Urban Lifestyle Driving Sharp Rise in Colon Cancer Among Younger Indians

Surat: Though the burden of colon cancer is relatively low in India, in the recent decade, there has been a steady rise in the cases of colon cancer, especially in urban cities like Surat, Mumbai and Delhi. Alarmingly so, the majority of these cases are reported among patients below the age of 50, busting the myth that it's a disease of the elderly. Early detection is the cornerstone of successful treatment in the cases of colorectal cancer. But in India, over 50 - 60 percent of patients consult a cancer expert only at the advanced stage (stage III or IV) of the disease within over 40% cases, the disease has already spread to distant organs. Most common reason being, delaying the hospital visit till serious complications such as bowel obstruction, hole in the bowel wall or severe internal bleeding occurs. Colon cancer can grow silently over long periods and thus regular screening plays a vital role in detecting the disease early. Don't ignore chronic diarrhoea, constipation, narrower stools or altered stool consistency, lasting more than a few days. Rectal bleeding or blood mixed with stool, are important warning signs and need prompt medical evaluation. Dr. Ganesh Nagarajan, Senior Director - Hepatobiliary Pancreatic & Gastrointestinal Oncosurgery, Nanavati Max Super Speciality Hospital, Mumbai said "Today, a complete recovery or remission from Colon cancer is possible and a range of treatment options are available. (13-9)

RattanIndia announces Partnership with the UAE's noon E-Commerce Marketplace

Anjali Rattan
Business Chairperson of RattanIndia Enterprises Limited

Ahmedabad, RattanIndia Enterprises Ltd today announced the launch of Cocoblu Global Retail in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by partnering with noon, the region's leading e-commerce platform to tap into the rapidly expanding digital retail opportunity in the Gulf region. Through this partnership, Cocoblu Global Retail will bring a curated selection of products across multiple categories (e.g. home, toys, sports, electronics) to customers in the Gulf region via noon. The assortment will continue to expand as Cocoblu Global Retail builds depth and breadth across multiple retail segments, aligned with market needs. The venture aims to enhance product availability, deepen category access, and deliver a high-quality, seamless shopping experience across the region's fast-growing digital marketplace. noon provides the platform, technology, and reach to connect brands with millions of consumers across the Gulf. By partnering with noon, Cocoblu Global Retail can tap into this infrastructure and customer base to accelerate its growth across the region, while operating within noon's hybrid retail and marketplace model. A key strategic focus for Cocoblu Global Retail will be to provide Indian and global brands with a trusted and scalable route to enter GCC markets, enabling them to reach new consumers through an established retail ecosystem. (1-7)

Welspun Living Becomes World No. 1 in S&P Global's ESG Ranking in Textile

Ahmedabad, Welspun Living Limited (WLL), a global leader in home solutions, has secured a score of 90 in the 2025 S&P Global Corporate Sustainability Assessment marking a significant milestone in its sustainability journey. The accomplishment places Welspun Living Limited at the no. 1 position globally in the Textile, Apparel & Luxury Goods category, reaffirming its standing as the highest-ranked textile manufacturing company from India in the category. Building on its strong and steady progress over the last two years, Welspun Living grew from a score of 66 in 2023, rising sharply to 83 in 2024 and 90 in 2025 (CSA score as of 11/12/2025) reflecting an improvement of 24 points over the last 2 years. The company scored 94 (out of 100) in the Environment criterion, 89 (out of 100) in Social and 84 (out of 100) in Governance & Economic. This increase is a testament to WLL's focus and commitment towards integrating its sustainability practices as a core pillar of its business and is evident across all three pillars of the assessment. (4)

NAREDCO Property Fest to showcase over 500 projects in Ahmedabad

Ahmedabad: The National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) Gujarat is organising the NAREDCO Property Fest 2025 from December 19 to 21 near Vaishnodevi Circle on SP Ring Road. The three-day property exhibition will feature more than 500 properties spanning residential, commercial, industrial, weekend homes, and plotted developments in and around Ahmedabad, which was recently confirmed as the host city of the 2030 Commonwealth Games. Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi will formally inaugurate the event on Friday. Gujarat's Finance and Urban Development Minister Kanubhai Desai, Agriculture Minister Jitu Vaghani, Energy Minister Rushikesh Patel, and Ahmedabad Mayor Pratibha Jain will also be present on the occasion. Speaking about the event, NK Patel, Chairman Emeritus of NAREDCO Gujarat, said, "Ahmedabad is witnessing robust growth driven by industrial investments, major infrastructure projects, and investor-friendly policies. The city's selection as the host for the 2030 Commonwealth Games, along with its ambition to bid for the 2036 Summer Olympics, has further strengthened confidence in its long-term real estate potential. This property fest assumes added significance in this context." (20-4)

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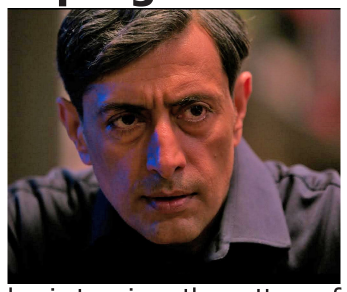

Ahmedabad, Bhooli si surat, aankhon mein masti but this time, the familiar smile hides something far more unsettling. Ever since the trailer of Mrs. Deshpande dropped, which triggered intense chatter for presenting Madhuri Dixit in one of the boldest and darkest roles of her career. The 6-episode psychological thriller — produced by Applause Entertainment and Kukunoor Movies, premiering on JioHotstar on December 19, 2025 marks a dramatic departure from her iconic on-screen image. Madhuri steps into a raw, de-glam and chilling avatar, playing a serial killer whose seemingly ordinary life is a façade built on carefully buried secrets. To sharpen the premise, the synopsis reveals that a series of new murders begin to mirror the pattern of an older, infamous case. As panic spreads, investigators trace every lead back to Mrs. Deshpande suggesting that the "copycat killer" may actually be the original one hiding in plain sight. With this gripping cat-and-mouse setup and Madhuri's unnerving transformation, Mrs. Deshpande is poised to become one of JioHotstar's most talked-about year-end releases.(19-8)

Marengo CIMS Hospital Highlights India's Breakthrough Homegrown Stroke Device

Ahmedabad, India has taken a decisive step forward in advanced stroke treatment with the successful completion of the GRASSROOT Trial, a landmark multicentre clinical study evaluating the Supernova Stent Retriever for patients with acute ischemic stroke due to large vessel occlusion. This achievement marks a major milestone in India's journey toward self-reliance in advanced neurovascular care. At the core of this breakthrough lies the fact that "Stent design by indian engineers and study done in indian 8 hospital including cims hospital and going to make in india dream come true." The GRASSROOT Trial was conducted across eight leading stroke centres in the country, including Marengo CIMS Hospital, providing robust Indian clinical evidence for an indigenously developed device. Adding to its national significance, this innovation confirms that "Made in India stent now for brain vessels also in acute brain stroke." The Supernova stent retriever has demonstrated strong safety and efficacy outcomes, offering high rates of successful vessel recanalization, favourable first-pass success, and encouraging functional recovery at 90 days, with a low complication profile. (18-2)

GLOBAL OCEAN LOGISTICS INDIA LIMITED SME IPO Closes Today

Ahmedabad, Global Ocean Logistics India Limited, an asset-light freight forwarding and multimodal logistics solutions provider, has announced its proposed Initial Public Offering (IPO), subject to regulatory approvals and market conditions.

Total Issue Size Issue of 38,99,200 Equity Shares aggregating ? 3,041.37 Lakhs, Price Band- ? 74/- to ? 78/- Per Share, Face Value - Rs. 10 Per Share, Lot Size 1600 Equity Shares and in Multiples thereof [For Individual Investors: 2 Lots For Other than Individual Investors: More than 2 lots.]

Listing on - BSE SME - GLOBAL OCEAN LOGISTICS INDIA LIMITED has announced its plan to go public with an Initial Public Offering (IPO) is now open and Closes on 19th December, 2025 to be listed on the BSE SME platform.

About the company - The Company offers end-to-end logistics services across ocean, air, road, and rail transportation, including ocean freight forwarding (ODC and coastal), air cargo, transport services, container freight station (CFS), customs clearance, project logistics, and third-party logistics (3PL). (1-7)

ElectriGo Launches Electric Bus Leasing Solution

Ahmedabad, ElectriGo, a full-stack electric bus leasing platform enabling India's next phase of zero-emission mobility, has officially launched its electric bus leasing offering targeting private bus operators. ElectriGo has announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Green Energy Mobility Solutions Ltd (GEMS) for the deployment of 50 electric buses across key transport routes. The MoU was formalised on 1st August 2025 in Chennai and marks a significant step in accelerating the commercial adoption of electric buses in public and contract transportation. To support its operations, GEMS today announced the launch of Ziel Mobility, a green aggregator ecosystem focused on electric passenger buses and electric trucks. Speaking about the partnership, Mr. Sudhindra Reddy Pidapa, Co-founder of ElectriGo, said: "This MoU represents a shared commitment to accelerating India's transition to cleaner and more cost-efficient mobility. By combining ElectriGo's full-stack leasing model with dependable on-ground operations, we are making electric buses not only accessible but also commercially viable for operators across India." (19-10)

Aptus Pharma Expands OTC Presence in Gujarat

Ahmedabad, The expansion focuses on high-demand consumer categories, including face care, body and skin care, and hair care. The division wilk be driven by flagship brands such as Timglo, Kerava, and Shirovita, which are expected to deliver strong consumer traction across key markets. As part of its forward-looking strategy, Aptus Pharma Limited plans to further strengthen its footprint in the OTC and cosmeceutical segment. The company is preparing to broaden its product portfolio with new launches in hygiene care, pain relief, and oral care, along with upcoming SKUs such as Timglo Detox and Kerava Shea Moisturizer. To support this expansion, Aptus Pharma Limited is enhancing its field force and distributor network, aiming to place its OTC product range in a substantially larger number of medical storesacross Gujarat. This strategic move positions Aptus Pharma Limited to capture a growing share of Gujarat's rapidly evolving OTC and personal care market. Commenting on this development, Mr. Tejas Hathi, Managing Director of Aptus Pharma Limited, stated: "The expansion of the Company's OTC business across high-demand consumer categories strongly positions Aptus Pharma Limited to capture a larger share of Gujarat's rapidly advancing OTC and personal care market." (1-7)

Fire broke out in 19 textile markets in Surat in just one year

Surat, A fire broke out in the B wing of Surat's Raj Textile Market, destroying 14 shops on the seventh floor. It took hours to bring the fire under control due to the overloaded quantity of fabrics stored in the shops. Currently, a complete ban has been imposed on the entry of traders into the B wing, although there was great concern among the traders who reached the spot since yesterday. Even today, a large number of traders had reached the market since morning and were seen making a formal fuss in front of the market managers to remove necessary goods including laptops, checkbooks, and passbooks. Following this, the market managers gave permission to the traders of A and C wings to remove necessary goods from the shops. The fire has also weakened the structure of the building. The shops on the seventh floor were converted into godowns and goods were loaded in. As a result, the grills and walls of the floors also collapsed. There have also been scenes where the quantity of 6 shops of a single trader have been burnt down. It is worth mentioning that in the year 2025 alone, 19 textile markets in Surat city have caught fire. However, following a massive fire on the seventh floor of the market's B wing, the fire department has put three teams on standby as a precautionary measure since this morning. The fire was so intense that even the tiles on the seventh floor were broken, while the beam column was also severely damaged. Currently, three teams of the fire department have been placed on standby in the market, while a preliminary investigation has also been conducted by the police. The real cause of the fire will be known after the FSL officials visit the spot as soon as possible and submit the necessary investigation report. However, on the other hand, there was a lot of anger among the traders as the fire broke out due to a short circuit in the early morning.

Banganga Paper Industries Acquires CMJ Breweries

Ahmedabad, In a bold strategic move, the Board of Directors of Banganga Paper Industries Ltd (BPIL) approved the acquisition of a 78.90% equity stake in CMJ Breweries Private Ltd (CMJBPL) during their December 17, 2025 meeting. This includes 10,95,22,067 equity shares (face value Rs 10 each) and an increase in BPIL's authorized share capital. The deal positions BPIL to dominate Northeast India's thriving beer market, with completion expected within two months, pending shareholder and stock exchange approvals.

Discover CMJ Breweries - Headquartered in Meghalaya's stunning landscapes, CMJ Breweries reigns as Northeast India's largest brewery, specializing in premium beer production. Its cutting-edge, high-capacity facility—powered by precision German and European machinery—delivers unmatched efficiency and quality, fueling regional growth and innovation. As a go-to contract manufacturer, CMJ partners with giants like United Breweries (Kingfisher), Carlsberg India (Tuborg), Mohan Meakin (Asia 72), Yuksom Breweries (He-Man 9000), and Sona Beverages (SIMBA), ensuring top-tier volume, quality, and compliance in India's booming alcohol sector. The Indian beer market hit INR 483.10 Billion in 2024 and is set to surge at a 9.90% CAGR, reaching INR 1,241.69 Billion by 2034. Open Offer - Per the exchange release, Mr. Ronak Jain and associates will extend an open offer for 100% of BPIL's public shares. (18-2)