

Let the butterflies grow and spread their wings...

Celebrating International Day of Girl Child
October 11 2018



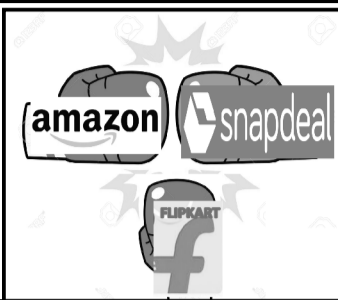
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Maharashtriyas Mandal Welcomes Sawai Mahotsava

Gultekadi facility will host Sawai Gandharva Mahotsava in December This Year

Pune, October 10

"We have very long association with Pandit Bhim Sen Joshi. So, when Arya Sangeet Prasarak Mandal President, Srinivas Joshi approached us for conduct of Sawai Gandharva Mahotsava, the only answer

was YES" said Dhananjay Damle, Chief Secretary, Maharashtra Mandal on 10 Oct. He added that it is an honour to be associated with such a historical and cultural event.

Sawai Gandharva Mahotsava was has organised at Raman Baug

School for 32 years.

Mahotsava will now be held at Maharashtra Mandal, Gultekadi from 12 to 16 December 18. Dhananjay confirmed that Srinivas Joshi was looking for long term contract for conduct but he was very candid in asking

for an assessment by both stakeholders post actual conduct before finalising it. The new venue has bigger open space and parking area which is expected to reduce audience woes of earlier location.

Bharat Karandak Started

Pune, October 10

One of Pune's famous one act play competitions Bharat Karandak started on Wednesday. This is the 11th year of competition. Like each year, organisers allowed only 30 entries on first come first basis. Bharat Karandak is organised by Bharat NatyaSanshodhan Mandir, a reputed organisation having a rich history of 125 years in field of drama. The competition will be conducted between 10th-15th of October. Result and Prize distribution ceremony will be conducted on Dusshera i.e. 18th October, also foundation day of the organisation. Well-known actors Rashni Deo, Seema Deshmukh and Sameer Mone will judge the competition.



SMILE OF CHILD ON GIRL CHILD DAY

Dr Mohan Agashe Inaugurates 'Dough Steps'

Pune, 10 Oct

"Dough Steps is the solitary bake shop initiative with psychiatric patient support staff utilising the soft skills learnt here post their discharge for their second innings" said Sushupti Sathe, entrepreneur and owner during the inauguration function on 10 Oct. Dr Mohan Agashe, reputed Marathi and Hindi film actor was the Chief Guest.

The idea had originated between Dr Agashe and Dr Sanjeev Chitale and was implemented by Su-



shupti with assistance from Supriya Shinde, food expert and Rutwik Pandit, Baking Master. The stable and willing patients with good motor abilities from Chetana Mental Hospital-help Rutwik and Supriya

in preparation of products in the same premises which is located opposite Sunny Sports Complex, Pashan. Currently, Dough Steps offers a variety of breads, cookies, brownies and muffins. Sushupti added that if the venture runs as expected then, additional vocational activity like paper craft will be added in the future

Fourth Day : Hunger Strike Continues

Pune, October 11

The students from SPPU are on hunger strike from 8th October for their demands regarding "THE EARN AND LEARN SCHEME" Even after the four days the issue is not resolved. Meanwhile Pratap Harkal and Hunumant Kusunge are hospitalised immediately. Hunger Strike is taking different turn and creating unrest in students.

The Vice Chancellor, Nitin Karmalkar yet to meet the students who are on hunger strike. Prabhakar Desai, the Director of Stu-

dent's Welfare Board visited the strike place (in front of Jaykar Library, SPPU).

The students, upset with the administration gathered outside the VC's residence and raised the slogans. So far, no one from the authority has commented on the issue.

The demand of these students is to extend the period of the scheme. The students have completed their PG courses but yet to get any job are willing to join the scheme again. But the University rules don't allow them to do so.

Chain Snatching Opposite Sun City

Pune, October 10

Manda Sonawane was going back home from vegetable market around 8 PM on 09 Oct 18 when two unidentified men on bike snatched her gold neck-

lace worth Rs 1,35,000. The incident happened opposite Sun City, Sinhagad Road. Police has already accessed CCTV footage and are questioning the concerned security personnel and shop vendors.

Hindu Mahila Sabha Navratri Celebrations : Bharatnatyam & Kathakathan

Pune, October 10

On Wednesday, the Hindu Mahila Sabha kicked off the first day of Navratri with a Bharatanatyam performance by Smt. Nrupa-Somanand her troupe followed by a 'Kathakathan' by Smt. Vasudha Mehendale at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Mandir. The Chief Guests for the occasion were legendary Marathi actors Smt. Leela Gandhi and Smt. Asha Kale.

The programme began with an introduction by the Secretary Smt. Supriya Damle about the Hindu

Mahila Sabha- a committee run entirely by women for empowerment of women which has been active for the past 68 years and presents a Navratri programme every year to a female-dominated audience.

After the inauguration by Smt. Leela Gandhi; the first performance of the evening was by Smt. Nrupa Soman, a renowned Bharatanatyam dancer from Pune who has performed extensively in India and abroad as well as appeared in several films

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Journey From HomeMaker To Entrepreneur Against All Odds

"Ruchira" which itself signifies taste is a well-known mess house at Chintamani. Meena Prakash Kulkarni started it four years ago with the support from her husband. She comes from Baramati, where becoming an entrepreneur is just a figment of imagination.

She landed in Pune with her husband and started woman's Shoppe and tailoring business. It was a demanding work but she

pulled it out with determination and will power. She stitched and sold all kinds of materials that are required by women on a daily basis. "Being a mother of two, it was difficult to manage work but women are born with multi tasking capabilities," said Meena.

The reason to start Ruchira was because of her son, who is differently abled (dumb and deaf) and could not get a job anywhere. Her daughter-in-law too

was the same. Her main motive was to secure their future. She pooled her savings and started from zero. The question of taking loan was out of bound for her. Two tables and four utensils was what she could afford at that time. The busi-



Meena Kulkarni at her Mess

ness was slow at first as people were not aware of it. The menu of six vegetables, khichadi and dal fry attracted people. A "thali" for 40 rupees was a boon

for hostel students.

Hygiene is up to the mark and so is the taste in food. "This is a never ending business," said Meena with a twinkle in her eyes. The monthly income is around 25000 rupees. The workers are paid on an hourly basis i.e. 20 rupees/hour.

Like all businesses, Ruchira too faced some challenges. The main one is the increasing prices of the vegetables. One cannot alter the prices of the thali,

as the students cannot afford it. Therefore, gulping down the loss is the only option. Another one was the absentee of the labours. This led to a hectic schedule.

Despite all odds and ends, Meena stood firm and is considered as a competitor by other local mess houses. She is an excellent example of a woman entrepreneur. An inspiration to all those who wish to take a road less travelled.

India, being a basket of principles- 'love, brotherhood, compassion, forgiveness, peace, equality,' is hailed for its culture, tradition and spiritual values. But the same country along with Pakistan consists half of all honor killings in the world. The crime rate in India is rapidly increasing leaving these values behind. We are leading towards the hollowness, the hollowness of the fake pride and prestige.

The data shows how the rate of reporting is accrued abruptly. According to the last crime data revealed by National Crime Record Bureau, the murders reported under the category of the 'Honor killing' are seen consistently increasing.

In 2014, the reported killings were 28 which jumped on 251 in 2015 and in the following years it is just breaking the record of its jump. Even if we take a look at the last 30 days, we would find it most difficult to say which case is the most brutal. In the race of honor, the state of Maharashtra doesn't lag behind. The recent inhumane incident in Mangalwedha, a holy place, stunned the entire state.

Why Love Is So Hated ?

Whenever we speak of an honor killing, at least in Indian context, it becomes our requirement to look at it from the socio-economic-political perspective. An honor killing case cannot simply be seen at the heart of caste system. Certainly, the rigid caste system plays its vicious role, but that's not all. There are several other aspects to it. It is highly complex. It's about caste as well as class. In the rural India,

it's the upper caste pride. In the urban India, it's the class that matters. Ultimately, it is the patriarchy. Unfortunately, in a patriarchal society, the girl's behavior and purity is valued and therefore, strictly monitored by her parents and elder brothers. Her purity is considered the purity of that particular caste. Over the period, the families and the kin have developed this kind of pride about themselves. And it's that pride on being dishonored by mostly a girl, a rich and upper caste girl, her family feels ashamed of her outcaste or poor love.

It is shocking how the false honor, which is not even a living thing, can brutally take innocent lives. It is beyond the grasp of humanity that one is getting punished for loving someone of his/her choice. It is unfortunate that the society is killing the love when the need is to kill the fake honor. Such killings are barbaric and shameful acts committed by brutal, casteist-minded people.

Then a silent question arises, 'why is love so hated?'

#Metoo Storms

Recalling October 2017, when the two-word phrase surfaced on the internet and got a wider consideration in American film industry; Alyssa Milano's tweet built an online movement that spread over the continents. When it reached India, it simply needed a tilt considering the particular nature of the Indian scenario.

The deeply rooted patriarchy doesn't allow Indians to put the prejudices aside and believe in the allegations raised by the woman. Only because it is hard to be cross-checked, the woman is seen in the doubtful shade. The film industry is the microcosm of Indian society where, even if a woman poses a question, she herself becomes accountable to answer the consequent questions.

In India, there are different categories of the women and the scale of commoditization has its variants. So the stigma attached to it is also different. Considering the Indian scenario; the #metoo campaign can't reach a large number of women belonging to the rural, poor and deprived background.

In India, a woman is conditioned by social and cultural norms to be silent, forbearing and submissive. Thus, the act of showing courage and raising their voices against harassment should be welcomed in the first instance.

RISE OF INDIAN NARI SHAKTI

October welcomes the dawn of Shakti- the feminine divine. For nine nights and 10 days, we celebrate the embodiment of strength, courage, determination and struggle of the woman. In Hindu mythology, it is believed that Durga arrives on Earth and takes on nine different forms. T.

These nine incarnations are present not only in scriptures but all around us in the form of women who have achieved outstanding landmarks in their respective fields. So, let's take a look at the powerful women in India who have blazed their way to glory!

Hima Das
The 'Dhing Express' from Assam reached the finals of the 400m track at the 2018 Asiad Games, Jakarta and set

a new national record of 50.79 seconds.

Arunima Sinha
The first woman ampu-

giene Awareness' to spread awareness of menstrual hygiene in India

businesswoman, 85th most powerful woman in world for her immense contribution to the progress of science.

Kalpna Lajmi
Filmmaker renowned for her women-oriented films and parallel cinema. Lost her battle to kidney cancer on 23rd September 2018.

Chhavi Rajawat
A Sarpanch of a village in Rajasthan and changing face of rural India. Addressed delegates at the 11th Infopoverity World Conference held at UN.

Eenam Gambhir
Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York, her speech condemning the claims made by Pakistan at the UN was impactful.

tee to scale Mt. Everest
on 23 May 2013 after a summit of 52 days

Avani Chaturvedi
The first female fighter pilot of India by flying in an MiG-21 Bison.

Gauri Sawant
The first transgender mother in India, to adopt child of a deceased sex worker. Also runs her NGO Sakshi Char Chowhi Trust providing counselling to transgenders.

Kiran Mujumdar-Shaw
A leading Indian



"More and more people are now willing to talk about their sexuality"

The third edition of Advait Queer Film Festival was held at NFAI Pune on Saturday, 6th October 2018.

On this occasion, President of Samphatik Trust, Pune, **Mr. Bhindumadhav Khire** spoke with the correspondent of Vrutta Vidya, Sanyog Ingale.

Q: From the view of the LGBTQ community, what is the verdict on the decriminalisation of Section 377?

A: The decriminalisation has definitely helped the LGBTQ community arrive at the frontlines. Earlier we were at minus on the society line but have now reached zero. Of course, to reach the plus side of the scale with the

others is still a long way to go and will not be easy but we shall achieve that someday.

Q: How has this impacted the community in terms of coming out?

A: More and more people are now willing to talk about their sexuality. The approach to counselling too has increased while the bottleneck issues are now being resolved and issues like sexual harassment, gender-based blackmail too are being addressed.

Q: Do you think parents will now readily accept their child when they open up about their sexuality?

A: Well, since the Section 377 has been waived off; legally the parents



Bhindumadhav Khire

will have to accept but culturally it is still difficult. While orthodox parents often blame us for their child's sexual orientation, young liberal parents are more receptive and accepting.

Q: What is the proportion of girls as compared to boys who come to you for

counselling?

A: Very few. And there are a number of reasons for this- One being that women are at higher risk due to societal restrictions. They also don't have freedom of independent sexual desire and are only

seen as fulfillment of men's desires. Additionally, we ourselves don't have a female counsellor and which we are working on now.

Q: Do you think the stereotyping of gays in films will change now? Bollywood produces less LGBT-related films as compared to Hollywood. What is your opinion on that?

A: In media, it will surely reduce but it will take far longer to disappear in our culture and society. As for Hollywood-Bollywood, if you actually think about it, relatively yes but proportionally no.

Q: Should LGBT studies

be included in the academic curriculum?

A: In most schools, sex education itself is a taboo let alone studies on LGBT awareness. In certain universities subjects like Gender Studies, Women Studies have been introduced and have gained popularity.

Q: What initiative can be taken by media students?

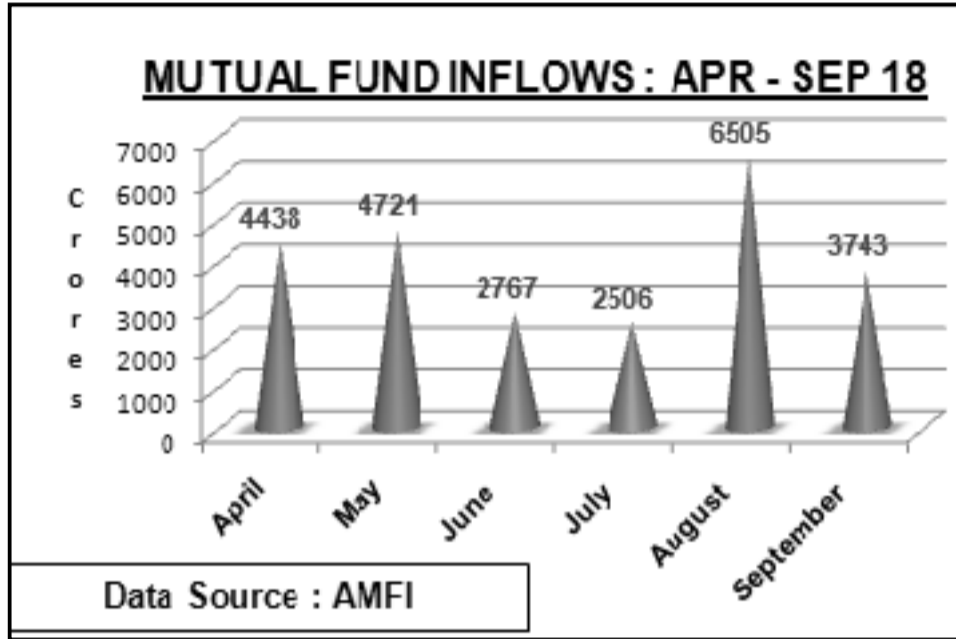
A: As a media student, you should raise understanding about the LGBT rights and should also ensure that there is no discrimination of the LGBT students.

Turbulent Times : Mutual Fund “Sahi Hain”

The common citizens know that ‘Equities’ are the best asset class for investment over long term. However, the challenge is that they lack proficiency to identify the most profit-

figured by many challenges like the Trade war, high crude oil prices, weak Rupee, US Fed rate hike, rising NPAs, meltdown of NBFCs etc. Nifty Index has shaved off over 1200

an increase in inflow by 17.5% in last 12 months. In fact, now is the ripe opportunity to invest in MFs in lump sum in smaller quantities until the bottom of market



able equities. This gap is bridged by ‘Mutual Fund’ which employs a team of experts to manage the money.

Presently, the stock market has been dis-

points in just 40 days. The alarmed common investors are reducing their equity or equity MF holding. However, there is no need to be panic. Mutual Funds Houses have witnessed

is reached. One should invest in Equity, Thematic and Hybrid schemes for safer and better returns. New schemes should be avoided.

Happy Investing !!

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She presented a repertoire of 3 items with her troupe. Smt. Vasudhatai Mehendale, a narrator attending the Hindu Mahila Sabha for the past 30 years, then presented a ‘Kathakathan’ and narrated stories of Kunti and her interactions with Draupadi, Krishna, Karna and the five Pandavas to a rapt audience.

The programme concluded with a speech by Smt. Asha Kale. She applauded the organisers, performers and emphasised the power of women with a statement- “The worship of Durga Devi is the worship of the feminine divine.”

12 Hrs Singing for Big B’s Birth Day

Pune, 11 Oct

Fans of Amitabh Bachhan are leaving no stone unturned to celebrate his 75th birthday on today, 11 Oct. M K Yalgir is singing songs from Amitabh’s movie from noon 12 till midnight at Balgandharva Rang Mandir. Girish Bapat, Palak Mantri, Pune District is in attendance. On completion of this feat, Yalgir will find a place Asia Book and Limca Book of Records.

This singing celebration has been organised by Om Sairam Musical Entertainment and Manoranjan,

Pune. The function started with cake cutting ceremony by Girish Bapat and Yalgir with his team followed by paying respect to Mata Saraswati. Yalgir opened the innings of 75 songs ‘Singathon’ with ‘Jis Ka Koi Nahi Uska Toh’, a popular song from movie ‘Lavaris’. Devyani Groupis providing chorus support for the program. Fans of Amitabh have turned up in good numbers. Mobile blood bank centres have been placed at Balgandharva Rang Mandir by Rotary Club and R M Dhariwal Foundation.

Does vaping support smoking cessation?

Electronic cigarette is also known as e-cig, vaporizer and vape pen, is a battery-operated device that emits doses of vaporized nicotine or non-nicotine solutions for the user to inhale. It aims at providing a similar sensation to inhaling tobacco smoke, without the smoke. E-cigs are marketed as one the NRTs that help smokers quit smoking.

Some studies have found that vaping supports smoking cessation. One study published in The British Medical Journal shows a strong correlation between vaping and smoking cessation for at least a three-month period. The Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

also said that vaping benefits adult smokers as long as they replace e-cigs



with any other nicotine or tobacco products.

However, vaping might not help smokers quit successfully. Another study showed that more than 90% of vapers still could not kick the habit after one year of vaping where 54% still smoke and vape, while 37% continue to smoke, but quit vaping.

The US Food and Drug

Administration (FDA) has ordered five brands to submit the plans to address the increasing level of vaping among US teenagers. The CDC also warned the youths, pregnant women about vaping.

Additionally, it puts vapers at high risk of explosion. In May, a 38-year-old man in Florida, was killed when his vape pen exploded and caused a small fire in his house. This is believed to be one of the first deaths from an e-cigarette explosion.

While the scientific research on the efficacy of vaping still remains controversial, smokers who seek for vaping as an NRT should be aware of the situation and related issues.

Band of women bikers undertake overseas road trip

RIDE BEYOND BOUNDRIES

Road trip has become a trend in today’s world. Before Sairat, a woman riding bike was considered peculiar. But now the streets are filled with women bikers. “The Bikarni” is a group comprising adventurous women who have taken up biking to explore and ride beyond boundaries. It was started by Urvashi Patode and Firdos in the year 2011. The number of members since has increased to 1600+ across India.

On 19th March 2019, The Bikarni is planning an overseas trip via road. The expedition consists of 10 women riders plus 4 crew members. They will start from Mumbai and end their

journey at London, covering a total of 15 countries and 16 boundaries in 61

to go on such trips. Bikarni have not yet started a scheme for such women.



days. The planning organization is ScoutMyTrip which will manage permits from countries, security concerns, accommodation and finances. Since the funding is personal; women from impecunious backgrounds can’t afford

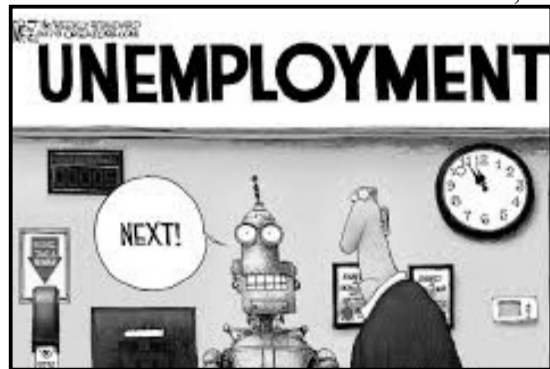
The main objective of this trip is women empowerment, compare the lives of women from across the globe and hear their inspirational stories.

Unemployment Crisis In India And Way Ahead

UnEmployment has become the biggest problem throughout the world. When data comes regarding it, creates the storm-like situation in any country. India is not an exception to this situation. There is frequent agitation and criticism by the parties in opposition. There is lack of opportunities of employment in India. Industrial sector with updated production technologies and change in government policies which are more private based are the reasons for this slowdown in job creation.

Big industries have shifted to more automation and less labour. Industry feels managing machines

is easier than that of humans. On other hand it is



also cost effective which results in profit maximization. Economic reforms from 1991 has minimized the role of government. So the youngsters have to seek job in private sector. There is excessive production in the world economy. India is providing huge market. To utilize this market Ra-

ghuram Rajan’s recommendation is, “MAKE IN INDIA, FOR INDIA”

So, from where the jobs are to come from? Expansion of Small Scale Industries (SSI) which employs most of labour force and self employment can be option. Government has set many initiatives to assist and facilitate development of SSI units. Easy credit availability, tax concessions and priority in export will work as catalyst for expansion of sector, but

lack of proper implementation is diluting the effectiveness of policy. There are also new tech-firms, E-commerce platforms like Amazon, Ola in service industries forming good opportunities. Changing life styles of population and customized provide good option for employment.

It is very hard to accommodate such huge labour practically with the present mind set. So to our understanding we must first get agree to point that industry could not create new jobs at pace of labour force and self-employment would be the good & viable option to channelize it. For this policy interventions by government and support from bureaucracy is needed.

Trade War : Online Retailing

Amazon , Flipkart & Snapdeal Slug it out in Cyberspace

Pune, 10 October

Indian citizens are caught between the trade war of the giants firing ‘Product’ volleys 24 x 7 in the cyber battlefield. Amazon, Flipkart and Snapdeal are at war from 10 to 15 October. The festive season has triggered the trade war benefiting customers through offering huge discounts, easy payment offers and exchange of old products for new .

Amazon and Flipkart are trying to woo customers through similar theme of ‘Worry No More about Budget’. Amazon is offering flat 10 % discount with

SBI cards, Flipkart with HDFC Bank cards while Snapdeal has similar tie up with Federal bank. In addition, huge discount are being offered on various products especially electronics and household goods.

In previous festival season trade wars, Amazon was emerging triumph comfortably. But, Flipkart post recent 75 % stake acquisition by Walmart, has roped in Amitabh Bacchan and Virat Kohli and expected to give Amazon a run for their money now onwards.

Bengali Peddle wins the crown and crowd

Pune, Oct 10 Prapti Sen, from West Bengal recovering from the defeat at the Central zone, beat Anusha Kutumbale from Madhya Pradesh in the 6th edition of 11SPORTS National Ranking Championship 2018 held at Sports Complex, Balewadi. The opening game of the final probably increased Prapti's confidence. However, the MP girl fought back well to win the next two. Nevertheless, Prapti was more determined and won the 5th and 6th set, ultimately winning the title. In junior Men's final, Manush Shah of Gujarat showed his upper hand against the home ground peddler Raegan Albuquerque in the deciding set.

Both have met each other 3, 9-11, 3-11, 11-7, 11-3;



in the Junior Boys final four times this session. Tournaments are going on from 5th of October, where the players from all over India have participated along with top seeded senior TT players including Manika Batra, Madhurika Patkar and Sharath Kamal. **Results:** Junior Girls: Final: Prapti Sen (WB) bt Anusha Kutumbale (MP) 14-12, 11-

Semifinals: Prapti Sen bt Manushree Patil (Mah) 11-9, 11-9, 11-3, 11-5; Anusha Kutumbale bt Nikita Sarkar (NB) 6-11, 11-9, 11-4, 11-1, 11-7. Junior Boys: Final: Manush Shah (Guj) bt Raegan Albuquerque (Mah) 8-11, 11-5, 11-7, 8-11, 10-12, 11-4, 11-7; Semifinals: Raegan Albuquerque bt Payas Jain (Del) 11-8, 11-7, 11-9.

Cancer Sheroes Run for A Cause

On 7th Oct, more than 21 cancer survivors together with their beloved families and friends participated in a trekking event called Cancer Shero Trek. The trekking trail which is about 2 km long started from Vikhe Patil Memorial School and ended at the top of Vetar Tekdi, the highest hill in Pune district. The trip has given the 'she'roes who have withstood the physical and emotional ravages of the disease; a momentous platform to share their stories with others in the

community. This helps them relieve the stress and inspires them to try something new and adventurous surrounded by family, friends and caregivers. The outdoor activities which has been organized annually since 2012, was held by Pinkathon, India's largest marathon for women founded by Mil-



Cancer Shero Trek

ind Soman and Reema Sanghavi. This initiative aims to promote the awareness of a healthy lifestyle for women as well as awareness of breast cancer and other issues that put women's health at risk. According to a report 'Call for Action: Expanding Cancer Care for Women in India, 2017'; cancer among women in India is estimated at 0.7 million. Cervical and breast cancer mortality rates in the country are 1.6 and 1.7 times higher than the maternal mortality.

Pho : Vietnamese Chicken Noodle Soup

Pho (Vietnamese chicken or beef-based noodle soup) is not only popular among Vietnamese, but is also becoming a favorite specialty for people worldwide. So, why don't you try cooking this tasty dish for your loved ones and family? Let's begin!

Ingredients:
4 cups of beef/chicken broth
2 cups of water
1 thick slice of ginger
1/2 onion, thinly sliced
1 star anise
1 cinnamon quill lightly bruised
1 tbsp of sugar
40ml Nuoc Mam - fish sauce
250g Banh Pho - flat rice noodles
200g beef fillet or chicken boiled and torn into small pieces



Topping options:
Fresh, picked herbs, such as cilantro, basil, mint, etc.
Mung bean sprouts
Thinly sliced chilli
Lime wedges
Hoisin sauce
Garlic red chilli sauce
How to cook Pho:
1. Place chicken/beef broth in a saucepan and add 2 cups (500ml) water along with ginger, onion, garlic,

star anise, cinnamon, sugar and fish sauce. Bring to boil, then reduce heat to a low flame. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Next, strain the pan to remove the solids. Put the liquid soup back into the pan. Cover and boil for a further 10 minutes.
2. If you're using dried noodles, soak them in hot water for about 15-20 minutes, until soft and opaque white. Drain in colander.
3. Add the noodles in warmed soup bowls, then top with the thinly sliced beef fillet or boiled chicken scraps. Pour the hot soup mixture over the noodles (the heat will gently cook the meat) and finish with the bean sprouts. Serve with chilli, fresh herbs, lime wedges, hoisin sauce and garlic red chili sauce.

Recent Book Releases



Paradise Towers
Author: Shweta Bachchan-Nanda

Pyjamas Are Forgiving
Author: Twinkle Khanna

Kashi: Secret of the Black Temple
Author: Vineet Bajpai

Upcoming Events

11th & 12th October
Jash-n-Sukhan
6.30pm to 9.30 pm.
Guardian Sky lounge Paschima Nagari Kothrud Pune

13th October - Saturday
Program on Geet Ramayana at Udyan Prasad Karyalay at 5.30 pm

14th October- Sunday
Galli No 169 Hazir Ho One Act Play
11 am to 2 pm
Jyostna Bhole Auditorium Hirabaugh Pune.

Sukhan
5 pm to 8 pm
Balgandharva Rangmandir. Pune

Photography exhibition on life of Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam
Balgandharva KalaDalan 11 am to 8 pm .

'Professional Writing' Workshop (Copyright, ISBN, Royalty etc) by Sahitya Setu.. Fees Rs 1500/- Students - Rs 1200/- . Contact - 7507207645

Movie Review

NOT ENOUGH VENOM

Director- Ruben Fleischer
Starring- Tom Hardy, Riz Ahmed, Michelle Williams

Venom is the latest film in the trend of comic book movies released in 2018. Venom is Sony's first attempt at building a franchise in a new universe- one that excludes Venom's famous nemesis Spider-Man.

In the film, Hardy plays journalist Eddie Brock pitched against Carlton Drake (Riz Ahmad), the typical world-destroying scientist. Brock loses his career, fiancée and apartment while, Drake continues to unleash the symbiotes onto unsuspecting humans.

This entire premise itself takes up almost the entire first half and leaves you wonder-

ing when Venom will finally show up. The pace eventu-



ally picks up when Eddie is finally infected by the symbiote. The first appearance of Venom does not disappoint. Complete with the dark and

caustic humour along with a penchant for human organs;

om (voiced by Hardy himself) is a delight on screen. However, the magic stops there. The effects and acting are heavily bogged down by the lagging of the script. The final showdown is full of clichés that keeps it from becoming a memorable moment. The protagonist himself doesn't get enough screen-time. The one-dimensional Drake makes you long for a good opponent- someone like good ol' Spidey maybe? It is Hardy in the end, who is the real standout in this film. If you do intend to view it, watch out for his performance as well as the mid-credits scene that promises a classic villain in the sequel- if there's one!

TEAM

