise a three-day Natural Food Fair from November 16 to 18 at the Nisarg Gram campus in Yeolewadi. The event is part of the observance of the 8th Naturopathy Day, NIN's acting director Amarendra Singh announced at a press conference. Present on the occasion were Dr Satyenath, Omprakash Shukla, Mandar Deshpande, and Saurabh Sakalye. Singh stated that the festival will remain open to the public from 10 am to 5 pm daily. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has underscored the national priority of obesity prevention through a balanced diet and physical



activity, including reducing intake of edible oils. This year's theme is centred on "Losing Weight Naturally through Naturopathy." The event will highlight oil-free, plant-based dietary practices through demonstrations, educational exhibits, and stalls offering healthy food options. As part of the festival, an intercollegiate meet for students of naturopathy and yoga sciences has been

planned. Competitions will include a medical quiz, elocution and essay contests, research paper presentations, physiotherapy demonstrations, reel competitions, fire-free cooking, fruit-and-vegetable carving, and an Idea Hackathon. For teachers, a Faculty Development Programme, along with specialised workshops on osteopathy and chiropractic techniques, has also been

scheduled. The valedictory ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 18, at 4 pm, with Governor Acharya Devvrat and Union Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav attending as chief guests. Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Patil and Chief Postmaster General Amitabh Singh will also be present. The concluding event will feature the release of a special postal stamp dedicated to the National Institute of Naturopathy, the unveiling of publications and the announcement of competition winners. Awards will also be presented to Dr Dinshaw K. Mehta (Outstanding Expert) and Dr S. N. Moorthy (Outstanding PG Student), Singh added.

The Voice of Specially Aabled People (VOSAP) Empowers 75 Visually Impaired Individuals in Pune with AI Smart Glasses

Pune: The Voice of Specially Aabled People (VOSAP), a US-based non-profit organization with Special Consultative Status at the United Nations ECOSOC, held its eighth empowerment event in Maharashtra at the Divyang Kalyankari Sanstha & Research Center, Wanwadi. The initiative aimed to enhance educational opportunities and independence for visually impaired individuals by integrating assistive technology. During the event, 75 visually impaired beneficiaries received AI Smart Glasses, a device designed to aid learning, reading, and navigation. The initiative marked yet another step in VOSAP's mission to make innovation and accessibility integral to inclusive growth. Dr. Rajendra Hiremath, National Awardee, a polio survivor and former Chairman and



Director of Janseva Sahakari Bank Ltd., graced the occasion as the chief guest. In his address, he underscored the importance of self-reliance among persons with disabilities, urging them to become "job creators rather than job seekers." He also discussed collaborative efforts between the bank and VOSAP to promote entrepreneurship among Divyangjan. Joining virtually from Los Angeles, VOSAP Founder Pranav Desai shared compelling examples of how assistive technology and skill-based

support can transform lives. He reiterated VOSAP's commitment to enabling every specially abled individual to contribute meaningfully to India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. India's first Paralympic Gold Medalist, Murlikant Petkar (1972, Heidelberg), also addressed the gathering virtually, commending the initiative for empowering persons with disabilities and acknowledging VOSAP's sustained efforts. London-based donor Anurima attended the event in person, expressing her happiness at being part of

an initiative that "creates real change on the ground." The event was coordinated by Dr. Uttam Ojha, VOSAP Adviser, with on-ground support from Dhruv Chavda and Aarti Takawane. Adv. Murlidhar Kachare, Chairman of Divyang Kalyankari Shikshan Sanstha, proposed the vote of thanks, reaffirming the institution's partnership with VOSAP for continued impact. A hands-on training session, led by Sunbots Innovation LLP and represented by Mohammad Faiz, ensured that each beneficiary could effectively operate the AI Smart Glasses. With this initiative, VOSAP's reach in Maharashtra has now extended to over 3,600 empowered beneficiaries, reflecting its enduring vision of harnessing technology to build a more inclusive and accessible society.

Ethics Must Anchor Value Creation, Says Prakash Javadekar

Pune: "When ethics, honesty, and truth guide value creation, it leads to the creation of real wealth. Instead of lending your intellect to foreign companies, use it for your own country," said former Union Minister and senior BJP leader Prakash Javadekar, addressing young chartered accountancy students in Pune on Saturday. He was speaking at the inauguration of a two-day National Students' Conference organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Board of Studies, joint-

ly hosted by the Pune branch of WIRC of ICAI and the Pune Branch of WIRC of WICASA. The event, held at Mahalaxmi Lawns, drew over 2,000 CA students from across India. Prakash Javadekar, known for his candid interaction with students, urged them to maintain a balance between professional goals and personal growth. "Pursue hobbies alongside your career. They help relieve stress and sharpen concentration. Keep your curiosity alive and continue learning, never let the student within you die," he said.

Emphasising the ethical dimensions of the profession, Javadekar added, "As representatives of a new India, you must practice humility, precision, credibility, and professional discipline. Wherever you work, remember, you represent the nation. Ethical practice is not optional; it is essential." Among those present were CA Chandrashekhhar Chitale, CA Sanjeev Kumar Singh, CA Dr S.B. Zaware, CA Rekha Dhamankar, CA Abhishek Dhamne, and CA Sachin Miniyaar, chairman of

the ICAI Pune branch. The event was coordinated by CA Pradnya Bamb, chairperson of WICASA, along with her team — CA Pranav Apte, CA Nilesh Yewlekar, CA Neha Phadke, Managing Committee members CA Sarika Dindokar, CA Pritesh Munot, CA Nandkumar Kadam, Shreeyash Navale, Vice Chairman WICASA, Sanyogita Kulkarni, Secretary, Vedant Vedula, Treasurer, Pranjal Deokar, Joint Secretary, Jay Yede Patil, Joint Treasurer, Vaibhav Ambhore, Editor, and others.

Multidisciplinary lifestyle intervention program can significantly improve glycaemic control and promote remission in Type 2 Diabetes in non-obese Indian patients- FFD Study

Pune: A recent study published on 16th August 2025 in the Journal of Diabetes Research (<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1155/jdr/3783469>) has found that a multidisciplinary lifestyle intervention (ILI) can significantly enhance glycaemic control and promote Type 2 Diabetes (T2D) remission in nonobese Indian patients in real-world conditions. The findings emphasize the critical role of early intervention and weight management in this population. The study was conducted by doctors from Pune-based Freedom From Diabetes Clinic (FFD), led by Dr Pramod Tripathi along with Ms. Anagha Vyawahare, Dr Nidhi Kadam, Dr Dipika Tiwari, Ms. Baby Sharma, DrThejas Kathrikolly, Dr Malhar Ganla,

Dr Banshi Saboo. This retrospective analysis included 1,453 non-obese patients (BMI 18.5–24.9 kg/m², aged >18 years) who participated in FFD's 1-year online subscription-based ILI program between June 2020 and October 2023. The program combined a plant-based diet, structured physical activity, psychological support, and medical management. Each patient was supported by a team of six experts—a physician, dietician, physiotherapist, psychologist, mentor, and monitor—and engaged in both group sessions and one-on-one consultations. Medical management included daily glucose monitoring, quarterly physician consultations, and supplementation for nutritional deficiencies. Remission was defined as

maintaining HbA1C < 6.5% for at least three months without glucose-lowering medications. According to Dr. Tripathi, despite the high prevalence of T2D among non-obese Indians, very few studies have examined the role of comprehensive lifestyle interventions in this group. "This study helps fill that gap by demonstrating the impact of a structured, multidisciplinary program on achieving remission in nonobese patients with Type 2 Diabetes," he said. Although obesity is often seen as the main cause of type 2 diabetes (T2D), research shows that a large number of patients in Asia—nearly 60% to 80%—are actually not obese. These individuals may look thin but often have high levels of fat around the abdo-

men, which raises their risk of heart disease. Until now, very few studies have looked at whether diabetes remission is possible in such non-obese patients. This study shows that it is: about 1 in 4 non-obese patients achieved remission mainly by losing at least 5% of their body weight. This proves that even modest weight loss—much less than what is usually recommended for obese patients—can play a powerful role in helping non-obese individuals put their diabetes into remission. The results highlight that structured lifestyle changes—integrating nutrition, exercise, psychology, and medical care—can play a transformative role in diabetes management, even among non-obese individuals.

Dhahareshwar Vidya and Krida Pratishthan Students Shine with Goldmedal at the State and National Level



Pune: Students of Dhahareshwar Vidya and Krida Pratishthan, Dhayari, have brought glory to the institution and the city by achieving outstanding success at the state and national level competitions during the institution's silver jubilee year. At the State School Wrestling Championship held in Raigad, Komal Mankar won the gold medal in the 69 kg category, displaying remarkable skill and determination. Meanwhile, Swamini Sonawane



clined a team gold medal at the National Shooting Ball Championship held in Ghaaziabad. Owing to her stellar performance, Komal Mankar will now represent Maharashtra at the upcoming National Wrestling Championship to be held in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. The institution felicitated both gold medalists in a special ceremony attended by Chairman Sopan alias Kakasaheb Chavan and Director Aniket Chavan, along with other of-



rice bearers, the principal, and faculty members. Speaking on the occasion, Kakasaheb Chavan said, "The golden achievements of our students during the silver jubilee year of the institution are a matter of immense pride. The credit for this success goes to the players, their families, and our dedicated sports teachers. The determination, hard work, and success demonstrated by these two young athletes will serve as an inspiration for future generations."

World Champ Minakshi to Lead India on High-Voltage Day 1 as World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 Launch with Grand Opening Ceremony

Pune (Voice news service):- The World Boxing Cup Finals 2025 officially come to life on Sunday in Greater Noida, the opening ceremony kicking off what promises to be a landmark week in global boxing. Earlier, the draw delivered India a mix of strong opportunities and high-pressure tests, with World Champion Minakshi Hooda, Preeti, Narender Berwal and Ankush Phangal leading the hosts' Day 1 campaign. After a landmark World Championships in 2023, this marks India's first major international boxing tournament on home soil, signalling the country's renewed presence on the global stage.



India's campaign opens with a high-stakes opener as World Championships Liverpool 2025 gold medalist Minakshi (48kg) collides with Kazakhstan's Bolat Akbota, followed by a tense, tactical showdown between Preeti (54kg) and Uzbekistan's Nigina Uktamova, a former Youth World champion and an Asiad medal to her name—the winner of this bout will be earning a blockbuster meeting against Olympic medalist and top seed, Huang Hsiao-Wen of Chinese Taipei. The men's draw brings equally fierce action, featuring a high-octane clash between Ankush Phangal (80kg) and Japan's Go Wakaya, a silver medalist from the previous iteration of the World Boxing Cup Finals in Sheffield, known for his range and quickness. Meanwhile, Narender Berwal (90+kg), the Asian Games and World Cup bronze medalist, will lock into a power-packed quarterfinal against Ukraine's King's Cup 2025 gold medalist Andrii Khaletskiy. Later in the tour-

namment, Brazil World Cup gold medalist Hitesh is primed for a marquee 70kg battle with top seed Sewon Okazawa, as two-time World Champ Nikhat Zareen dives straight into a semifinal showdown with Uzbek Ganieva Gulsevar. Addressing the gathering, Ajay Singh, BFI President said, "This truly is a celebration of excellence. We have the top boxers from the world coming here, on this stage, and competing to be the champions. This is a great moment for the sportsperson, a great moment for our country. On behalf of 1.4 billion Indians, I welcome you all. I appreciate the effort of all the organisers, partners, and volunteers, and reaffirm that India is fully committed to supporting World Boxing now and in the future, for many, many such championships." Kicking off the tournament in style, the opening ceremony offered a powerful glimpse of the scale and prestige surrounding the event on Saturday evening, featuring a striking lamp-lighting segment and a march-past of all participating countries. The evening also showcased a vibrant blend of music and dance, capturing the cultural richness

of India through a beautifully curated performance as the Games were formally declared open. Boxing Federation of India (BFI) President Ajay Singh, World Boxing Cup Organizing Secretary and General Secretary, BFI, Pramod Kumar, and Acting World Boxing Secretary General Mike McAtee presided over the ceremony, officially opening the tournament. "In our country, boxing is not just a sport; it is a religion. With each victory, with each gold medal that our boxers get, we have hundreds and hundreds of young children who take to the sport, who are inspired to believe that even they can do it. Boxing contributes not just medals, it fuels whole generations. My very, very best wishes to all the athletes," Singh added. The Finale Championships, staged from December 16–20 at the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex, bring together more than 120 elite boxers from 15 nations, marking one of the most competitive fields in the tournament's young history. Every weight category with ten for men and ten for women, features a maximum of eight contenders, each selected through

the Official World Boxing Rankings, ensuring high impact and quality competition. Speaking on the occasion, Mike McAtee, Acting World Boxing Secretary General added: "It's an honour and privilege to be here in India, to be part of the first World Boxing Cup Finals. It could not have happened without the great leadership of (BFI) President (Ajay) Singh, the Boxing Federation of India, the Boxers, the coaches, the officials, the fans, and the country as a whole, which has gotten behind this event. Having witnessed firsthand the boxers develop from Brazil to India this year, the boxing will be amazing." The ceremony saw the presence of key dignitaries, among them Mr. Surinder Singh (Block Pramukh), Mr. Krishna (Administrator), Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex), Mr. R.P. Singh (Sports Director, UP Government), and Rajya Sabha MP Mr. Surendra Singh Naagar, along with Mr. Pramod Kumar (Secretary General, BFI) and Pon Baskaran (Treasurer, BFI), all of whom joined in formally inaugurating the event. The Finale Championships is particularly meaningful for India, which hosts the event for the first time with a full 20-member lineup across all weight classes. The home boxers now have a rare chance to measure themselves against Olympic and world-level competition. India also entered with strong form and six medals, including a gold, in Stage 1 in Brazil and 11 medals with three golds in Stage 3 in Kazakhstan. Every win here also carries crucial ranking points, making each bout vital for the Indians' international standing.

FIDE World Cup 2025: Arjun defeat Aronian with black to reach quarters; Harikrishna to play tiebreak

Pune (Voice news service):- GM Arjun Erigaisi rejected a draw offer from GM Levon Aronian before tightening the noose on his experienced opponent to win with black pieces to advance to the quarterfinals of the FIDE World Cup 2025 here on Saturday while P Harikrishna will now have to play a tiebreak to advance. Having drawn the opening game of Round 5 with white,

Arjun pinned Aronian's king in the h1 corner and forced the two-time World Cup winner to resign after the 38th move as he launched a triple attack with a queen, bishop and knight. "It was a tense middle game. I was not able to understand if I was better. But after he played knight e3 and offered a draw, I was confident that I could win because he was happy with a draw," said Arjun, who is the

one of the two top-10 seeded player left in the competition. Arjun will now play the winner of the match between GM Wei Yi of China and GM Samuel Sevian of USA. Also advancing to the next round was GM Wei Yi from China, defeating GM Samuel Sevian of USA in 73 moves, Uzbekistan's GM Nodirbek Yakubov defeating GM Gabriel Sargissian of Armenia with white pieces in 35 moves

and GM Sindarov Javokhir of Uzbekistan who defeated GM Svane Frederik of Germany in 47 moves while three matches including that of Harikrishna head to the tiebreak. Playing white, Harikrishna tried his best to make inroads but GM Jose Eduardo Martinez Alcantara was solid in his defence and with no possibility of any other results both the players opted for a draw after 35 moves.

Connecting Trust to Host 3-Day International Conference on Suicide Prevention in Pune from Nov 28-30

Pune: Marking its 20th anniversary, city-based NGO Connecting Trust will host a three-day international conference titled "Fresh Perspectives in Suicide Prevention & Mental Health" from November 28 to 30 at Tarawade Clarks Inn, Pune. The conference aims to facilitate open dialogue, shared insights, and collaborative action in the field of suicide prevention. The event will bring together mental health professionals, researchers, volunteers, social workers, students, and NGOs working in allied sectors. Organisers said the conference will attempt to address critical questions around the rising suicide rates and highlight approaches that are proving effective on the ground. The conference will feature keynote addresses, plenary

sessions, and skill-based workshops led by prominent national and international experts representing mental health, suicide prevention, youth work, education, community initiatives, and lived experience advocacy. The organisers said the intent is to explore what is working, identify gaps, and envision new pathways for collective action. The three-day programme is designed to offer space for reflection, deep listening, and practical learning. Sessions will include conversations rooted in lived experience, intersectionality, and social context, bringing diverse voices—from professionals to survivors and community workers—into the same dialogue space. A pre-conference workshop will be held on November 28. On Day 1 (November 29), the

focus will be on foundational themes in suicide prevention. Raj Mariwala, Director of Mariwala Health Initiative, will deliver the day's keynote address. The first day will include panel discussions, skill-building workshops, and reflective listening circles. Day 2 (November 30) will centre on actionable frameworks and interventions. Dr Aruna Jha, Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin and a veteran in suicide prevention for over three decades, will deliver the keynote address. Future-oriented presentations, evidence-based sessions, and continued skills training will form the core of the second day. Connecting Trust, a volunteer-driven organisation, works to create compassionate communities through non-judgmental and non-advisory support services. Its programmes include a distress helpline, email-based support, listening circles, and awareness sessions across educational institutions, corporates, NGOs, and community platforms. The NGO operates its distress helplines at 9922004305 and 9922001122 between 10 am and 8 pm daily. Distress emails can be sent to distress-mailsconnecting@gmail.com. More information about the conference is available at the official website.

The details were shared by Connecting Trust Co-founder Sandy Arnade at a press briefing, where Advisory Board members Amina Ajaane and Viren Rajput, Mentor and Trainer Dr Adithy R., and volunteers Deepali Virmalwar and Lorraine David were also present.

A.R. Rahman Live in Concert & R.K. Award for Excellence to Aamir Khan

Pune: The city of Pune is gearing up for a historic night as A.R. Rahman brings his first-ever stadium concert to MCA Stadium, Gahunje, on 23rd November 2025. The event promises an unforgettable musical experience featuring India's most iconic voices – Hariharan, Sukhwinder Singh, and Chinmayi performing alongside the Maestro A.R. Rahman himself.

Beyond music, the evening will also celebrate artistic excellence with the presentation of the first “R.K. Laxman Award for Excellence” a tribute to the legendary cartoonist whose timeless creations continue to inspire generations. The award honors



individuals whose work reflects R.K. Laxman's values of perseverance, creativity, and purpose. This year, the first “R.K. Laxman Award for Excellence” will be presented to Aamir Khan (Actor, Director and Producer) for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema and storytelling, at the hands of Boman Irani. The concert and award ceremony are hosted by the R.K. Laxman family uniting art, culture, and music in one unforgettable evening.

EVENT DETAILS: Date: Sunday, 23rd November, 2025, Gates Open: 3:00 PM. Concert Starts: 5:00 PM, Venue: MCA Stadium, Gahunje.

Pune's favourite beauty festival returns – The Gloss Box is back this festive season!

Pune: It's time for weddings, parties, and gifting again! Nexus Westend Mall and The Pavillion Mall, Pune, are turning up the festive excitement with the third edition of their much-awaited beauty festival — The Gloss Box. Scheduled from 14th November 2025, the festival brings together the biggest beauty, grooming, and wellness brands under one roof, celebrating glamour, style, and self-care.

From makeup and skincare to haircare and fragrances, shoppers can explore the latest trends and must-have products for the wedding and holiday season. The festival will also feature live demos, beauty tips from experts, and interactive makeover zones, helping everyone look and feel their best for the celebrations ahead. At Nexus Westend Mall, the two-day event promises an exciting lineup of activities. On 14th November, visitors can enjoy a Gloss Box Makeover Session by a renowned NykaaArtist from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM, followed by the MG Comet Winner Fe-



licitation & Key Handing Ceremony from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM, and a soulful Live Musical Performance by students and mentors from the Furtado School of Music between 6:15 PM and 7:45 PM.

The celebrations continue on 15th November with a Children's Day Special Event starting at 10:30 AM, featuring a free gaming session at the LED Game Zone (for kids and parents by invite only), a Donut Dressing Workshop by Mad Over Donuts at the Food Court, and a meal for all par-

ticipants. The activities aim to engage families, enhance the mall experience, and celebrate the joy of childhood through fun, creativity, and brand-led experiences. While The Gloss Box will be hosted at Nexus Westend Mall for one weekend only — 14th and 15th November, shoppers at The Pavillion Mall can enjoy the beauty festival all the way until 23rd November 2025, giving everyone more time to explore, indulge, and celebrate the season in style.

Shoppers can also enjoy exclusive discounts, special gifts on shopping, 2X reward points, and exciting “Shop & Win” prizes throughout the festival. It's the perfect opportunity to try new looks, prepare for functions, and pick the ideal gifts for loved ones. Leading brands participating in The Gloss Box include MAC, Sephora, Nykaa, Forest Essentials, The Body Shop, Toni & Guy, Westside, Health & Glow, and many more. Why shoppers will love The Gloss Box

- Perfect timing for wedding shopping and party prep
- Expert styling tips and beauty recommendations
- Exclusive offers, discounts, and double reward points
- Fun, family-friendly experiences and photo-worthy moments.

Event Details
What: The Gloss Box – Pune's Beauty Festival
When & Where:
14th – 15th November 2025 at Nexus Westend Mall
14th – 23rd November 2025 at The Pavillion Mall

Giving Back to Society Is Essential When We Take from Society — Sushil Biyani

Inauguration of Tapadia Life Sciences' New State-of-the-Art Office

Pune: “Through business, we take a lot from society; therefore, it is our responsibility to give something back to society,” said Sushil Biyani, Director of Tapadia Life Sciences. He was speaking to reporters at the inauguration ceremony of Tapadia Life Sciences' new state-of-the-art office. The new facility was inaugurated at the hands of Brijlal Biyani and Usha Biyani. On this occasion, dignitaries such as Omprakash Tapadia, Jugal Kishor Tapadia, Anup Tapadia, Dr. Vishal Tapadia, Sunil Shah, and Prashant Agarwal were present.

Biyani said, “Tapadia Life Sciences was established in 2008 with the aim of creating an independent and efficient system for the timely and responsible supply of essential



and rare medicines. We carefully provide life-saving medicines required for the treatment of serious diseases such as cancer, ICU & critical care, immunology, nephrology, ophthalmology, hematology, plasma products, HV (high-value) therapies, and rheumatology. These include injections and medicines ranging from ₹100 to ₹5 lakh.” Tapadia Life Sciences currently supplies medicines to more than 500 hospitals

across the state. Of the total supply, 70% of the medicines are provided directly to hospitals, while the remaining are supplied to major pharmacies and distributors. The company distributes rare medicines from 55 leading and reputed multinational pharmaceutical manufacturers in the country. Biyani shared that Tapadia Life Sciences holds exclusive distribution rights for certain speciality medicines in Maharashtra and South India.

“Use of advanced technology, adherence to international standards, and a precise system that ensures timely delivery of medicines directly to patients are the hallmarks of our service,” Biyani added. He further explained that the company places special emphasis on maintaining medicine quality through proper temperature control, disciplined storage, and minimal human handling. Tapadia Life Sciences operates branches in Pune, Satara, Sangli, Kolhapur, Solapur, Nashik, and Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar. The company has a strong supply network across Western Maharashtra, North Maharashtra, and Marathwada, and is determined to expand nationwide soon, Biyani said.

Pune's Real Estate Landscape Brightens with the Launch of ‘Codename Light’ in Keshav Nagar

Pune: Real estate developers Esson Landmarks, Suyog Group, and Unitary Property have jointly announced the launch of their new residential project, ‘Codename Light’, in Alliance with Strategic Partner Maestro Realtek, a reputed real estate consultancy and marketing partner. Situated in Keshav Nagar, Pune, the project spans 4.5 acres and comprises 2 and 3 BHK residences ranging from 775 sq.ft. to 991 sq.ft. Designed to maximise natural light, ventilation, and privacy, Codename Light integrates thoughtful layouts, wide balconies, and high-quality finishes to create a comfortable living environment.

The development includes three 13-storey towers surrounded by 1.1 acres of landscaped greens and offers over 30 lifestyle amenities, such as a swimming pool, gymnasium, yoga and Zumba studios, library, indoor games area, spa and salon, social hub, Miyawaki forest, and amphitheatre. Sustainable features such as rainwater harvesting, solar



provisions, STP, and CCTV surveillance are also part of the project's design, reflecting its emphasis on responsible urban living. Speaking about the launch, Mr. Nitin Gupta, Founder and Managing Director, Maestro Realtek, said, “Codename Light reflects a modern approach to residential development where design, comfort, and sustainability come together. We are glad to associate with

esteemed partners who share our commitment to creating well-planned communities that offer long-term value to residents.” Mr. Pranay Oswal, Managing Director, Unitary Property, stated, “Keshav Nagar is one of Pune's most promising residential locations. Through Codename Light, we aim to offer thoughtfully designed homes that cater to the evolving lifestyle needs of today's families while maintaining a bal-

ance with nature.” Mr. Adesh Agrawal, Managing Director, Esson Landmarks, shared, “Our focus has always been on developing projects that enhance everyday living. Codename Light embodies this vision through its blend of architecture, open spaces, and community-centric amenities.” Adding to this, Mr. Ashish Shah, Managing Director, Suyog Group, remarked, “This collaboration brings together shared expertise and a unified goal — to offer homes that combine convenience, comfort, and quality. Codename Light is designed for those who value both modernity and meaningful living.” Located close to key commercial hubs such as Kharadi and Magarpatta, the project benefits from upcoming infrastructure developments including the Proposed Metro Line 3, the Kharadi-Keshav Nagar Bridge, and the Mula-Mutha Riverfront Development, which are expected to further enhance connectivity and the overall appeal of the area.

myBiz by MakeMyTrip and Swiggy Join Hands: Offer Convenience to Corporate Travelers

Pune: myBiz, the SaaS-based corporate booking platform from MakeMyTrip, and Swiggy (Swiggy Ltd, NSE: SWIGGY / BSE: 544285), India's leading on-demand convenience platform, today announced a partnership to simplify meal expense management for millions of corporate travelers across the country. With its tech-first approach, myBiz has emerged as one of India's leading corporate travel platforms, serving more than 75,000 corporates and SMEs nationwide. Having already streamlined complex categories such as flights, hotels, ground transport, visas, and travel insurance for the corporate sector, myBiz is now joining forces with Swiggy to address the next most challenging component of business travel—meal expenses, which account for over 11% of India's corporate travel spend.

With this partnership, corporate travelers can seamlessly order meals through ‘Swiggy for Work’ on the Swiggy app and pay directly using the myBiz corporate wallet. They can choose from over 2.6 lakh restaurants across 720+ cities for delivery, or dine at more than 40,000 Swiggy Dineout partner restaurants across 50+ cities. At the heart of this integration is the ‘Bill to Company’ feature on ‘Swiggy for Work’, a first-of-its-kind solution that eliminates personal outlay and receipt management through a simple, unified workflow. All transactions are automatically captured in company expense systems, giving finance teams real-time visibility and ensuring policy compliance. Employees only need a one-time authorization with their corporate ID to get started.

Rajesh Magow, Co-Founder and Group CEO, MakeMyTrip, said, “myBiz has consistently outpaced the industry by solving operational gaps that matter most

to enterprises. With this partnership, we are combining Swiggy's unmatched restaurant network and delivery infrastructure with myBiz's corporate travel ecosystem to finally take the complexity out of business meal management. It's a step forward in our mission to make corporate travel not just seamless, but truly end-to-end convenient for employees and finance teams alike.”

Rohit Kapoor, CEO, Swiggy Food Marketplace said, “Anyone who has traveled for work knows that the hardest part isn't the meeting, it's figuring out meals and then filing reimbursements for them. This partnership with myBiz takes that pain away. Business travelers can now focus on their work while Swiggy ensures their meals are sorted. Corporate travelers can order from Swiggy's vast network of restaurants and have meals delivered wherever they are or enjoy a meal at their favourite restaurant in the city, with expenses settled instantly through their myBiz wallet. Once authenticated, the flow is like any other Swiggy transaction, with a simple toggle to Corporate Mode before checkout. It's a simple idea, but one that can save time, reduce hassle, and make work travel smoother. It's a proof of how tech transforms possibilities when the right platforms connect.”

In addition to the access to ‘Bill to Company’ feature on ‘Swiggy for Work’, users will get exclusive rewards and offers across all business units including Food, Dineout and Instamart, via Swiggy's Corporate Rewards program. Launched in May across 7,000 Tech Parks in 30+ cities in India, the program has generated overwhelming positive response and has scaled up to 27,000+ corporates and 2.5 lakh authenticated users in just 6 months of the launch.

‘Narayani Group’ extends a helping hand to girls at Bhaje Ashram School in Lonavala

Pune: The first social project by the ‘Narayani Group’ at a girls' outreach ashram in Bhaje, Lonavala. The group, after an initial inspection, distributed sanitary napkins and bed sheets based on the girls' specific needs. The event saw significant support from various citizens and other organizations, including ‘Chai Pe Charcha’, ‘Innerwheel Club of Pimpri’, ‘Bhor’, and ‘Ada The Fashion Studio’.

Several artists also attended, interacting with and entertaining the girls, who participated enthusiastically in the day's activities and games.



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Charity musical concert in aid of Childhood Cancer

Pune: On November 9, 2025, Mumbai witnessed an evening where melody meets meaning, as CanKids KidsCan, India's largest childhood cancer NGO, and Bansuri Music Group (Music with A Mission) presented “Sunehre Swar – Ban Jayenge Gold” an event to raise funds for Mahacares For Kids With Cancer. This is part of CanKids nationwide ‘Ban Jayenge Gold’ campaign inspired by gold, the global symbol for childhood cancer awareness.

This charity concert celebrated courage, compassion, and the spirit of children who bravely fight cancer.

Addressing the audience, Poonam Bagal Founder Chairman CanKids said: “When music meets mission, hearts unite — and hope sings louder. CanKids has been working in Maharashtra since 2010 — opening the first special school Canshala for kids with cancer in 2012 in a PPP with MCGM, and signing 2 state health MoUs with



the Maharashtra Govt (MEDD and NHM) in 2019. Through our Change for Childhood Cancer in Maharashtra project CanKids has driven access, financial protection and survival for children with cancer and their families. We are looking to raise funds of around INR 3.5 crore for 2 large initiatives.

Of these, INR 1.5 crore is to provide vital, upfront emergency medical assistance to 1,000 children at TMH Mumbai and INR 2 crore to strengthen regional childhood cancer divisions at Nagpur, Aurangabad, and Pune (with Kolhapur-Sangli)” Speaking about CanKids, Shri Sanjay Mukherjee (IAS)

the current MMRDA Metropolitan Commissioner said, “I have known CanKids since 2019. It is an amazing organization and its heartening to see the progress which has since been made collectively towards driving awareness and change for childhood cancer from then to now and am excited to be a part of this evening of music, joy and awareness. Today 73% of estimated children who have cancer in the state are accessing care and collectively with the help of all, we will reach the goal of 100%.” Said Dr Banavali (Director Academics TMH & Prof Medical & Pediatric Oncology) : “Childhood cancer is highly

curable but along with medical treatment and the funds required for that, there is support required for education, accommodation, counselling, nutrition which organisations like CanKids provide to bring about change for childhood cancer in Maharashtra.”

Shri Ranjeet Deol (IAS) said “I am delighted to observe that through its Canshalafor-Life and other educational programs, CanKids is supporting the Right to Education for children with cancer. This ensures that they don't drop out of school while undergoing prolonged treatment. He assured support and engagement with CanKids in all aspects related to these programs in Maharashtra.” The evening ended with a full house with heart warming scenes of love, affection and emotion as the audience sang and danced with kids battling cancer ending with the collective promise of “Cancer Ko Dhishoom Dhishoom! Ban Jayenge Gold”

Vencer Hospital launches “48 Hours to First Steps” program for knee replacement patients

Pune: Vencer Hospital, a leading multispecialty hospital known for its expertise in Orthopaedics and Ophthalmology, has introduced an innovative recovery program titled “48 Hours to First Steps.”

The initiative aims to help knee replacement patients stand, walk safely, and return home with renewed confidence within just two days after surgery.

The program is designed and implemented by Vencer's Physiotherapy Department in close coordination with the

hospital's orthopaedic and nursing teams. It focuses on structured recovery milestones beginning even before surgery, where patients attend a short class on pain control, breathing exercises, ankle pumps, and home preparation for post-surgery recovery.

On the day of surgery, patients begin gentle bed exercises and assisted sitting. The following day includes walking with a walker, short corridor rounds, and guidance on icing and limb elevation. By the second day,

patients practice climbing stairs, learn safe transfer techniques between bed, chair, and toilet, and receive a comprehensive home exercise plan for continued recovery.

Vencer's Physiotherapy Department plays a crucial role in ensuring a smooth rehabilitation journey through daily bedside sessions, simple home exercise routines, and caregiver guidance. Patients are educated about red-flag signs, follow-up visits, and additional support services such as spine care,

sports injury management, balance training for seniors, and post-fracture rehabilitation.

Dr. Bhushan Shitole, Consultant Orthopaedic and Joint Replacement Surgeon at Vencer Hospital, highlighted the importance of this initiative, stating, “Robotic precision in theatre must translate into confident steps at home. Our ‘48 Hours to First Steps’ protocol aligns surgery, pain control, and physiotherapy so patients mobilize early—safely, steadily, and with a clear recovery plan.”

World Technology Summit 2025 Kicks Off at MIT-World Peace University

Pune: MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU), in collaboration with the World Technology (WT) organization, inaugurated the World Technology Summit 2025 India (WTS25) at the World Peace Dome in Pune. The summit brought together over 200 delegates from 25 countries, including representatives from global institutions, startups, policymakers, and thought leaders, aimed at tackling global challenges and building a more connected, sustainable future.

The summit, centered around the theme “Innovation to Impact: Accelerating Global Connectivity,” was inaugurated by Jaykumar Rawal, Minister of Marketing and Protocol, Government of Maharashtra. The theme highlighted how emerging breakthroughs can bridge the digital divide and create new opportunities for communities worldwide.

Among the key highlights was the announcement of a Sustainability Lab collaboration by Amol Kulkarni, Founder of the Kapda Project, in partnership with the MIT-WPU Innovation Club. Through this initiative, MIT-WPU Pune will become the first university in India to launch circular economy projects, where students will transform campus-generated waste into usable products.

Jaykumar Rawal, Minister of Marketing and Protocol, Government of Maharashtra, said: “It is an honour to be part of the inaugural World Technology Summit 2025 in Pune, where visionary leaders, innovators, and young changemakers have come together to shape a better future. As technology advances faster than ever, our true responsibility lies not only in innovation but in ensuring it serves humanity with ethics and compassion. Under India's dynamic leadership, we are witnessing how inclusive innovation, from Chandrayaan to UPI, is transforming lives. Let this summit inspire us to use science and technology to build a more connected, peaceful, and equitable world.”

Sir Paul J. Foster, Founder and Executive Chairman, World Technology Group said, “It is a true honour to stand here in India — the land of wisdom, innovation, and spirit. My deepest respect to the visionary founder of MIT World Peace University, Rev. Dr. Vishwanath Karad, whose dedication to knowledge and peace continues to inspire

generations. I also commend Dr. Rahul Karad, Dr. R. M. Chitnis, and Dr. Prasad D. Khandekar for their leadership and commitment to excellence. What began as an idea — to move from innovation to impact and accelerate global connectivity — has come alive here in Pune. From this stage, India connects to the world through technology, science, and human ingenuity.” Dr. Rahul V. Karad, Executive President of MIT-WPU, said: “It is a matter of great pride that the first edition of the World Technology Summit 2025 is being held at the World Peace Dome — a symbol of the harmony between science and spirituality. This initiative by Mr. Paul Foster and his team reflects our shared belief that technology must serve humanity with responsibility and compassion. As India advances as a global leader in innovation, we must combine emotional intelligence with scientific excellence. Together, through collaboration between academia and industry, we can shape a future where education, ethics, and technology work for the greater good of all.”

Gandhali Samant, Customer Success Leader - Cloud & AI Platforms, Microsoft India & South Asia said, “Artificial Intelligence is not here to replace people; it is here to empower them. If we look back at the industrial and IT revolutions, technology didn't take away jobs—it created new ones for those who adapted and learned. The same holds true for AI today. Data and AI are powerful tools that can help us make better decisions and drive innovation, but behind every data point lies a human story. That's why emotional intelligence and empathy must guide how we use technology. Data gives us speed, but empathy gives us direction. As we move toward a future of AI-driven change, the real challenge is not teaching machines to think—it's teaching humans to feel responsibly in a digital world. Our goal should be to combine the precision of data with the compassion of humanity.” She added, “As parents, teachers, and leaders, it's our duty to ensure that young people use technology ethically—to build, not to harm. The future will belong to those who can merge human wisdom with machine intelligence to create solutions that serve society and elevate human life.”

Pune records 12,500+ property registrations in October 2025; Adds INR 500+ cr to state exchequer: Knight Frank India

Pune: Knight Frank India, in its latest assessment, reported that Pune's real estate market recorded 12,693 property registrations in October 2025, with stamp duty collections touching INR 527 cr. Registrations declined 39% Year-on-Year (YoY), while revenue collections fell 30%, largely due to a high base. October last year had seen a strong festive momentum driven by Navratri (3–11 Oct) and Diwali (1 Nov 2024). In contrast, this year's festive activity was largely concentrated in September, with Navratri falling from September 22 to October 1, and only Diwali on October 20, contributing to October's festive momentum. While lower than last year, numbers remained in a respectable range, holding above the 12,000 marks. On a month-on-month (MoM) basis, registrations were down 6% while stamp duty collections observed a modest 0.7% growth. On a year-to-date (YTD) basis, Pune's property market has remained resilient, achieving the highest property registrations and stamp duty collections for the first ten months of the year in the past four years. The distribution of ticket sizes in October 2024 and October 2025 remained unchanged. Homes priced up to INR 1 cr continued to dominate with an 85% share, reflecting steady demand at the mid and affordable end. Segments above INR 1 cr hold their ground at 15%, suggesting that while the top end is expanding, the market's foundation continue to be broad-based. Shishir Bajjal, Chairman & Managing Director, Knight

Frank India, stated, "Pune's housing market has held its ground firmly through 2025. October's numbers were lower than last year's festive-inflated base, yet the city crossed 12,600 registrations and generated over INR 500 crore in revenue, pointing to steady underlying demand. Much of the festive buying shifted to September this year, but activity in October stayed within a healthy range. With YTD registrations and revenue at their highest levels in four years, Pune continues to operate at stable, sustainable volumes, reflecting a market that has grown more consistent, broad-based, and confident." The overall preference for home sizes has remained stable through the year. Units under 500 sq ft inched up from 22% to 23%, and the 500 to 800 sq ft category held steady at 46%. Homes above 800 sq ft saw a mild dip, slipping from 32% to 30%, indicating a steady but slightly softening pull toward larger configurations. In October 2025, Central Pune which includes Haveli Taluka, Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC), and Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC), maintained its lead in residential transactions, accounting for 64% of the market. However, this represented a decline from the previous year as emerging developments in other parts of the city catered to evolving homebuyer preferences. West Pune, which includes Mawal, Mulshi, and Velhe, held the second-largest share at 14%, while North, South, and East Pune collectively contributed 22% of transactions during the same period.

AM/NS India accelerates circularity and low-carbon emissions steelmaking

Pune (Voice news service):- ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) has published its Sustainability Report for FY2024-2025, which has set out the measurable progress it is making on its commitment to decarbonisation, circularity, and communities' empowerment. The report also underscores that AM/NS India's efforts to cut CO2 emissions and embrace circularity are aligned with global standards such as Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) 2021, European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS), Integrated Reporting (IR) & Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR). Mr. Dilip Oommen, Chief Executive Officer, ArcelorMittal

Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India), said: "Sustainability is integral to our business strategy, promoting innovation, contributing to national climate action goals, and ensuring the well-being and safety of our employees, and all other stakeholders. The past financial year has marked a turning point in our sustainability journey as we made steady progress on our strategic intent to continue producing high-quality and low-carbon emissions steel, more responsibly. Under the theme 'From Green Promise to Green Action', the report details measurable advancements we made in sustainability across our operations, value chain, and communities."

Sales and new supply in India's prime residential markets remain flat as pricing concerns persist: Housing.com

Pune: The third quarter of calendar year 2025 (July – September 2025), which overlapped with India's monsoon season, witnessed subdued activity across the country's prime residential markets, according to the latest report by Housing.com, India's leading real estate technology platform. While sales activity in the country's 8 key residential markets remained flat year-on-year, new supply showed a nominal increase of 3% in the July-September period, the report shows. "The price rally over the past half-decade has dampened sales in the affordable housing segment, a category vital for the sector's long-term sustainability and growth. While demand and supply in the premium and high-end segments remain robust, supported by strong consumer sentiment, supply in the affordable housing category has been constrained despite steady underlying demand," said Mr. Praveen Sharma, CEO, REA India (Housing.com). "A two-pronged approach is essential: first, to encourage developers to boost supply in the affordable housing segment, and second, to improve affordability for end-users," Mr. Sharma added.

Developer confidence in the sector unshaken The report revealed that a total of 94,419 new housing units were launched across the top eight residential markets during Q3 2025, compared to 91,863 units in Q3 2024, marking a modest yet meaningful recovery after several quarters of fluctuating supply. On a sequential basis, new supply increased 12% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ), reflecting developers' renewed confidence following a phase of demand recalibration earlier this year. Markets such as Bengaluru (22% QoQ), Hyderabad (21%) and Ahmedabad (23%) led the quarterly uptick in new launches. Year-on-year, cities like Kolkata (69%) and Chennai (51%) showed strong expansion, indicating heightened developer activity in emerging and high-demand corridors. Meanwhile, the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) and Pune, which together continue to dominate national supply, accounted for nearly 40% of total new launches this quarter. Although MMR witnessed a 17% YoY decline, Pune remained largely stable, suggesting sustained traction in Western India's housing ecosystem.

Samsung Expands Extended Warranty Plans for Home Appliances with Samsung Care+

Pune (Voice news service):- Samsung, India's leading consumer electronics brand, today announced the expansion of its Samsung Care+ service to include extended warranty plans for home appliances including Refrigerators, Washing Machines, Air Conditioners, Microwave ovens, and Smart TVs. Customers can now choose from plans that range from 1-4 years, offering comprehensive protection and con-

venience, with prices starting as low as INR 2 per day. The upgraded Samsung Care+ service also introduce industry-first coverage for software updates and screen malfunctions (with no physical damage). This ensures that customers have complete peace of mind, not only for hardware issues but also for software performance and display concerns, making Samsung Care+ the most comprehensive appliance protection pro-

gramme in the industry. "We are committed to enhancing the customer experience, elevating home appliances ownership with unique benefits such as software updates and screen malfunction coverage, while expanding availability of Samsung Care+ extended warranty plans across all channels," said Ghufan Alam, Vice President, Digital Appliances, Samsung India. Built on the pillars of Expertise, Reach, Reliability,

Speed, Smart Service, Protection, and Sustainability, Samsung Care+ provides consumers access to over 13,000 Samsung-certified engineers, 2,500+ service centres, and 100% genuine Samsung parts, guaranteeing timely, high-quality service. Customers will get multi-lingual support in nine languages, while the Samsung app allows customers to track services and receive timely reminders for scheduled maintenance.

Hexaware Appoints Aditya Jayaraman (Adi) as Country Head, India

Pune (Voice news service):- Hexaware Technologies [NSE: HEXT], a global provider of IT solutions and services, announced the appointment of Aditya Jayaraman as Country Head, India. He will lead Hexaware's India strategy and growth agenda for enterprises and global capability centers (GCCs), under Hexaware's GCC 2.0 framework, working closely with customers and partner ecosystems. Aditya has 25+ years of experience building and scaling businesses across cloud, consulting, IT, data, and AI/ML. His career spans Bay Area SaaS startups to global tech giants. Most recently, he was the technology leader for AWS's Hi-Tech vertical in North

America. Over the course of his career, Aditya has helped 150+ North American Fortune 1000 organizations accelerate their digital transformation journeys. He has also co-founded a GenAI startup incubator and now mentors early-stage ventures on ideation, product-market fit, and GTM. Known for his outcome-driven approach, Aditya enables teams to sharpen problem statements and deliver precise business results. Aditya holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from NIT Trichy, an MBA from IIM Calcutta, and is a CFA charter holder. "Aditya brings proven global commercial leadership and experience of being a technology transformation partner

for dozens of G2000 organizations. Through him, we aim to bring our global capabilities and offerings, partner networks, and renewed energy and focus into what we see as one of the most important markets in the years ahead," said Amrinder Singh, President & Head – EMEA & APAC, Hexaware. "His appointment reinforces our growth focus across Indian enterprises and GCCs." "The technology landscape and its impact on business are undergoing a tectonic shift. Customers are looking for trusted partners who can not only guide them through this journey but also take ownership of their outcomes. In this milieu, what better company to be part of than one whose goal is to help per-



fect human intelligence and whose NPS score is 30 points above the industry average?" said Aditya Jayaraman, commenting on his appointment. As India continues to emerge as one of the most important frontiers of technology transformation globally, Aditya Jayaraman's appointment reinforces Hexaware's commitment to supporting enterprises and GCCs in modernizing legacy data platforms, migrating critical workloads, and scaling AI responsibly with tangible business outcomes.

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles introduces the Curvv with new Executive features

Pune (Voice news service):- Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles today announced the introduction of the Curvv with new and enhanced executive features. Through smart engineering innovations, Tata Motors has significantly enhanced interior space across all Curvv variants (ICE and EV), amplifying in-cabin experience with more comfort and practicality. With the addition of premium features such as India's first R-Comfort® Seats with Passive Ventilation, Serenity Screen Rear Sunshades, EasySip Cup Docks on Rear Armrest, a Dashboard Insert in White Carbon Fibre finish, and a Lighter Interior (Laltpur Grey) with Plush Benecke-Kaliko Leatherette Seats, the Curvv provides its customers with the best in segment indulgent experience. Further elevating its luxury quotient, the Curvv also introduces TwinZone Climate



Concierge Air Conditioning, while the Curvv.ev takes indulgence a step further with PureComfort Rear Co-Passenger Footrest and ErgoWing Headrest, redefining comfort and exclusivity in its class. With rear seat redefined and executive features reimaged, this enhanced version will be available in all Accomplished personas of the Curvv, starting at INR. 14.55 Lakhs and Accomplished and Empowered personas of the Curvv.ev, starting at INR. 18.49 Lakhs.

The Tata Curvv redefines the mid-size SUV segment with its distinctive SUV Coupé design and a perfect balance of style, innovation, and practical features. Built on the advanced ATLAS and active architecture for the ICE and EV powertrains respectively, the Curvv offers impressive fuel efficiency and real-world range. The cabin is crafted for indulgent comfort, a large voice activated panoramic sunroof with mood lighting, and a host of practical features including a gesture-activated

powered tailgate and a massive 500L boot space for effortless convenience. At the heart of its technology is a 31.24 cm (12.38") Cinematic Touchscreen Infotainment System by HARMAN, paired with a 9-speaker JBL sound system and Arcade. ev that delivers an immersive audio experience. Available in both ICE (Hyperion gasoline direct injection engine, 1.2 L Revotron Petrol engine and 1.5 L Kryojet Diesel engine) and EV powertrains with automatic and manual transmission options, the Curvv underscores Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles' multi-powertrain strategy, catering to diverse customer preferences. Continuing the company's proud legacy of safety the Curvv comes equipped with Level 2 ADAS and proudly holds a 5-star Bharat NCAP safety rating – a testament to meticulous engineering, adhering to the highest safety standards.

KSB Limited registers growth in the third quarter- July'25 to September'25

Pune (Voice news service):- KSB Limited, a pioneer and one of the world's leading manufacturers of pumps and valves, announced its third quarter results, reflecting growth during the period from July to September 2025. The company continues to prioritize innovative technologies and a strong commitment to delivering exceptional service to its customers. Summarizing the Q3 2025 performance, Mr. Prashant Kumar, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at KSB Limited, said, This year has been remarkable for KSB, driven by strong performance across our key business segments and continued trust from our partners and customers. We secured several prestigious projects, including major power and energy contracts in India and overseas,

reinforcing our position as a reliable engineering solutions provider. Our contribution to the renewable energy landscape was further strengthened through large-scale solar pump installation projects under state-led initiatives. It has been a year of expansion into new and promising areas. From supplying specialized pump systems for one of the world's largest carbon fibre projects in Gujarat to delivering advanced solutions for mining, power, and refinery projects across India, we continued to demonstrate engineering excellence and customer trust. Innovation remained central to our progress, marked by FM Approval for the Etanorm FXM pump and NORSOK Phase 1 certification for our foundry, opening new opportunities in firefighting and Middle Eastern markets. Beyond business, we take

immense pride in our people. KSB India was recognized as a Great Place to Work, with an outstanding 89% positive feedback across all parameters from our employees – a reflection of the passion, engagement, and dedication that fuels our success. Looking ahead, KSB remains committed to sustaining this momentum by pursuing excellence, driving innovation, and delivering long-term value to all our stakeholders. Mr. Mahesh Bhawe, Chief Financial Officer at KSB Limited, commented: KSB delivered a strong and consistent performance in the third quarter, supported by consistent execution across key business segments. We continue to strengthen our financial position through effective cost management and operational efficiency, ensuring profitability despite a challenging cost environment.



On the ESG front, going one step ahead, in addition to the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report, we have also released the Company's first Sustainability Report in October 2025. Delivering on our ESG commitments, we are working towards reduction of GHG emissions under Scope 1 and 2, while monitoring limited categories of Scope 3 emissions. We are also conducting supply chain assessments based on sustainability criteria and working on BRSR Core assurance. Our focus remains on driving sustainable value creation for all stakeholders through innovation and responsible business practices.

Microfinance Lending Shows Strong Signs of Recovery Amid Continued Portfolio Moderation: CRIF High Mark MicroLend Report

Pune: CRIF High Mark, a leading credit bureau in India, has released the latest edition of its quarterly publication MicroLend, highlighting the continuous cautious yet improving credit environment as of September 2025. While the overall Gross Loan Portfolio (GLP) continued to moderate, delinquencies and origination quality trends point toward improving asset health and better portfolio management

across lenders. As of September 2025, the industry's GLP stood at ₹3.46 lakh crore, reflecting a 16.5% year-on-year and 3.8% quarter-on-quarter decline. However, the value of loans disbursed rose 6.5% QoQ, indicating a shift toward higher ticket sizes and lending to seasoned borrowers. Portfolio quality showed notable improvement, with PAR 1–180 days past due (DPD)

improving to 5.99%, a 1.07% QoQ decline. DPD buckets (PAR 1–30 and PAR 31–90) eased across most lender types. Commenting on the findings, Sachin Seth, Chairman – CRIF High Mark Credit Bureau (CIC) Regional Managing Director, CRIF India & South Asia, said: "The microfinance sector continues to demonstrate its resilience, with lenders showing pro-

dence in customer selection and credit underwriting. The steady rise in ticket sizes and increased lending to experienced borrowers reflect a maturing credit ecosystem that is balancing growth with sustainability. As institutions leverage data-driven insights to assess borrower behavior, we expect the next few quarters to see more calibrated expansion backed by stronger asset quality."

Indus Towers' Digital Transformation Van touched Over 1.36 Lakh Lives Across India

Pune (Voice news service):- As India celebrates 10 years of Digital India, Indus Towers, one of the world's largest telecom infrastructure companies today announced its contribution towards digital enablement for 136,525 people from underserved community with DigiShiksha. As part of 'Saksham' (Indus Towers' flagship Corporate Social Responsibility program), the 21-seater Digital Transformation Van by Indus Towers has reached rural and urban slum communities in Delhi, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, and Odisha. Launched in 2018, DigiShiksha initiative empowers youth, women, senior citizens, and farmers with digital literacy, IT skills, cybersecurity awareness, and financial education—directly aligning with the Government of India's Digital India Mission. The endeavour of The Indus Towers' DTV initiative has been to impart essential digital literacy, create awareness, confidence, and self-reliance among thousands of women. The program is implemented by NIIT Foundation. Speaking about the initiative, Neeti Wahi, Chief Digital & Information Officer at Indus Towers, stated, "Indus Towers' DTV is a commitment to inclusive growth and a belief that technology can be a pow-

erful equalizer. It is heartening to see over half of our beneficiaries are women, which is a testament to our focus on inclusive growth and sustainable impact." As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility flagship - Saksham, Indus Towers' solar powered Digital Transformation Van provides free doorstep digital education and public services. The mobile classroom is equipped with high-speed internet, modern computers, printers, and e-learning tools thereby serving as a hub for community awareness sessions, including digital safety, environmental conservation, and waste management to its diverse audience representing school children (12+), women, farmers and senior citizens to empower those who left behind in the digital revolution. These sessions are led by expert trainers from NIIT Foundation, ensuring personalized support for learners. These efforts demonstrate how DTV has become a transformative platform in enhancing women's lives through its tools and knowledge that are essential to navigate the digital world and improve their livelihoods. Unlike conventional campaigns that rely on static centers, the DTV goes where the need is greatest and customizes its offerings for maximum impact.

Alkem Foundation and IIT Bombay announce strategic collaboration

Pune (Voice news service):- Alkem Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Alkem Laboratories Ltd. ("Alkem"), and Indian Institute of Technology Bombay ("IIT Bombay") today announced a strategic collaboration to set up a first-of-its-kind research centre in India dedicated to immuno-therapeutics and regenerative medicines. Under this collaboration, Alkem Foundation will fund the establishment of "Alkem Centre for Advanced Research and Development of Applied Immuno-Therapeutics and Regenerative Medicines" in the IIT Bombay campus.

rials and technology to bolster immuno-therapeutics and regenerative medicines using unique models based on futuristic techniques for delivery and edition. It will also serve as a training and incubation hub for clinician-scientists and biotech entrepreneurs, strengthening India's translational research ecosystem in life sciences. It will draw upon IIT Bombay's core faculty and have mentors from IIT Bombay and Alkem, as well as global experts from premier universities, who will advise on the research programmes. Mrs. Madhurima Singh, Executive Director and Chairperson of the CSR and Sustainability Committee, Alkem, said, "At Alkem, we understand the critical role of scientific advancement and transformative research in addressing unmet medical needs. Despite government encouragement, only a small share of corporate CSR spending in India goes towards R&D. We saw it as our responsibility to go beyond business and support R&D in the important field of immuno-therapeutics and regenerative medicines through CSR. We are pleased to partner with IIT Bombay, a prestigious institution that has been at the forefront of India's innovation and self-reliance efforts, to develop advanced and cost-effective treatments that can improve both lifespan and quality of life. This partnership reflects our shared commitment to developing healthcare solutions by India for India and the world."

This is a pioneering step in fostering cutting-edge research and innovation in complex disease areas, which have significant unmet medical needs. Alkem Foundation will contribute a substantial 20-25% of its cumulative CSR obligations over seven years on this research centre. This is the first industry-academia collaboration in the country, initiated through the CSR route, for advancing research in the areas of immuno-therapeutics and regenerative medicines. The partnership brings together Alkem's pharmaceutical industry insights and experience in developing healthcare solutions, and IIT Bombay's expertise in biomedical engineering, biosciences, and translational research, along with a pool of globally trained faculty, to create a distinctive innovation and translation ecosystem. The research centre is being developed with an objective of building a comprehensive ecosystem that enables innovation, research, and skill development in complex and underserved therapy areas, and bridging critical gaps in infrastructure, talent, and translational capability, especially in the area of high precision medicines. The initiative will augment IIT Bombay's multidisciplinary approach to healthcare integrating biology, engineering, and data science to advance human health. The Institute's pioneering research spans biotechnology, biomedical engineering, and cell and gene therapy, forming the foundation for next-generation immuno-therapeutics and regenerative medicine. Building on this strong foundation, the new research centre will expand into emerging areas such as gene editing and biomate-

rial and technology to bolster immuno-therapeutics and regenerative medicines using unique models based on futuristic techniques for delivery and edition. It will also serve as a training and incubation hub for clinician-scientists and biotech entrepreneurs, strengthening India's translational research ecosystem in life sciences. It will draw upon IIT Bombay's core faculty and have mentors from IIT Bombay and Alkem, as well as global experts from premier universities, who will advise on the research programmes. Mrs. Madhurima Singh, Executive Director and Chairperson of the CSR and Sustainability Committee, Alkem, said, "At Alkem, we understand the critical role of scientific advancement and transformative research in addressing unmet medical needs. Despite government encouragement, only a small share of corporate CSR spending in India goes towards R&D. We saw it as our responsibility to go beyond business and support R&D in the important field of immuno-therapeutics and regenerative medicines through CSR. We are pleased to partner with IIT Bombay, a prestigious institution that has been at the forefront of India's innovation and self-reliance efforts, to develop advanced and cost-effective treatments that can improve both lifespan and quality of life. This partnership reflects our shared commitment to developing healthcare solutions by India for India and the world."