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briefcase



PHILANTHROPIC WORK: Rotary International president Kalvan Baneriee distributing tri-cycles to the physically challenged at a function at Symbiosis Institute of Business Management recently.

Charity

ROTARY DONATES TRI-CYCLES TO PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

The Rotary Club of Poona Downtown distributed 25 tri-cycles to the physically challenged at a function held at Symbiosis Institute of Business Management. Rotary International president Kalyan Banerjee distributed them as a part of the mobility project



റ **CITY STUDENTS WIN MEDALS AT TAEKWONDO COMPETITION**

City students won gold and bronze medals at the

55th inter-school national taekwon do competition held in Goa recently. Shruti Palsakar, a student of Dr Shamrao Kalmadi High School, won a gold medal while Amit Singh of Oscar English Medium School, Komal Pathare from Abhinava High School, Sanket Ghare and Pradeep Pathare from Abasaheb Garware Shruti College won a bronze each. All the students were coached by city-based Horangee Taekwondo Academy.

Arts

റ **APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR INTL DRAWING CONTEST**

Chitralila Niketan Arts College has invited drawings and paintings from students of standard I to X for the international arts exhibition to be held at Kanagawa in Japan. The state government-approved arts college has also appealed to the schools to contact them for Rangbharan drawing and Ashtapradhan Balchitrakala examination. For details, schools can contact Chitralila Niketan, 410 Shaniwar Peth, near Mandir Lodge.

sound byte



NVIDIA has invested four years in developing Tegra and we expect the product will drive the company's revenue in a big way in the coming years."

> Jen-Hsun Huang, NVIDIA's co-founder president and CEO See p3

SCIENTISTS DEMYSTIFY SCIENCE FOR STUDENTS

NCL's outreach programme is 1



Dr TG Ajithkumar (right) talking to school students at one of the outreach programmes.

Rahul Chandawarkar

NCL Academy, the city-based National Chemical Laboratory's (NCL), science outreach programme has completed one year.

The programme, which started with the objective of de-mystifying science and popularising it among schoolchildren, has one NCL scientist holding a monthly talk for school students from standard VIII to X. The talks are held at the NCL Innovation Park on Pashan Road. Anil Kumar from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai, will speak on 'Chemistry and Magic' at

10 am on Sunday. According to a scientist with NCL's polymer science and engineering division and ers coordinator for the outreach programme Guruswamy Kumaraswamy, the basic objective of the programme was to attract students to the pure sciences stream and the world of research.

"The idea is to catch them young. We are trying to generate an interest among young ruswamy. students for science and re-

search," said Guruswamy. reaching Though a majority of

speakers are from the NCL, topics do not always pertain to chemistry. "We consciously hold talks on engineering, technology, biology and physics. Many of our NCL scientists hail from varied backgrounds and hence this is possible," Guruswamy said.

Some topics include, 'the most famous math textbook in history', 'computer modelling, the lab in your laptop', 'chemistry in *outreach@ncl.res.in* and visit the official everyday life', 'science and inventions',

Anil Kumar of IIT Mumbai will speak on 'chemistry and magic' at 10 am, Sunday.

COMING SOON

- Chitra Manikandan of Dow Chemicals will speak on 'how cancer begins' at 10 am, on November 29.
- BLV Prasad will speak on 'Ligands: Tools for a Nanogoldsmith', at 10 am December 13.

'how giant molecules wiggle' among oth-

Guruswamv rues the fact that despite Pune being an educational hub, very few school students have been sending entries to the annual national science and technology fair. "I hope this outreach programme will help change that," said Gu-

About 50 to 60 students attend the once-a-month Sunday lecture. While a majority of the students hail from city schools, Guruswamy is thrilled by the fact that a group of students from the Vidya Pratisthan's Bal Vikas Mandir in Baramati unfailingly attend the talks, travelling all the way to Pune every time.

Students interested in attending these talks should write website, www.nclacademy.org.

he swine flu cases in Pune have made **Dr Sarika Rakshe**, us aware about hygiene and clean paediatrician habits. However, there are small changes in daily habits and diet that will keep your child safe from any flu.

Parents could take care of these few things which include:

Raise your voice: Teach you children to raise a voice against people who spit at traf-

r Sarika

nose, the spread of the virus is facilitated.

If every family simply makes it a point

fic signals, at *paanwallas* Wash up: H1N1 trans-

trol. If your child's sneeze ends up in the hand, make sure s/he washes them thorbing an itchy eye or a oughly or applies a hand sanitizer before s/he forgets or touches anything.

Travel right: Take precautions while travelling in a school bus/van or autorickshaw. H1N1 remains active on metal surfaces for hours, even days together sometimes. So children travelling by such means acquire it by touching windows, doors, belts and bars.

A public transport can have a sanitizer bottle with the driver. Each student should cover his/her nose and mouth before entering the vehicle.

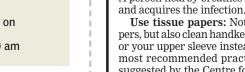


Use tissue papers: Not just tissue papers, but also clean handkerchiefs, scarves or your upper sleeve instead of hands are most recommended practice. These are suggested by the Centre for Disease Con-





FLUCHT SAYS INSTITUTE IN EXPANSION MODE, WILL HOLD YOUTH CAMPS, VOCATIONAL TRAINING

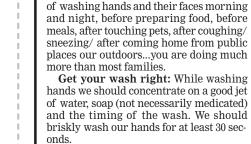






Max Mueller Bhavan turns

Conference on Ayurveda



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and public places. fers via hand-to-hand contact. Affected people shake hands with others after sneezing/coughing into their hands. By rub-

and out of a city bus. Also, teach your kids to avoid spitting on roads

makes it a point of washing their hands and faces morning and night, before preparing food, before meals, after touching

Shout when

someone spits

pets, after coughing/ sneezing/ after coming home from public places our outdoors...you are doing much more than most families."

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Friday, 13-11-2009

Shri Vikram Samvat 2066, Sake Era 1931, Sun Dakshinayan, Dakshina Gole, Sharad Ritu, Margshirsha Krishna Paksha Dwadashi till 2.19 am, Nakshatra Hasta till 5.21 am, Yoga Viskumbha till 4.38 pm, Karan Kaulav till 2.53 pm and Taitil till 2.19 am and Gar start.

Rahu Kala: 10.30 am to 12 pm. Yam Ganda: 3 pm to 4.30 pm Best Period: 7.30 am to 9.30 am, & 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm

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PUBLIC PROGRAMME

Quality mgmt

Talk on quality improvement, lean and productivity improvement, qual ity management system and soft

When: Nov 13, 5 pm

Where: Pune Management Association Hall, Opp Modern Cafe, Inst of Engineers Building, Shivajinagar

Rock on

Watch DJ Sean Tyas from New York perform live When: Nov 13 Where: 1 Lounge, Koregaon Park

EXHIBITION

Painting An exhibition of landscapes by emi-nent watercolorist Sachin Naik and Mrudul Mankame. When: Till Nov 15, 10 am to 1.30 pn

and 4.30 pm to 8 pm Where: Sangraha Art Gallery, Opp Model Colony Post office Contact: 25651669

Paintings & murals

Paintings by Jagdish Sure & murals in copper by Abhijit Salunkhe When: Till Nov 18 Where: Indiaart Gallery, Kalachhaya, Off Senapati Bapat Road Contact: 25662854



he Max Mueller Bhavan (MMB) Pune is celebrating its golden jubilee year. An array of events has been lined up. An exhibition '50 Years of Max Mueller Bhavan in Pune' will be inaugurated on Sunday by president of Goethe Institut network worldwide Klaus-Dieter Lehmann. MMB Pune director Michael Flucht in a free-wheeling talk with Shirish Shinde.

Q: How will you describe these 50 years?

A- These were 50 years of 'bridge building'. It has been a two-way process strengthened by people from both sides. The cultural exchange started almost a century ago when the Deccan Education Society sent Krishna Joshi to Germany for training in German. He was the first German land guage teacher in Pune.

In 1959, the idea of setting up a German cultural centre took shape with the establishment of the MMB. People like Astad Deboo, Dilip Chitre and Mohan Agashe have carried the lega cy forward as they are well-known in Germany. Institutions like the Association of Friends of Germany (AFG) and the Pune-Bremen City Solidarity Forum have contributed to the bilateral ties. The universities of Goettingen and Pune are working together. We have merely facilitated these bonds.

Q: Today, there are so many institutes teaching German in the city. How is MMB different from them?

A- We are not competing with them, but co-operating with them to promote the language. We have collaborated with 10 major institutions, including Symbiosis, Modern, Fergusson and SP colleges and Abhinav and Orchid schools. We are also working with 18 Kendriva Vidvalavas in the area to train their teachers in German.

The International German Language Teachers' Conference was held in Jena in Germany recently, in which 14 teachers from Pune partic ipated. We have well-trained staff, which focuses on the communication and intercultural training.

Q: Why should people learn German when Germans themselves are learning English?

A- You speak the language of your customer. It is an additional skill for Indians. There is a big requirement of manpower in German and Indian companies. They prefer people who know German. German companies, including Volkswagen and Mercedes Benz have set up their factories in Pune.

As a result, Indo-German Chamber of Com-

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A file photo of Max Mueller Bhavan, Pune.

MAX MUELLER HELPED WRANGLER PARANJPYE

Michael Flucht narrated an interesting incident. When Wrangler Raghunath Paranjpye visited Britain, he was ill-treated by some Englishmen. He related this to eminent Indologist Max Mueller, who conveyed it to Queen Victoria. The problem was immediately addressed. Paranjpye had studied in the Goettingen University.

Siemens Kolkata has been holding job fairs on our campus every two months. In Europe, German is spoken by the largest (120 million) number of native speakers. Germany offers better facilities for higher studies. The German government has changed its policy to allow foreign graduates to work in Germany.

Q: What are going to be the highlights of the celebrations?

A- A competition will be held across India, in which writers, artists, film-makers will be asked to work on the theme 'the 50 years of MMB'. We will extend financial assistance to them to work on their projects. As much as Rs60 lakh (Euro100,000) have been earmarked. A popular German jazz band Thaerichen Tentett will perform on November 20. The Berlin Band, which is on an India tour, will also perform in Pune.

The German play Im Stillen's Marathi version Khidya directed by Girish Joshi and translated by Vidyasagar and Sunanda Mahajan will be merce opened its office in Pune two years ago. staged in Pune, Kolhapur, Nashik and elsewhere

in India. The play's German author-director Clemes Maedge will be here to witness the adaptation.

Q: What are the future plans of the institute?

A- We have started the Schools: Partners of Future exchange programme with German schools. Youth camps will be held at Hidden Oasis on the road to Saswad after the Bopdev ghat near Kondhwa where ecology along with the German language will be studied.

The first batch begins on Friday. We have plans to start vocational training on the premises of MMB. Germany is known for its quality engineering. We will tie up with MCCIA, Indo-German Chamber of Commerce and German companies to train manpower for various vocations. Management and technical and soft skills will be imparted simultaneously. The concept, mechatronics, is new and has not been tried anywhere in India.

Q: What is your advice to students who want to pursue their higher studies in Germany?

A- They should take basic language lessons in the MMB, where they get maximum input in minimum time. We have a German Academic Exchange Programme (DAAD) office on our premises where they can get more information.

A special course for such students 'Fit for Campus Germany' is conducted in MMB. We have a plan to open a book store dealing in foreign languages. Goyal Publishers will run it. We will go beyond language teaching and invite people from various walks of life to work in collaboration with us.

and Unani

The event has been organised by MUHS

Nozia Sayyed

The Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) will hold a state-level conference on 'Update on Avurveda and Unani 2009' on Saturday and Sunday.

Organising secretary of the conference PM Shere said the meet will be held at Balgandharva Rangmandir and 20 research papers will be presented and discussed.

Over 1,000 doctors and postgraduate students have registered for the event.

Drugs and research in Avurveda, live demonstration of *panchkarma*, medico-legal issues and surgeries through Avurveda way will be discussed, he said.

The conference will be inaugurated by founder and vicechancellor of Bharati Vidyapeeth University Patangrao Kadam. Secretary of medical education and drugs department Milind Mhaiskar will be the chief guest.

Shere said an Avurveda din*di* has been organised that will start from Avurveda Rasshala on Karve Road at 8.30 am and will conclude at Balgandharva Rangmandir.

