

briefcase



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

Charity

1 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.

Laurel

2 CITY STUDENTS WIN MEDALS AT TAEKWONDO COMPETITION

City students won gold and bronze medals at the 55th inter-school national taekwondo 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 College won a bronze each. All the students were coached by city-based Horangee Taekwondo Academy.



Shruti

Arts

3 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 Ashtrapadhan Balchitrakala examination. For details, schools can contact Chitralila Niketan, 410 Shanivar Peth, near Mandir Lodge.

soundbyte

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
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Temperature	
Maximum	24.1°C
Minimum	21.0°C
Humidity	91%
Sunrise	0639
Sunset	0557
Moonrise	0220
Moonset	1420

Forecast: Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and minimum temperatures will be 29°C and 21°C respectively

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 Tailtil 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

CITY BROWSER



PUBLIC PROGRAMME

Quality mgmt
Talk on quality improvement, lean and productivity improvement, quality management system and soft skills
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 eminent watercolorist Sachin Naik and Mrudul Mankame.
When: Till Nov 15, 10 am to 1.30 pm 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 Salunke
When: Till Nov 18
Where: Indiaart Gallery, Kalachhaya, Off Senapati Bapat Road
Contact: 25662854

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 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 students for science and research," said Guruswamy.

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 everyday life', 'science and inventions',

COMING SOON

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

Guruswamy 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 Guruswamy.

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 Pratishthan'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 to outreach@ncl.res.in and visit the official website, www.nclcademy.org.

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



Michael Flucht

Max Mueller Bhavan turns 50 IN PUNE

The 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 language 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 legacy 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 Kendriya Vidyalayas 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 participated. 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 Commerce opened its office in Pune two years ago.



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 Thaeichen 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 *Khidyva* directed by Girish Joshi and translated by Vidyasagar and Sunanda Mahajan will be staged in Pune, Kolhapur, Nashik and elsewhere



Shout when someone spits

Dr Sarika Rakshe, paediatrician

If every family simply makes it a point of washing their hands and faces morning and night, before preparing food, before meals, after touching pets, after coughing/ sneezing/ after coming home from public places our outdoors...you are doing much more than most families."



Dr Sarika Rakshe

The swine flu cases in Pune have made us aware about hygiene and clean 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 traffic signals, at *paanwallas* and out of a city bus. Also, teach your kids to avoid spitting on roads and public places.

Wash up: H1N1 transfers via hand-to-hand contact. Affected people shake hands with others after sneezing/coughing into their hands. By rubbing an itchy eye or a nose, the spread of the virus is facilitated.

Get your wash right: While washing hands we should concentrate on a good jet of water, soap (not necessarily medicated) and the timing of the wash. We should briskly wash our hands for at least 30 seconds.

Cover mouth and nose: H1N1 and other some other viruses spread by air droplets. You cough and sneeze and you expel minute particles of spittle and mucus as droplets. They act as a vehicle for virus. A person nearby breathes the infected air and acquires the infection.

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-

trol. If your child's sneeze ends up in the hand, make sure s/he washes them thoroughly 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.



For questions or queries, write to our panel of experts at fitforlife@dnaindia.net



Conference on Ayurveda 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 Ayurveda 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 post-graduate students have registered for the event.

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

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

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

