

Strengthening Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Standards

The recent directive from the Union Government mandating pharmaceutical companies to adopt Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) in line with WHO regulations is a crucial step towards ensuring drug safety and quality in India. With an emphasis on companies with an annual turnover exceeding Rs 250 crore, the government has set stringent timelines for compliance – six months for larger firms and 12 months for others. Penalties will be imposed on those failing to adhere to the deadlines.

This move comes amidst troubling reports, such as the case of a Madhya Pradesh-based pharma firm being asked to halt the manufacturing of a cough syrup linked to child deaths in Cameroon. Similar incidents involving pharma companies from Haryana and Uttar Pradesh were

connected to child fatalities in the Gambia and Uzbekistan, respectively. These unfortunate events have not only impacted the credibility of Indian pharmaceutical firms but also diminished India's standing as the 'pharmacy of the world', particularly in the Global South.

What adds to the concern is that only a small fraction of India's pharma manufacturing units – predominantly the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) – possess WHO GMP certification. Recent inspections by drug regulators have revealed numerous irregularities, including poor documentation, lack of analytical validation, failure to investigate quality issues, and absence of internal product quality reviews. The government's attempts at encouraging self-regulation among pharma companies have not yielded the desired results, making it evident that a mandatory compliance approach is necessary.

However, implementing mandatory GMP compliance may not be a smooth journey unless immediate action is taken to address the gaps in the regulatory system. There can be no compromise on the quality and safety of drugs manufactured in the country, whether for domestic consumption or export purposes. To safeguard public health and maintain India's reputation as a reliable pharmaceutical exporter, exemplary action must be taken against companies found to be at fault.

It is imperative that the government, regulatory bodies, and pharmaceutical industry work together to ensure a robust and effective GMP framework. This includes addressing issues related to documentation, analytical validation, quality investigation, and internal product reviews. Furthermore, support should be extended to MSMEs to enable them to attain GMP certification and adhere to the highest standards.

By adopting a collaborative and rigorous approach to GMP compliance, India can bolster the quality and safety of its pharmaceutical products, not only benefitting its citizens but also reinforcing its position as a trusted supplier of medicines worldwide.

Enhancing IT Contribution in Manufacturing and Agriculture - Prof. Gaurav Vallabh

Udaipur: Geetanjali College of Science and Commerce organized a program for the new batch of Bachelor of Computer Application for the academic session 2023-24. Parents also attended the orientation. Prof. Gaurav Vallabh, honoured with the Rajasthan Gaurav Award and a professor at XLRI, was invited as the chief guest.

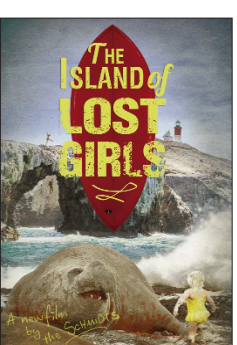
Prof. Gaurav Vallabh highlighted that the service sector contributes 55% to GDP but only 30% to employment, whereas manufacturing and agriculture contribute 17% and 28% respectively to GDP and 55% to employment. A balanced contribution of all three sectors is crucial for a robust economy.

He emphasized that the growth of a country's economy benefits every individual, and everyone must ensure their participation in its progress. Prof. Vallabh also mentioned the ample opportunities for the application of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and analytics in the manufacturing and agriculture sectors. He encouraged students to explore and implement these technologies to enhance productivity.



Dr N. S. Rathore, Director of Geetanjali Institute of Technical Studies, welcomed the new students and parents, expressing the institute's commitment to producing industry-ready professionals. Dr. Paras Kothari, Head of the MCA department, urged students to work on their skills, knowledge, and attitude to succeed in IT. Thanks and acknowledgements were delivered by Dr Radha Choudhary, Principal of Geetanjali College of Commerce. The program was conducted by students Dev Paramar and Saba Khan. Notable personalities, including Mr Akhilesh Joshi, Former CEO of Hindustan Zinc, and Dr P. K. Jain, MB Director, along with the Puragits family, were present on occasion.

Jagran Film Festival Unveils its Must-Watch Movie Bucket List for the Eleventh Edition!



New Delhi: World's largest travelling film festival is all set for an awe-inspiring cinematic journey with its eleventh edition. This year, it's bigger and better than ever before! Today, the festival unveiled an exhilarating "Must-Watch Movie Bucket List," featuring some of the exceptional films that are set to captivate audiences at the Delhi chapter of the Jagran film festival 2023. Scheduled to run from 3rd to 6th August at the Siri Fort Auditorium in Delhi, JFF will showcase the

magic of storytelling, presenting a diverse selection of cinematic gems that transcend borders, cultures, and genres. These handpicked movies are a testament to the power of storytelling, bringing you an emotional rollercoaster of laughter, tears, and awe-inspiring moments.

Third Space : Udaipur's New and Innovative Community Learning Center

Udaipur: Inspired by the vision of creating a generation of life-long learners, Udaipur proudly welcomed the launch of "Third Space," an extraordinary and innovative community hub. This one-of-a-kind center aims to serve as a dynamic destination where individuals can come together, foster meaningful connections, and pursue their passions.

The opening event witnessed a lively gathering of enthusiastic individuals eager to explore the various offerings of this unique community hub. Attendees were treated to a diverse range of workshops, including photography, parkour, sculpture, and climbing, allow-

ing them to engage in experiential learning and expand their horizons.

A highlight of the event was the participation of renowned sports personalities who shared their inspiring journeys to international success. Their stories served as a source of motivation for the young audience, encouraging them to embrace their talents and work towards their goals.

Third Space stands apart from conventional learning centers with its diverse and inclusive environment, fostering exploration, discovery, and individual growth. Among its many offerings are two exhibition spaces, a library, a cosy café, an innovative jugaad

Lab, a maker lab, a delightful area for toddlers, and an exhilarating outdoor adventure zone. Soon to be added to the center's repertoire are a cine-

Speaking at the launch, Mr Sanjaya Singhal, Trustee of Dhahohar Charitable Foundation, expressed his excitement about serving



ma hall, a performing arts theatre, and a state-of-the-art science laboratory.

Udaipur's community through Third Space. The charitable foundation, affiliated with

Secure Meters, has a long-standing commitment to uplifting the city. Over the past 15 years, they have spearheaded various community projects, ranging from science education and literary pursuits to reforestation and cultural preservation.

Ms Shivani Singhal, another key figure in the project, emphasized the importance of creating the right environment to unlock people's limitless potential. She envisions Third Space as a place where individuals can shift from consumers to creators. Whether one's interests lie in sports, science, music, or any other field, Third Space offers the platform to experiment, fail, and suc-

ceed, fostering innovation, connection, and personal growth.

The launch event concluded with a powerful and memorable musical performance, leaving attendees excited for the incredible journey ahead at Third Space.

Beginning on August 5th, Third Space will be open to the public every Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to 10 PM, allowing all to participate in this novel community learning center. With its inclusive environment and diverse offerings, Third Space aspires to transform Udaipur's youth into life-long learners and creators, contributing to the city and nation in ways that are beyond imagination.

Hepatitis in India: Alarming Prevalence



Udaipur: Hepatitis B affects around 40 million people in India, according to the World Health Organization (WHO). The virus is prevalent, especially in Southeast Asia. Additionally, Hepatitis C has affected around 6 to 12 million people in India so

far. This disease usually leads to inflammation of the liver, primarily caused by Hepatitis viruses A, B, C, D, and E.

Dr. Rajan Dheengra, a gastroenterologist consultant at Paras Health in Udaipur, emphasized the importance of being cautious, especially during the monsoon season. Negligence towards Hepatitis can lead to liver fibrosis, cirrhosis, or even liver cancer in the long run. The early symptoms include physical fatigue, decreased appetite, low body temperature, nausea, and abdominal pain.

Hepatitis A and E are spread through contaminated food and water during the monsoon season. To prevent infection, it is necessary

to take some precautions. Avoid consuming raw or undercooked food, regularly wash hands, eat properly cooked meals, and drink boiled water to ensure it is free from viruses. Maintaining cleanliness and hygiene play a vital role in preventing the spread of this virus. If any symptoms are noticed, it is crucial to contact a doctor immediately.

As a health expert, I strongly advise people to be vigilant about their eating habits and sanitation, especially during the monsoon season when the risk of Hepatitis transmission increases.

Following these preventive measures can significantly reduce the chances of infection and promote better health.

Felicitation of Mahendra Mathur by All India Kayastha Mahasabha

Udaipur: Chaudhary Jitendra Nath Singh, the National President of All India Kayastha Mahasabha, has nominated Mahendra Kumar Mathur of Udaipur to the esteemed position of National Vice President of the organization.

To mark this significant occasion, Dr. Manoj Bhatnagar, the President of Udaipur Division and District of All India Kayastha Mahasabha, warmly welcomed and felicitated Mahendra Kumar Mathur on behalf of the Mahasabha. He presented Mathur with a flower garland, uparna (a traditional garment), and a picture of Lord Shri Chitragupta.

Dr. Bhatnagar informed that Mahendra Kumar Mathur holds the position of elected Vice President in the Shri Chitragupt Sabha of Udaipur and is also the State President of Kayastha Vikas Parishad. With his elevation to the post of Vice President at the national level in All India Kayastha Mahasabha, he is expected to provide new direction to the Kayastha society. This development will also boost the confidence of the general public in the society and strengthen the organization.

The felicitation ceremony was attended by members and representatives of the Kayastha community, who expressed their best wishes for Mahendra Kumar Mathur on his new responsibility. They expressed confidence that his leadership will bring positive changes and progress to the Kayastha community at the national level.

The All India Kayastha Mahasabha is an esteemed organization that works towards the welfare and upliftment of the Kayastha community across the country. The appointment of Mahendra Kumar Mathur as the National Vice President is a testament to his dedication and contributions to the community, and it is hoped that his new role will lead to further growth and development for the community as a whole.



Honda India Foundation Launches Project Pragati

Udaipur: Honda India Foundation (HIF) launched its flagship program, Project Pragati (One Step towards Growth), in Udaipur, Rajasthan. The project is part of HIF's 'Care for Community Mission' and aims to support the economically weaker youth of society by providing them with training for their livelihoods, contributing to developing a sustainable society.



Mr Tsutsumu Otani, Chairman of Honda India Foundation, emphasized the company's commitment to building a relationship of trust with the community and contributing to the betterment of society through education and rural development. The program's primary focus is to address the shortage of trained General Duty Assistants (GDA) in hospitals in India. Under Project Pragati, HIF has taken the initiative to train economically disadvantaged youth as GDAs, empowering them to become self-reliant and responsible citizens.

The training for the GDA program is being conducted at Aravali Hospital in Udaipur, with plans to expand to other locations such as Ludhiana, Jhunjhunu, Kota, Delhi, and Gurugram. In the future, Project Pragati aims to extend its reach across 60 locations in PAN India. The training courses are scientifically devised and will include a combination of theory, simulator exercises, and practical training for both new and existing GDAs. Honda India Foundation's initiative is expected to equip young individuals with valuable skills and confidence. Honda India Foundation serves as the CSR arm for all Honda group companies in India, including Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd., Honda Cars India Ltd., Honda SIEL Power Products Ltd., Honda R&D (India) Pvt. Ltd., and Honda Access India. The foundation's corporate social responsibility initiatives are focused on road safety, environment protection, education, and healthcare.

Globally, Honda aims to be a company that society wants to exist and contributes to

realising a sustainable society by serving people worldwide and enriching their lives through various social contribution activities.

Quantum Energy Inaugurates its 2nd EV Showroom in Rajasthan's Lake City, Udaipur

New Delhi: Quantum Energy, a leading electric vehicle (EV) startup specializing in the design, development, and manufacturing of electric scooters, has announced the inauguration of its 2nd showroom in Rajasthan in the picturesque Lake City of Udaipur, Rajasthan. The new showroom, operating under the dealership name DIVYAM ELECTRIC WHEELZ, marks a significant milestone in the brand's mission to accelerate the adoption of eco-friendly transportation across Rajasthan and beyond.

The first Quantum Energy showroom, inaugurated in Jodhpur, was met with an overwhelmingly positive response from the public. Buoyed by the encouragement and support received, Quantum Energy is now taking strides to establish a stronger presence in Rajasthan and contribute to the state's vision of a cleaner and greener future. In line with this, Quantum Energy is actively seeking opportunities for more dealerships to further expand its reach across the region.

The grand opening of the 900-square-foot showroom presents an opportunity for new buyers to indulge in exploring and taking a test ride of the Quantum range of e-scooters. Located strategically at Hiran magri sector 3, BSNL main road, Udaipur, the showroom offers a convenient destination for customers to explore Quantum Energy's innovative electric scooters and experience their advanced features firsthand. At the showroom, all Quantum Energy electric scooters are on display, inviting visitors to witness the remarkable design, performance, and build quality of each vehicle. The diverse range of electric scooters, including Plasma, Elektron, Milan, and Bizness, catering to the diverse needs of Indian commuters.

Specifications of the showcased electric scooters:

- Plasma – Powered by a 1500 W motor; top speed of 65 km/h; offers an impressive range of upto 135 km on a single full battery charge.

- Elektron – Equipped with a 1000W motor; top speed of 60 km/h; provides a range of upto 100 km on a single full battery charge; Price – INR 98,385 Ex-showroom, India.

- Milan – Driven by a 1000W motor; top speed of 55 km/h; offers a range of upto 100

km on a single full battery charge; Price – INR 96,291 Ex-showroom, India.

- Bizness – Empowered by a 1200W motor; top speed of 55 km/h; provides a range of upto 110 km on a full charge; Price – INR 103,731 Ex-showroom, India.

Enigma Automobiles Launches High Speed Electric Scooter Ambier N8

Noida: Enigma Automobiles, a young Make-in-India EV manufacturer from Madhya Pradesh, has announced the official launch of its highly anticipated Ambier N8 electric scooter. Boasting a remarkable range of 200 kilometres on a single charge and a fast-charging time of 2-4 hours, the Ambier N8 is set to revolutionize the electric scooter industry.

Enigma Automobiles recognizes the diverse needs of its customers and has tailored the Ambier N8 to cater to specific target audiences, including marketing personnel, intercity travellers, and aggregators. Understanding the importance of affordability, Enigma Automobiles offers the Ambier N8 at a competitive price range, starting from INR 1,05,000/- to INR 1,10,000/- ex-showroom. This attractive pricing makes the Ambier N8 accessible to a wide range of individuals seeking an eco-friendly and cost-effective commuting solution. To make the purchasing process even more convenient, customers can now book their Ambier N8 scooters online. By providing their details online, customers will be promptly contacted by Enigma Automobiles representatives to facilitate a seamless buying experience. The Ambier N8 is a high-speed, RTO-approved electric scooter that embodies the essence of the new age of transportation. Equipped with a powerful 1500-watt motor, the Ambier N8 offers a thrilling ride, reaching a top speed of 45 kmph – 50 kmph. Designed for practicality, this electric scooter has a generous load capacity of 200 kg, including the driver, allowing for effortless transportation of both passengers and cargo. Additionally, the Ambier N8 features a spacious 26-litre boot capacity, providing ample storage for everyday essentials. Colours- Grey, White, Blue, Matte Black, and Silver Building on the success of the Ambier N8, Enigma Automobiles plans to launch an additional variant in the future, further expanding the options available to customers. As part of our commitment to continuous innovation, Enigma Automobiles is constantly striving to introduce new models that cater to various needs and preferences.

Udaipur Makeup Carnival: International Techniques Shared

Udaipur: The one-day Makeup Carnival was organized at Ashoka Green on Soubhagpura Road by Delnaz Beauty Salon and Makeup. Local franchise director Sandhya Mehta informed that 200 makeup artists from the city participated. The carnival featured renowned international makeup artists, Neetu Shinde and Nishita Shinde from Mumbai, who demonstrated special London technique, surprise look, Kiara, Katrina, and Alia bridal looks.

Participants were taught international eye makeup variations, Kennedy-style hair makeup, sweatproof makeup, advanced base techniques, contouring, blush, highlighter techniques, and detailed product knowledge. 20 lucky winners were felicitated at the event.

The seminar covered makeup applications using various brands like Rikode, PAC, Forever 52, Krylon, Huda, NARS, and Snaked. It demonstrated how to create 100% waterproof and sweatproof looks on a minimal budget. Baking technique was taught, and all looks were created on four models by Nishita Mem.

Challenging makeup coverage for vitiligo skin was addressed, and students were taught to work with it. A future workshop announcement on salon management, including a course with practical training, received great enthusiasm from the artists. Management training covered money management, time management, staff management, and how to handle challenges in the service industry, keeping up with today's digital era.

112th birth anniversary of Padma Shri Devi Lal Samar celebrations

Udaipur: the 112th birth anniversary of Padma Shri DeviSamar was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Indian Folk Arts Mandal. The occasion was marked by captivating classical dance performances that mesmerized the audience. Director, Dr. LaiqueHussain, explained that July 30 is the birth anniversary of Padma Shri Devi Samar, the founder of the organization. Every year, the Mandal organizes a program on this day to celebrate his legacy.

This year, the event at the Indian Folk Arts Mandal featured a tribute to the respected figure, with the director, officials, dignitaries, and staff offering their prayers and floral tributes at his statue in the premises.