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This fortnight...



P aulownia tomentosa.That's the botanical name of the fatest growing plant in the world; it can grow more than two and a half metres in a single season. It bears large violet flowers and owes its phenomenal growth rate to the manner in which it processes carbon, much like grass does.

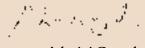
What's this got to do with Indian advertising? The Paulownia tomentosa is commonly known as Foxglove. This issue, we're celebrating the young agencies that swept the fourth edition of our beloved Foxglove Awards, and the hardworking people who run them. The purpose of this awards show is to identify good work created by young advertising agencies, web publishers, content creators, production firms and design units. In the context of Foxglove, the definition of young is - less

Breaking Mumbai's winning spell, this time Delhi-based agencies swept the awards. Grapes Digital went home with 11 metals (five National, six Regional), Tree Design won 10 (National and Regional, equally), and ADK Fortune got seven (all of them National).

Which brings me to my favourite part of the awards... the names of the agencies! They're funky, whacky, crazy, and never fail to amuse me. Of course, they all have a story behind them. Sample some my favs from this year's list of participants... aaaand, my award for the coolest name goes to - Lowfundwala Communications, Teen Bandar and Adbhoot Creatives.

On a serious note, as we applaud the efforts of the winners, let's take a moment to note that the Foxglove tree needs rich, moist soil and abundant sunlight to grow at the rate it's famous for. Much like these promising young agencies that need fertile foundations and the right guidance from above to bloom and reach their full

Can the advertising, marketing and media industry give them an environment conducive to rapid growth? Let's hope these young firms grow tall and wide like their leafy counterparts.



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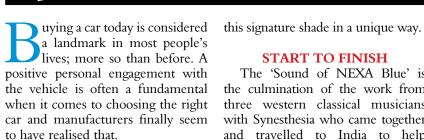


NEXA

Tuning into the Brand

This is a story about musical colours. By Deepashree Banerjee





emotional connect with consumers, the automotive industry is also steadily moving away from traditional television, magazines and billboards and focusing more and more on nontraditional channels such as digital

the automotive world map) India to sell the company's premium car the 'Sound of NEXA Blue'.

START TO FINISH

The 'Sound of NEXA Blue' is the culmination of the work from three western classical musicians with Synesthesia who came together and travelled to India to help In an attempt to build an create this signature tune. These musicians - Samara and Litsa from the UK and Eduardo from Canada - were presented with the colour #NEXABlue and were asked to showcase the notes that they 'heard' after seeing the colour.

The Hakuhodo India team later In 2015, as part of its strategy roped in a composer who helped to attract more of the country's create a symphony using only those premium car buyers, Maruti Suzuki particular notes. In such a brand (the company that put India on new collaboration, the brand, a trio of talented musicians and a special launched its 'Nexa' brand of outlets colour, have come together to create

The digital campaign is targeted at Nexa customers between 18 and 45 years.

portfolio. Since then, the band is always looking at innovative ways to popular car brands are toying with a attract its TG. In its latest offering (#NEXABlue campaign), the brand brings to life a car's colour through Synesthesia - a neurological condition that translates one sense, like hearing a sound, for example, into another like seeing a colour generated by that sound and vice versa. This is a firstever digital format across Facebook, every campaign devised and So is it a hit or miss? afaqs! Reporter Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

The new digital campaign crafted, by Hakuhodo India, is targeted at Nexa customers between 18 and 45 years who are, presumably, well versed with social media platforms.

Interestingly, this one-of-akind venture tries to achieve both innovation and invention through

In the present market scenario, paying attention and getting involved.

the past, it always made a point; it customers have shared this video and always had a clear strategy behind executed. Sabuj Sengupta, national asked industry experts. creative director, Hakuhodo India says, "#NEXABlue is the signature soundsmith, BrandMusiq, "I like the shade for Nexa cars. It symbolises idea of using Synaesthesia to create a innovation in what we do. Through the 'Sound of NEXA Blue' campaign, merging of the two realms of colour we wanted consumers to experience and sound are very interesting and colours in a new, innovative way."





'The brief was to find the most to talk about the colour **NEXA Blue**"

shares, "The brief was to find the wide range of creative ideas in their most interesting way to talk about the marketing approach and there has colour NEXA Blue. Once we cracked been a noticeable effort of engaging the idea, Hakuhodo co-worked with campaigns to ensure consumers are musicians to bring it to life. Besides using social media, we are also sending Whenever Nexa has advertised in these videos to our customers. A lot of helped it go viral," informs Sengupta.

Says Rajeev Raja, founder and unique sonic identity for Nexa. The using musicians who are synesthetic Speaking about the execution, he to interpret 'NEXA Blue' is a powerful

concept. The musicians looked at the colour and immediately heard notes that represented the colour to them. I would be keen to know what the key brand characteristics of Nexa were and how the composition reflected

"I think this is a big idea and must be leveraged more across consumer 'earpoints' to fully realise its potential," Raja adds. A major risk this campaign runs is that people might not grasp the idea in the first go. Echoing that note, Carlton D'Silva, chief creative officer, Hungama Digital Services, points out, "Maybe it's just me, but I did not get the reasoning behind a brand creating a noise (or should I say melody) around the colour, especially if it's a shade of blue. I do know it's not the highest selling colour when it comes to choosing one for your car and whilst you have a unique colour for your range of cars, it will not be the deciding factor for a prospective consumer to buy the car. Whilst the idea is good, it will not speak to its core TG and, to be honest, most of them will be left with a feeling of 'huh?' ...just the way I am!" he adds.

"This honestly looks like one of those ideas that is trying to make some strange connection and hoping people will buy into this deep-thinking and in turn, maybe win some awards while they're at it. It would be interesting to know if their blue shade has started to pick up in sales though," he says, but sounds doubtful.

In the past, the automobile company has leveraged the print medium often and has regularly advertised in English daily newspapers, be it during the launch of its Baleno and S-Cross vehicles or Nexa, the showroom that showcases them.

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UBER

Riding Along Merrily

roads," Gupta says.

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dealt with this.

But why Virat? "If we are looking

at personal progress, there's no one

other than Virat who embodies this.

He's young, done things on his own

will, and does the right things. We

thought, for young India, Kohli is the

right person to say 'go and live your

Further down the conversation.

Gupta shares that while easing

movement in a comfortable and

reliable manner is a constant priority,

the brand has set its eyes on the

long-term goal of reducing cars on

the street. "Our ambition for the

next 3-5 years is to reduce private car

ownership. An average car gets used

only five per cent of its life; 95 per

cent of the time it's in the parking

and so is its category in India. There

is an obvious lack of older reference

points which poses a marketing

challenge. To better understand

the brand's marketing POV, afaqs!

Reporter asked Gupta how the brand

a better place — firstly, over the past

There are two things that put us in

Uber is a relatively young brand

Virat Kohli dropped Pepsi from his bag of brands because he won't endorse a product he doesn't consume. afaqs! Reporter spoke to Uber's marketing head about his choice of brand ambassador and more.



hota ho safar, chadhe lambe faasle. Ab rukna nahi, duniya badle chale," is the introductory message from Virat Kohli in Uber's new TVC - '#MoveForward'. Ridesharing and transport company, Uber, roped in the star cricketer to be the new face for the brand, a few months ago. Now, Uber rolled out its second TVC, and its first ad featuring Virat.

The ad film highlights how Uber, as a service, bridges the gap between people and their destination. The ad copy, also narrated by Virat, urges viewers to keep moving ahead, ditching all worries that barriers/ challenges to movement might have. While the latest TVC is in line with Uber's previous campaign — '#ApniGaadiSamjho' — and maintains a similar message of reliability, comfort and trust, it also delivers an overt message about mobility and change, much of which is delivered onscreen by Virat himself.

In a conversation with afags! Reporter, Sanjay Gupta, head of marketing for Uber, says that the brand's message is in line with Virat's persona as an achiever; a forward moving youth-icon.

In August of 2017, Virat dropped four years, our consumer-base has

campaign — '#ApniGaadiSamjho'. Pepsi from his bag of brands citing grown really large. Secondly, the role health as a reason for his decision. It was a decision made based on tangible. If you have used an Uber endorsing a product that he doesn't actually consume. Gupta reveals to afaqs! Reporter that Virat is an Uber consumer himself, "He uses Uber when he is abroad, on his tours and trips.

The latest TVC is in line with Uber's previous

When we approached Kohli, we told him three things — one, we enable movement, which is a big-big thing are both tech and human." in India; two, we create economic opportunities for driver partners; and the third was the decongestion of city real user-experiences that make experiences of our users," says Gupta.

that Uber plays in a user's life is really today, you'll remember it. It is not one of those brands at the periphery of life; instead, it is one of those brands you bond with. Given the large user-base and the usage bond, we were able to one of the few tech companies which

Uber also rolled out digital ads inspired by true stories and



Edited excerpts from an interview:

Aside from Uber and one other major player in the segment, what are the challenges in this duopoly-like situation?

Unlike other brands, for example, FMCG brands which compete with each other, Uber would compete with a problem like the lack of parking spaces. We see our bet as — how can we reduce the number of cars in the city. If we can get you to not buy a car or use your car less, we would have done our job.





"Our ambition for the next 3-5 years is to reduce private car ownership. An average car gets used only 5 per cent of its life; 95 per cent of the time it's in the parking lot." Sanjay Gupta

unearth a lot of consumer insights communication a lot easier. "If I have are unique in the way that they connect which has eased the situation. We are to think of something innovative, it might take time, but it's easier to communicate a message if I can powerful and meaningful campaign tell you a story. The series — Uber Journeys — is inspired by real-life

With only a couple of similar players in the segment perks like discounts can have a major influence on consumers. Where does brand lovalty stand in such a case?

We obviously want to grow in the market and there will be tactical promotions; it could be discounts etc. But we feel that it's our service, the quality of our driver partners and the human interaction that we enable that has to be far superior. As long as we can make the service good, there is a significant brand differentiation.

Shifting back to the advertising perspective, how do you assess the different media vehicles (OOH, Digital, TV) while parking media money?

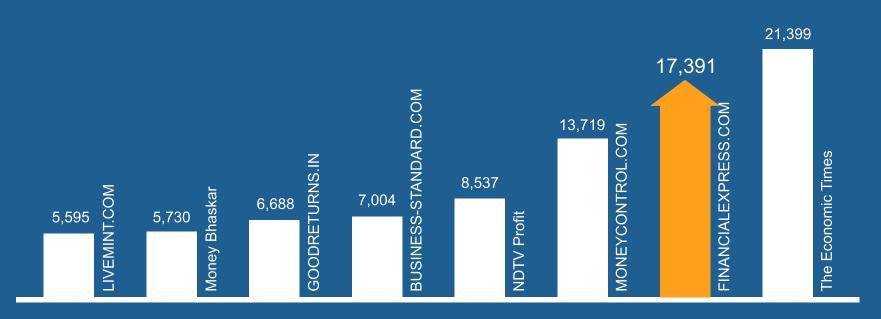
As a technology company, our priority has always been to bet big on digital. However, to reach out to our diverse set of users and resonate with them, it is equally important to be present across platforms and strike a balance between traditional and newage mediums. Each of these mediums with consumers. A synergy between all these mediums, together with a thought is the perfect way to deepen the connect with consumers.

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THE TIMES OF INDIA

Supplement to the Fore

The Times of India creates city montages for Mumbai, Bengaluru, Delhi, Kolkata and Chennai in a campaign that promotes its metro supplements. By Deepashree Banerjee

Tow often do we come across glossy ad campaigns done by a mainline supplement? The answer is a resounding 'Never'.

TOI has decided to focus on the top five revenue-generating cities from its supplements and might launch ads for other cities later. In the first phase, the campaign will cover Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai and Kolkata with a different brand film for each city. The brand has spent 10 per cent of its marketing budget to promote its metro supplements.

The narrative of the campaign uses rap as the soundscape and draws from the rituals of each city with its sounds and edgy lyrics as the film itself wears a city avatar. The campaign is a series of short films that portray their respective city's nuances and showcases many celebrated names from different walks of life - boxer Vijendra Singh, regional actors Prosenjit Chatterjee, Rituparna Sengupta, Shruti Haasan, R Madhavan, Kiccha Sudeep.

The film has been conceptualised by IWT India and created by Rawshark Films. JWT offices across these cities have worked on the campaign to give it localised impact. The campaign will be heavily digitalled followed by print and television.

Sanjeev Bhargava, director, Brand TOI, says, "As metro supplements are focussed on a city, we needed to make sure that the city came alive for the readers as a symbol of what we really represent as a publication, on a daily basis. A metro supplement is about being connected with the city you live in," Bhargava adds. Here is where the youth count.

Continues Bhargava, "India is so young a country; the overwhelming majority of the populace is also young. Any initiative which needs to provoke interest and create an impact on the society, by and large, has to address and engage the youth."

SOUL FOOD?

"There are certain things (be it the 'vada pav' of Mumbai or Delhi ka chaat) which quintessentially define a city. We've tried to pick some of those out and highlighting them in our communication," says Bhargava with regard to some of the direction the ads have taken. Does TOI, the mother brand, fundamentally have a



just Kolkata, it's also Goal-Katta as football is the most popular religion here," elaborates Kumar. He also expounds that the ambition for this campaign was to create a dynamic anthem for each city driven by its unique pop-culture, with the City Times at the centre of it all. "The Campaign is also an invitation to every city dweller, to go ahead and create their own City Pop-Culture and take a leap from the content here and pump up their own readergenerated City Anthems," he adds.

Raghu Bhat, founder and director,

different role to play and a different sense of purpose? "The main brand, has its own promise for readers and comes up with various other initiatives from a marketing point of view," explains Bhargava. But, one is forced to wonder if clichés, while capturing the cultural and social nuances of every city, actually turn into creative shorthand in the wide spectrum of the creative process (the much-frequented references to 'City of Dreams' or 'vada pav' in Mumbai; Durga Puja and political debate culture in Calcutta for example).

officer, J Walter Thompson India, shares his take, "If you love your city and want to celebrate it, there artists and musicians from Kolkata is no place for a cliché out there. If and with celebrities who are known you love a particular watering hole or hangout or a certain element that was led by the IWT India creative could be - 'music is a good way to you want to revisit time and again, it team along with Aloke Shetty and, does not become a cliché. In fact, it becomes popular culture!

"This Campaign is driven by the 'homing signal'; the everyday human insight into the life and times of a city dweller. It was time to reignite the love for your city with words, images, stories and songs that celebrate the soul of one city versus another. It is time for your city to celebrate every city's unique culture curry. It is time to flirt with your city or another; Delhi Times vs Mumbai Times vs Bangalore Times vs Chennai Times vs Kolkata Times. It's a a rap party out there," Kumar adds.

THE JOURNEY SO FAR

Kumar talks about how it all came IWT creative teams across the country, along with the editors and reporters from The Times of India, to get the local insights, neighbourhood nuances and lingo-leela right and of a city. "For example, Kolkata is not



Senthil Kumar, chief creative therefore, strike a deep chord with the city and its citizens. We also views, "If there is prior intent to collaborated with local language rap create an anthem with a high local to love the city and the whole thing of course, the legendary Dhruv Ghanekar who scored the music for the final five City Rap anthems.'

quotient, it can lead to clichéd words, which in turn, can lead to clichéd visuals. The reasons to go this route connect with the youth' or 'we need to communicate bigness and local connect'," Bhat adds.

Priti J Nair, co-founder and Kumar also explains the director, Curry Nation Brand

The campaign is a series of short films that portray their respective city's nuances.

appearances done by regional cine funky campaign with a montage feel and Abir Chatterjee in Calcutta Times, for instance) as displayed in the ad. "They are those who celebrate the city in many ways and are also readers of the local City Times and share the same love and passion for their city. A city is not all about the about, "We worked with different chaos and hustle-bustle. It's about discovering unknown facets, diving deeper into its culture, food, heritage, places and, of course, its celebrities."

The ads also play upon the name

conceptualisation of the guest Conversations thinks of it as a stars (R Madhavan in Chennai Times attached to it. "Overall, the feel is really nice, though I am not sure how long a campaign like this will stay in your mind or whether it has repeat value, but you never know. But from an emotional point of view, this is not something that pulls at any particular emotion." Among the five videos, Nair feels that Bangalore and Delhi, followed by Chennai are cool. "The Laxman - common man integration is nice and cute and makes it more TOI," she adds. ■

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STAR INDIA

Hitting the Jackpot!

The broadcaster has seen an overall growth of 15 per cent in total viewership of IPL 11 compared to IPL 10 on Sony. The final match saw a growth of 41 per cent. By Surai Ramnath



Then Star India won the broadcasting and digital rights for the Indian Premier League in 2017 for a whopping ₹16,347.50 crore, it meant that the broadcaster had to pay ₹54.5 crore per match to BCCI. Back then the question was - how will Star India make a return on that investment?

If one thinks about the recall of IPL ads, people would talk about ads made by Sony Entertainment Television such as - 'Carnival ad', 'Dil Jumping Japang' or 'Pista song' where the broadcaster had packaged the league as entertainment as opposed to sports. Whereas when Star India launched its 'Best vs Best' campaign in March this year, it was quite evident that the broadcaster wanted to re-package IPL and wanted people to see it more like a sport than entertainment. But in terms of ad recall for IPL 11, only time will tell if fans will remember the ads made.

According to a senior media planner, the broadcaster has earned around ₹1,600-1,800 crore from ad revenues. Industry sources indicate that Star India earned close to ₹600 crore from distribution and international digital streaming rights would have also have earned the broadcaster close to ₹600 crore, in achieving an overall growth of 15 reach. "Based on one final's ratings, making it total revenue of close to ₹2,800-3,000 crore.

Star India managed to sell their ad inventories at an average of ₹10 lakh per 10 seconds. With IPL impressions, 15 per cent more than was selling inventories and the reach



"I don't want to take away any credit from Star, but next year, they will need to package the property in a better way." DINESH RATHORE

11 done and dusted and with the ratings provided by BARC India, it is per cent in total viewership for this edition of the competition compared Had the entire tournament delivered (60 matches) garnered 1.4 billion different. For the rates that Star India

IPL 10 which garnered 1.2 billion impressions. Barring the finals, the broadcaster aired IPL on Star Sports 1 (SD+HD), Star Sports 1 Hindi (SD+HD), Star Sports 1 Tamil, and Star Sports Select 1 (SD+ HD). For the finals, the broadcaster roped in its GEC and movie channels as property has also been established well - Star Suvarna Plus, Star Maa Movies, Asianet Movies, Star Plus and their coverage provide. CSK's (SD+HD), Star Gold (SD+HD), come back was a big high, but I think Star Pravah, and Jalsha Movies. The ratings for the finals include that of DD Sports as well.

Chennai Super Kings and Sunrisers and peaks in viewership. Like every Hyderabad garnered 55.6 million impressions. This is up 41 per cent from IPL 10's final that was between Mumbai Indians and Rising Pune the season interesting. It manages to Supergiants, which garnered 39.4 million impressions.

According to BARC, IPL 11 saw growth of regional language viewership as well. Hindi language contributed to 54 per cent of viewership followed by English at 24 added more flavour to the property per cent and regional at 22 per cent.

But according to Dinesh Rathore, Media Omega, Star India shouldn't take or be given the entire credit for we can't expect the ad rates to go up.

numbers of the final match being so good, that can't be the benchmark.'

He adds that changing the packaging of IPL from entertainment to a pure sports property was not the right way to go. "Star failed to create any newness compared to other seasons. This was the most competitive IPL so that, as well as the comeback of CSK, has actually brought in the viewership. But I don't want to take away any credit from Star, but next year, they will need to package the property in a better way", he adds.

Deepak Netram, senior vice president, Lodestar UM, says, "I think it is not just about the reach but making IPL a stronger and bigger property. Yes, the additional audience numbers achieved do add on and really work, but as a network, Star put their full might into IPL and that was great."

According to Netram, CSK's comeback was something to look forward to, but not the sole reason for the ratings achieved by the broadcaster. "Ultimately, the based on what broadcast networks it's more about the way the property is and the impact it creates. There are on-going surprise elements that The final match between continue to keep up the momentum year, there are exciting nail-biter finishes or big-hitters in the series. Even underdog teams have made create greater excitement towards the playoffs and the finale, almost every year," he adds.

Netram believes that IPL 11 continued to be as entertaining as it was, if not more. He says, "Star has and its packaging. Ultimately, it is the content that drives audiences chief operating officer, Madison and that, by and large, is what works. Getting the finale on with all network channels did create the big boost. evident that Star India has succeeded the 15 per cent increase in the overall I don't think there is any change in terms of the content becoming serious from entertaining. Several new elements were introduced, in to that of Sony Max and Six. IPL 11 something like this, it would be fact, they made it entertaining and engaging."

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by putting it the under the 'expert

symbol of rebellion in the West in

the 90s. Shoppers Stop seems to

be cashing in on that aspect after

so many decades, nonetheless,

the ad clearly carries many talking points like #RIPtheDesignations

(debunking hierarchy) for instance.

officer, Hungama Digital Services,

feels that in today's world of Start-

ups, the approach towards business

Carlton D'Silva, chief creative

Denim was considered a startling

SHOPPERS STOP

So, Will it Work?

The retail brand appeals to young office-goers to debunk workwear-myths. By Deepashree Banerjee

the "Far West", while wholly ✓ universal, denim today is widely embraced, worn and loved all over the world and considered an unfeigned wardrobe staple. Starting with the higher echelons of fashion, making its way far down through the ranks, denim has been on quite a voyage to be woven into our social fabric. No less of a truly global phenomenon, denim has historically ruptured all possible social and geographical frontiers and has contributed its bit to major global paradigm shifts, shaping the world as we know it!

The digital film for the 'Denim to Work' campaign has been produced and directed by Mirum and the ad creatives have been created by Shoppers Stop's ad agency, Contract Advertising. Conceptualised by Mirum, the digital film aims to break down the rules laid by rigid corporate culture. The film captures young employees at various levels of hierarchy showing us how they '#RIPtheDesignations' to stand out in the system with their own attitude and style. The campaign has been rolled out across multimedia platforms with print, radio, outdoor, and a digital film.

A recent study reveals that the market size of Indian denim wear was estimated to be ₹20,205 crore in 2016. The market is now projected to grow at a CAGR of 14.5 per cent and reach ₹39,651 crore by 2021 and ₹77,999 crore market by 2026 (Source: India Retailing).

The 'Denim to Work' campaign has been rolled out by Shoppers Stop across its 84 stores and will curate and showcase looks that one can explore through the work week, from Monday to Friday.

'Denim to Work' is a Shoppers Stop Campaign and Pepe Jeans is a participating brand and a sponsor.

SHOPPERS STOP SPEAKS

When asked if he sees the campaign as a retail push, Govind Shrikhande. customer care associate and managing director, Shoppers Stop, answers, "India has more than 50 per cent of its population below the age of 25 and more than 65 per cent below the age of 35. As per a UN.org report, it is expected that in 2020, the average age of an Indian will be 29 years. There is



a huge untapped market for denim as

a segment. Due to growing awareness

and the changing classification of a

consumer's wardrobe, denims are

gaining preference across age groups. "Further, with corporates redefining the rules, the dress code is considered a freedom of expression for young professionals. With newage companies and start-ups relaxing the norms with the introduction of Casual-Friday to work; denims, a cult fashion trend, is increasingly becoming acceptable attire at work. In line with Shoppers Stop's brand mantra has already created quite has changed and is a bit rebellious in philosophy - Start Something New we have always aimed at introducing establish (challenging establishment newer fashion retail concepts and the 'Denim to Work' campaign is yet another initiative to strengthen was a little apprehensive about customer connect with the brand.

"Predominantly, the denim





a buzz. The point it is trying to nature (and so is the dressing) and

to an extent) has already been made. afags! Reporter asked Patel if Mirum sounding clichéd.

"I think there is a marked segment has always been targeted difference between the two creative age, designations really do not need towards youth, by the industry. With routes; '#DenimToWork' is about

The 'Denim to Work' campaign has been rolled out by Shoppers Stop across its 84 stores.

campaign, we're targeting the working- to work because if work has to be class population for the first time in creative, inspirational and brilliant, this category," Shrikhande clarifies.

"The situations were zeroed-in keeping in mind the designations, the attitude of the film and the changing face of corporate offices," conventional campaign brief. shares Naila Patel, executive creative director Mirum India

"More and more people in surroundings that encourage work protagonists were people who followed an integral part of the script."

However, of late, in the apparel/ fashion segment, the 'being yourself' advertising bit and dissect the video

the launch of the 'Denim to Work' extending your weekend wear workwear should be beyond rules and clichés too."

> Patel also shared that the brand's brief to the team was not that of a

"#DenimToWork was a result of common brainstorming sessions between the agency and client. The power have started creating office discussion was about how to give denim a fresh lease on life in the and some amount of play. As our current wardrobe choices and take it beyond the expected role it plays. their own rules, a green office, a It has been very interesting so far foosball table and a chess board became and we #DenimToWork is beyond a campaign, it is a shift in attitude."

Now let's shift our focus from the

with this campaign, Shoppers Stop has managed to identify a sweet spot that will resonate with their core TG beautifully "The rebellious nature continues and this also is born from an insight that in today's day and to define your dressing style. I live by this rule, I hold a high position, but I don't dress as people holding that designation would traditionally. D'Silva shares.

Jagdish Acharya, founder, creative head, Cut The Crap, points out that the 'Denim to work' campaign presents a concept like it's the next big thing in town. "But in reality, it's Rip Van Winkle having got up from a long sleep and now trying to level with the world in one fell swoop. Wearing denim to work? Where's the news in that? Now for the creative idea - it's an insight alright, that the designations have become imaginative. But, it is presented like a PowerPoint. Even the tone of voice is almost patronising. Will the communication work? To the extent of creating a connect between Shoppers Stop and denim, it should. But, it may not go much farther," Acharya signs off. ■

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NETFLIX

No Damage Done

afags! Reporter spoke to Neeraj Roy, managing director and CEO, Hungama Digital Media about the newly launched original show, Damaged. By Surai Ramnath

entertainment company Hungama Digital Media has launched its original show Damaged. The psychological crime drama went on air from June 6 on Hungama Play, it video on demand platform which was launched in 2015. Damaged is directed by Aarambhh Mohan Singh and produced by Alligator Media.

Hungama plans to take the content to a global audience with the help of existing and new partners. Hungama's association with Xiaomi will enable consumers to watch the shows via Hungama Play on Mi Video and Mi TV. In addition to this, users will be able to stream the shows through Hungama Play on Vodafone Play, Idea Movies & TV, Amazon Fire TV Stick and other Android TVs

Talking about the reason behind it taking more than two years, postlaunch, to come up with an original series, Neeraj Roy, managing director and CEO, Hungama Digital Media, says, "To me, it is not about what took us so long because the platform lends itself to so much of storytelling. What we have done at the moment, is just the tip of the iceberg. We will never be a platform which will be driven by 'I have 20 shows and 30 shows'. I would rather do quality shows and also equally build on building audiences for those shows. These shows need to be made in a way where there is some connect and affinity with the audiences because if these shows are successful, then they lend themselves to seasons; whereas what we have seen now is just volume that's coming



around and we have put a filter on that. We want to concentrate on good stories and good audiences."

For Roy, the first goal was to build audiences. "When we launched the company two and a half years ago, it was about putting the basic content in place, which was movies and we had 6,500 films across 13 languages including mainstream Hollywood. We have also focused on regional cinemas. We started bringing in some amount of TV shows and, as a company, over the last 10-12 years we have served 300 million audiences and our network has about 50 millionplus active monthly users."

He adds, "Within a matter of a few months, post launching Hungama Play, we realised that this platform is going to be almost equal, in terms of a platform, for original storytelling. and access market have opened, it is shows are Hankaar (a crime drama When you start that journey, it a case study in the world. The cycle series), Bar Code (drama) and Boys is a process, so we engaged with 60-65 different film-makers from for us, it was about filling a gap in the 25-minute shows with 10-15 episodes mainstream films and television. The kind of stories which were missing in a series. last production process started only in mainstream television viewing

one year back. Then we wanted to have all those shows and now we are ready with four shows." Seventy per cent of Hungama's marketing efforts are going to be on the digital medium. And Hungama will promote Damaged through OTT and Print mediums as well.

Is it going to be a game of originals that differentiates every VoD platform. He responds, "Every platform needs to differentiate with some form of content which is unique and original of Netflix, it took them seven years and rapid and we are committed." to aggregate the content and then they embarked on original stories. Of the base at which the India device current fiscal year. The next three of adoption is much wider. Lastly,



"Every platform needs to differentiate with some form of content which is unique and original to it." NEERAJ ROY

to it. Today, what is generic to that and trying and see what we can get. category - something like Netflix - In markets like India, the original and if you go back to the origins programming journey will be sharper

Apart from Damaged, Hungama has also announced that it plans to course, that was six years ago. Today, launch 10-12 original shows in the with Toys (comedy). These are

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NICKELODEON

Magic Show

Nick hopes to do more magic for children. By Surai Ramnath

'Rudra - Boom Chik Chik Boom' which went on air from June 11 at 7:30 pm Monday to Friday. It is the channel's fifth kids across five markets - Mumbai, intellectual property (IP), and has repeat shows Delhi, Lucknow, Ahmadabad, and at 10 am and 2 pm during the day.

is learning magic. The series has been pro- and Telugu. Rudra's launch will be supported by character Rudra is another category first and is

Tickelodeon, launched a new show called endary Bollywood lyricist Gulzar. Nickelodeon's research company Ormax, conducted research among Chennai. The show will be run Rudra is a story of a nine-year-old boy who in three languages - Hindi, Tamil

duced by Greengold Animation, written by a robust promotion plan across all the network Neeraj Vikram and the lyrics come from leg- channels and on Voot. as well as on social and

digital through games.

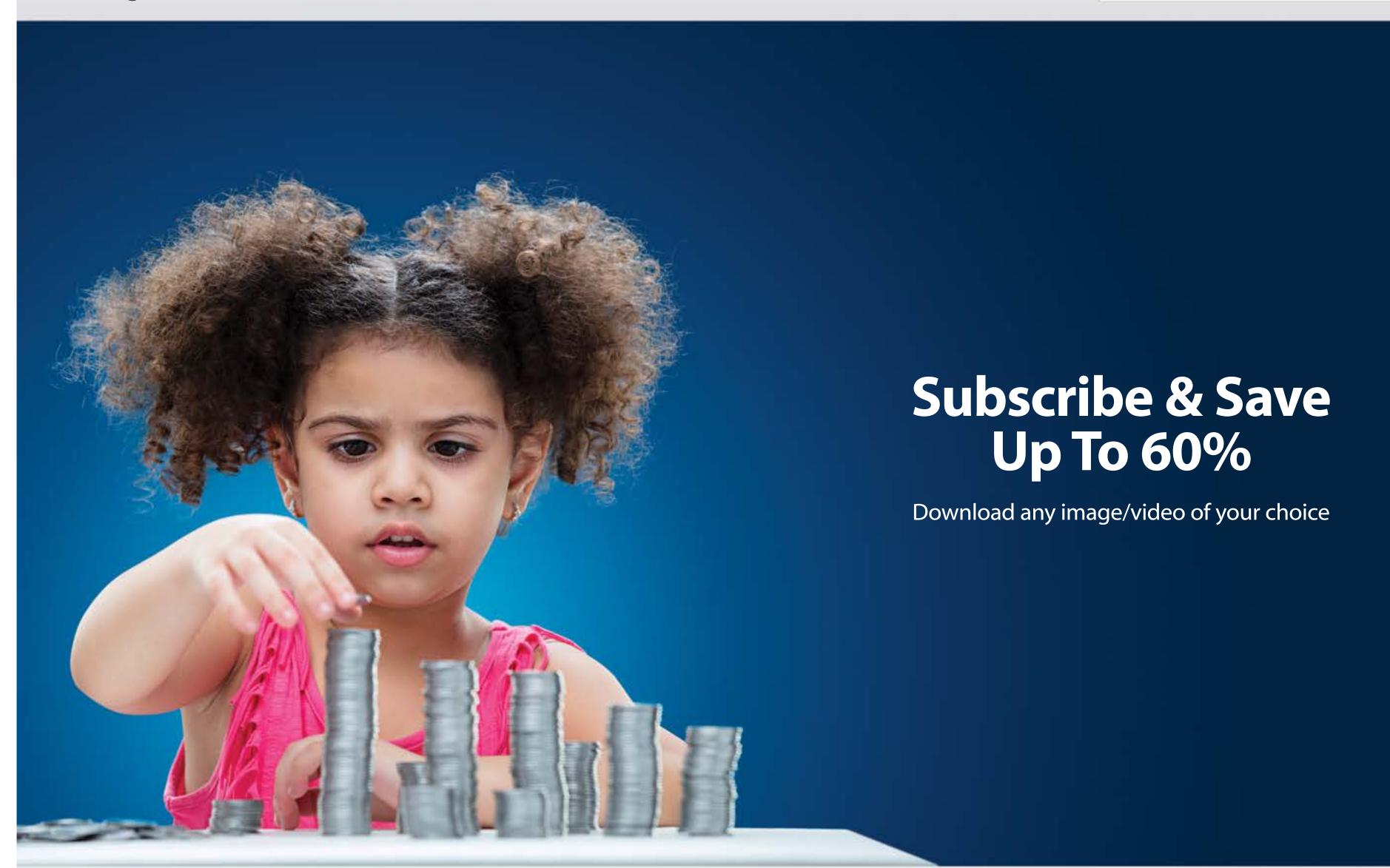
Talking about Nickelodeon's approaches when developing a new show, Anu Sikka, head content, Kids Entertainment Cluster, Viacom18, says, "We have always developed our shows inhouse, starting with Motu Patlu and now Rudra. The concepts have been done in-house, including the character development."

Nina Elavia Jaipuria, head kids entertainment cluster, Viacom18, says, "Catering to children and their evolving preferences has been at the core of all our initiatives. Our new

sure to be much loved and adored by kids."

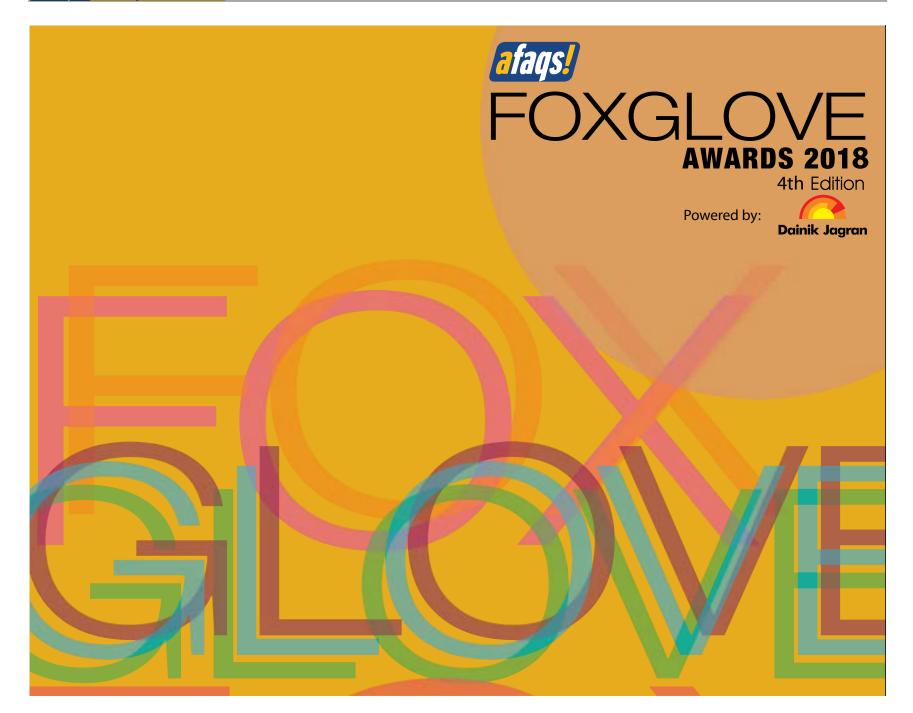
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Delhi-NCR Agencies Sweep 4th Edition of Foxglove Awards

Grapes Digital, Tree Design and ADK Fortune had their hands full in the nicest possible way at Foxglove, a contest between ad agencies that are less than 12 years old. By News Bureau

ver the past three years, there the Delhi region stormed proceedings. has developed a tradition of Foxglove Awards being dominated by agencies from Mumbai (Taproot, PHD, Interactive Avenues, BBH India) and Bengaluru (held up mostly by Happy mcgarrybowen).

That changed this year when, for the first time, a trio of agencies from

Grapes Digital walked away with 11

metals (five National and six Regional),

Tree Design with 10 (National and

Regional, equally) and ADK Fortune

Foxglove Awards 2018, hosted by

afaqs! and powered by Dainik Jagran,

with seven, all of them National.

Innovations, Teen Bandar, Ignite Mudra, Happy mcgarrybowen, Mad About Digital and WAT Consult.

The agencies were all contesting for National and Regional honours in 32 subcategories which fell under seven categories: Ambient Media, Brand Activation, Content Marketing, Design, Digital, Film and Print.

Foxglove Awards has been open to ad agencies, production houses and design firms. Keeping in mind took place at Hard Rock Café, Worli, the changing nature of brand show. Foxglove is their platform.

event continued to be dominated by ad agencies.

Says Sreekant Khandekar,

communication, web publishers and Other major winners were Famous content creators were also allowed to participate. While several of them did win — Pocket Aces, The Quint, The Viral Fever, among others - the

> co-founder of afags!, "Foxglove continues to be true to its original purpose: highlighting and celebrating the work of young agencies. It fulfills a real need because small agencies aren't generally heard at the big awards



That is why it has become one of the country's biggest awards shows in just four years." Khandekar said that more than 130 ad agencies had participated

Entries at Foxglove Awards 2018 went through two layers of scrutiny. First, a 30-member Jury of young, hot creative folks reviewed all the work. About half the entries were considered good enough for the 22-member Grand Jury, made up of some of the best creative names in marketing communications.

Foxglove Awards has another mechanism to ensure that only the most deserving take home a metal. Even if an entry tops a particular National category, it must have scored at least 7 out of 10 points to take a gold. Similarly a minimum of 6 and 5 is necessary to claim a silver or a bronze. In Regional, the minimum scores needed to win a gold, silver and bronze are 6, 5, and 4 respectively.

A limited edition book — Foxglove Showcase — was also released which contained all the winning entries.

BY CATEGORY



Team members of ADK Fortune pose with their Gold, Silver and Bronze awards

in the category Ambient Media which had two subcategories. Ignite Mudra was on top here, winning two National Bronze along with for clients Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India and OnePlus.

In Brand Activation, there were seven winners in the two subcategories. Isobar won the National Five agencies took home metals Gold while Teen Bandar got itself the

National Silver and a Regional Gold.

Twelve firms were among the metals in the rapidly growing Content Marketing space, which had two Regional Silver and a Bronze four subcategories. This category was pretty much taken over by web publishers and content creators. Pocket Aces Pictures presented the perfect symmetry by winning a National Gold, a Silver and a Bronze

and Furlenco respectively. The other winners were The Viral Fever (National Gold for Whisper), The Quint (National Gold for Motorola) and Bloomberg Quint (National Gold and Regional Bronze for a self-ad).

Delhi-based Tree Design won eight out of its 11 metals in Design, under which fall nine subcategories. Twenty six firms registered a win in for clients Lifestyle Stores, Epigamia this category. Tree Design won for the

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Note: Some winners appear in both national and regional because they entered for both awards Note: Some winners appear in both national and regional because they entered for both awards 20 afaqs! Reporter, June 16-30, 2018 afaqs! Reporter, June 16-30, 2018 21 work it did for PVR Cinemas, Abaxial, Cadbury and Heritage Xperiential Learning School. Mad About Digital was the other big winner here with four awards.

In the Film category, it was ADK Fortune which emerged on top with a National Gold and Silver, both for Ghadi Detergent.

Under the category Print, the

National Gold went to Famous Digital and ADK Fortune, work for Water Purifier.

Foxglove Awards doesn't have a trophy for advertiser of the year but had there been one, Mankind Pharma would have been a strong contender. Teaming up with Grapes Condoms and Prega News won a total of seven National and one Regional trophies.

Maruti Suzuki was the other marketer which found presence prominently at Foxglove. Work on its brands by Grapes Digital won two National and four Regional trophies.

The creatives for Livepure Water Innovations for its work on Livpure the corporate brand plus Manforce Purifier by Famous Innovations drew attention too, having won a National gold, two silvers and a bronze.

> It was a profitable night for LG Electronics also because it picked up one National Silver together with a Regional Gold and two Bronze thanks to its partnership with HS Ad.

There were three special awards given at the event. The first award was given to HS Ad for HS Ad OLED LANDMARK in Best Innovation in Display category. The second award was given to SoCheers for Pensol's TVC under Brand Awareness category and the third award was given to iCubesWire for Central Park Flower Valley under Digital Marketing Excellence - Real Estate category. ■

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As it has done in past years, afags! released a book to commemorate the fourth edition of Foxglove Awards

ontinuing with tradition, Vafags! released the fourth edition of the Foxglove Showcase. The 2018 edition has, apart from the list of the winners this year, the grand jury and jury for Foxglove 2018. Each member of the Grand Jury also has a tip for young agencies and what they need to watch out for in the future. The Gallery of Work sections for both National and Regional wrap up this collectors' edition.

BATA

A Real Surprise

Of late, Bata's advertising has been more of an image management than a communication effort. In its latest ad, the brand tries to shed the 'school shoes' and 'mummy's brand' image. By Abid Hussain Barlaskar

ata's latest ad film '#ComeAndBeSurprised' — is an invitation to visit Bata stores. As the name suggests, there will be a surprise waiting for you there. Yes, you heard it right, a surprise from Bata. The latest ad film gives us a glimpse of the 'surprise' Bata has in store (pun intended) for its consumers

Bata has roped in film-star Kriti Sanon for their latest 360-degree commercial. In the film, Sanon visits a Bata store (on the brand's invitation), with a pre-conceived, but not a wholly incorrect notion, of Bata's association with the likes of 'school shoes' and then decides that she may just pick up something for her mother while she's there. During her visit to the store, while browsing the racks, Kriti chances upon a pair of stylish red stilettos. She's pleasantly surprised but nonetheless finds it hard to believe it's a Bata product and thus inquires with the staff, "Yeh Bata hai?" By the end of her shopping spree, she ends up buying 20 pairs of Bata footwear for herself and only two for her mom.

So what's with all the 'surprise' around this rather well-known footwear brand?

If the 'surprise' still hasn't sunk in, allow Anand Narang from Bata India, to help you better understand.

Narang, VP marketing, Bata India, affirms that Bata is undergoing a major fashion makeover; a total redo over the 'school shoes' and 'mom' image. "The basic objective was to showcase the fashion makeover of Bata and announce our premium Red Label collection," Narang says.

According to Narang, Kriti Sanon's association with Bata was fuelled by the requirement of a celeb who appealed to youth and could narrate her personal relationship with the brand, thereby making it less 'ad-like' and more believable. "The film starts with Kriti reminiscing about her childhood association with Bata and school shoes. Something that most consumers relate to and as the film progresses, we see her form an altogether new relationship with the brand," Narang further adds.

Not so long ago, in 2017, Bata attempted a similar makeover with its TVC. 'Me & Comfortable With Bata is an Indian brand and hold a





It' for Bata's range of footwear for women. The ad, featuring nonnative actors, was also packed with feminine emotions.

So what revived the 'school shoes' narrativein'#ComeAndBeSurprised'

Ashish Chakravarty, chief creative officer, Contract Advertising India, the agency that came up with the ad, says, "Bata's recent ads have shown the image of Bata which is very unlikely of the brand. In the ads from 2016-17, there is a solid disconnect between the images in the ad and Bata as a brand. It looks like another Indian brand trying to make statements like a foreign brand with all the foreign models on show. There was a gap in the brand perception and the imagery in the ad. Bata wanted something really believable and in line with the brand perception."

Chakravarty informs us that Contract Advertising India took over Bata's account from Ogilvy last year when Bata was bringing about a massive change across all brand ranges. "Indians have a notion that

certain kind of imagery about the brand. They associate ideas like old undergoing this entire exercise, the effective communication attempting to look at it in a different way," Chakravarty says.

Further down the conversation about the ad and selection of the 'Red while disclosing his Bata-connection



'The basic objective was to showcase the fashion makeover of Bata and announce our premium Red Label collection." ANAND NARANG

experts for their take on the TV commercial.

According to, Ashok Dhingra, brand and management consultant, there is nothing spectacular about the ad and it is not award-winning styles and school footwear among creative work, but it does its job other things. Given that Bata was just fine. "The ad film is simple and brand needed to start over with a an image makeover of the Bata brand certain makeover so that people start and merchandise... It is well made and likeable. I think it should do its job," Dhingra adds.

Titus Upputuru, national creative with afags! Reporter, Chakravarty director, Dentsu Marcom, an lets us in on a piece of exclusive info advertising agency did not hesitate

Bata has roped in film-star Kriti Sanon for their latest 360-degree commercial.

Label Collection' for the film.

"#ComeAndBeSurprised was reviewing the TVC. actually meant to be a digital film for the digital platform. But it turned out so well that our client, Bata, decided to run it on TV. As for selecting the brand, Bata recently brought out the but a Czech brand... The choice premium Red Label collection. It is to show high-end women's shoes a new designer collection inclined more towards style. They wanted it to be the face of the new stylish Bata," Chakravarty says

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back from his school-days while

"Back in school, I used to think Bata was a brother of Tata! Only much later, I was pleasantly surprised to know that it wasn't an Indian brand to break the perception was a good decision. The casting is good and so is the activation-like reality TV kind of execution," says Upputuru.

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Twinkle Toes

Does leveraging such fleeting virality really help? Chandramohan Mehra, CMO, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance has some answers. By Abid Hussain Barlaskar



Bajaj Allianz Life declares Special Bonus for Traditional Participating Policyholders



een on Facebook lately? If the answer is yes, then that chances of you having missed Sanjeev Shrivastava would be scant. He's a middle-aged uncle. a professor, a husband and... wait for

This plump, 45-year old 'Dancing Uncle' shot to fame overnight as a video of him setting the stage on fire made swift rounds on social media. The video drew reactions in the thousands, probably lakhs, from awed netizens.

But it wasn't just individuals who took interest; brands were also maintaining a close watch as Shrivastava grabbed a sizeable chunk of social media limelight.

Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, the insurance company, was quick and also probably the first to rope in Shrivastava for their latest '#LifeGoalsDone' campaign. The brand released a video, '#DancingUncle', shot in a living room (probably at Shrivastav's home). Only this time instead of 'Aapke Aajane Se', the hit Govinda number was replaced by Bajaj Allianz Life's new jingle 'Samjho Ho Gaya'. The 'Dancing Uncle' also shares the frame with the brand's messages addressed to 'participating policyholders'.

Well, it's not the first time that brands hitched a ride with overnight stars on a fame high; remember the

Malayali movie 'Oru Adaar Love'?

Yes, Priya Varrier, the Malayali actor also became an overnight rode the 'wink' buzz with a timely media which was accompanied by an

Chandramohan Mehra, CMO, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance, about the ad.

"We got the video recorded specifically for the ad. It was recorded Shrivastava is not an individual ad.

'wink girl' from the trailer for the life of any digital communication is short-lived. We saw it as an opportunity, there was a huge rise in the popularity of Shrivastava and the social media sensation with her wink kind of response it was drawing on and netizens couldn't stop sharing social media and WhatsApp. Anybody it. Then too brands were quick to who has a smartphone surely has his cash in on Varrier's fame. Kellogg's video. In this, we saw an opportunity to communicate a special bonus in campaign. Varrier posted a picture a manner that it would be untypical of herself eating Pringles on social of a life insurance brand to do. It cuts through the clutter and engages the viewer. And I thought why not afaqs! Reporter spoke with just ride this popularity and build a creative connect with Sanjeev's personality.'

Mehra clarifies that the video with

The 'Dancing Uncle' also shares the frame with the brand's messages addressed to 'participating policyholders'

by Sanjeev himself and we wanted it It is, in fact, related to the brand's to be as real and organic as possible. previous ads with comedians Rahul Here Shrivastava represents the policyholder who is dancing with joy when he got something extra. We been happening over the last few tried to keep away from the concept of a hard sell," Mehra says.

brand's swift action of roping in Shrivastava, Mehra says, "The idea is way. It is a holistic and continuous to cash in on the wave and to ensure that the communication is reached in an interesting manner. The shelf- approach and the overall delivery

Subramanian, Kumar Varun and YouTuber Sahil Khattar. "This has months and we have been on digital in an aggressive manner. Shrivastava Speaking on the life insurance was a tactical opportunity for us; we can't build a brand in only one process," Mehra adds.

In his review of Bajaj Allianz's

of the ad, Nimesh Shah, from Windchimes Communications, tells afaqs! that such ads are tactical in nature and are created to make the most out of a 'viral phenomenon'.

"We live in the age of disposable content where brands are fighting to get their fair share of attention. Communication of this type is tactical in nature and is done simply to cash in a phenomenon that has gone viral. There is nothing strategic about it. However, Bajaj should be commended for acting swiftly and getting a video executed with Sanjeev, whose recent dance video at a wedding made him a social media star," says Shah.

"What this trend highlights is the ability of the brand to seize such tactical opportunities to maintain brand salience in a customer's mind. Brands can, of course, make this stick



"The idea is to cash in on the wave and to ensure that the communication is reached in an interesting manner. The shelf-life of any digital communication is short-lived." Chandramohan Mehra

with the users if it is done creatively, consistently and connected with a brand's service area," Shah adds.

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GOODKNIGHT

Addressing Sticky Issues

The company now has another product to play up. By Deepashree Banerjee

or some time now, the Godrej's Goodknight has been innovating in other segments too from roll-ons for clothes to burning/ incense options. With the latest product launch, Goodknight Cool Gel, the brand is diving into the gel/cream-based, on-skin application segment and taking a big swing at the competition.

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Goodknight Cool Gel's debut TVC showcases a typical smalltown scenario in north India where people prefer sleeping on rooftops to beat the heat. Unfortunately, the mosquito menace and heat generated from applying "sticky" skin-based repellent creams prevent a family from sleeping till Cool Gel comes to their rescue.

Conceptualised by IWT, the campaign was crafted keeping in mind rural sensibilities to help promote the product which, as the brand claims, is non-sticky while providing a cooling sensation.

Earlier ads for this segment were primarily aimed at stopping children from falling prey to Dengue by making them understand that it's easier to prevent the disease. However, they come off as rather preachy. Ankur Kumar, vice president, Marketing (Goodknight), Godrej Consumer Products (GCPL), views this new campaign as more of an initiative aimed at building constructive preventive methods.

THE RURAL CONNECT

Kumar states that of the 28 crore households across India, almost 50 per cent don't use any kind of preventive methods to keep mosquitoes at bay. "The situation gets more problematic the moment we step into rural India. Of the 18 crore (approximate) households in rural and far-flung areas of India, close to 10 crore are still not in a habit of using any form of preventive methods," Kumar says.

He stresses on adapting preventive methods as a habit for consumers and thinks that it will eventually pave the way to success for the brand in rural India. It's quite clear that Goodknight is strategically taking on the competition in the personal repellent category, especially the cream/skin-gel segment.

Accessible price points and availability are the brand's main a certain amount of aggressiveness



USPs, claims Kumar. The 14ml 'Weekly Consumption Pack' is priced at Rs 10 and has been created specifically keeping the rural Indian price tag of ₹45.

Kumar reveals that as a company, Goodknight takes its R&D investments very seriously. During their research, the team discovered that consumers had developed a dislike for the repellent cream format with this product," Kumar shares.

by the players in the category. In fact, in a desperate need to reach out to the mother-on-the move looking population in mind. The 50ml tube for day-long protection from pests (Monthly Consumption Pack) has a and insects for her kids, leading consumer health and hygiene company, Reckitt Benckiser, re-launched Mortein and roped in Bollywood personality, Madhuri Dixit Nene, as an endorser.

Reckitt Benckiser's flagship brand in the insect protection space as it tends to leave the skin feeling a is a major player in the total pest little sticky after application. "Now, category which generates an annual that's a barrier we aimed to overcome revenue of ₹5,700 crore. It currently occupies a market share of 11.1 per

A certain amount of aggressiveness is evident across touchpoints by players in the category

Speaking about the campaign, cent in which it had an early-mover partner, IWT Mumbai, echoes Kumar's view. "The campaign is targeted towards semi-urban and rural consumers who normally sleep outdoors on warm summer nights. The communication is crafted keeping in mind these rural sensibilities and is delivered through an engaging and catchy sing-song between the family members."

CURRENT TRENDS

In developed countries, personal application products, such as mosquito repellent creams and rollons, account for a substantial part of the mosquito repellent market. However, as per reports, in the last few years, India has emerged as a market where players across categories have been quite vocal about Dengue protection.

Given this competitive scenario,

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question of rural sensibilities doesn't

arise. More could have been done to

of the offering. The repelling of

mosquitos is an obvious fact and can

brand name is needed only when

offering. Samit Sinha, founder and

managing partner, Alchemist Brand

Consulting, sums it all up as he says

Sinha strongly believes that a new

be highlighted less," he says.

Rajesh Gangwani, managing advantage when launched in 1993. Besides, the market currently has a number of players including the likes of All Out (SC Johnson) and Maxo (Jyothy Laboratories). afaqs! Reporter asked experts what they make of the ad. Chitresh Sinha, CEO, Chlorophyll Innovation Lab,

RAJESH GANGWANI that while the product, especially the gel format, signals modernity, the creative looks like it's from the last

"Goodknight obviously believes that their next source of growth is India's smaller towns and rural markets and thus, this product seems to be targeted towards the upcountry population," Sinha says, adding, "Depending upon the amount of mediaweight Goodknight putsbehind the TVC it should help the brand generate awareness and depending upon how affordably it's priced, it may well sell in vast numbers. But if another brand with an equivalent product, matching distribution and feels the communication is very at a similar price point also enters product focused. "There really is no the market, Goodknight could face emotional anchor or trigger. So, the serious threat."

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"Goodknight has built a strong equity around mosquito protection generate intrigue in the uniqueness over many years and is, in fact, so closely associated with the category that it is almost a generic name for the category. Therefore, it does make sense to extend its brand franchise to the new format. In my opinion, the core belief changes and not the this particular TVC does not do the Goodknight brand image any favours," he concludes.

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GUEST ARTICLE

Indispensable YouTube

YouTube has become a marketing platform for one and all, even its rivals. By Ganesh Iver

onsider this – Sony Liv has over 1.5 million subscribers, ✓ Alt Balaji and Hotstar have around 800k+ each, Netflix India and Amazon Prime Video India have around half a million each and Voot, a little over 300K subscribers. Does something sound totally off, if you know the OTT market numbers? Of course it does, these are not the number of subscribers on their own platforms, but on their respective YouTube channels! And no, they don't put out their shows and videos here... only promotional trailers . Like the one of Netflix's first Indian Original, Sacred Games:

YouTube, of course, technically, is direct competition for all these independent OTT companies (that aim to develop their own subscriber base with interesting content and monetise them across advertising and subscription); the collective battle to take the viewer away from this free and deeply penetrated platform continues. But clearly, as a marketing platform, even these bigger global players and Indian, broadcast-backed platforms cannot do without this behemoth called YouTube.

So while nobody was watching, what was once a largely UGC-led video platform, has quietly over the last few years become a critical if not the most important medium for all marketers. The quantum of content uploaded and consumed on YouTube of course boggles the mind there are too many zeros to remember or even matter. If one

YouTube, it would take apparently take around 60,000 years or some such to finish watching, that too, if no more content is uploaded, says a then pushed by the stake holders and reply on Quora. There, that is how influencers on their social assets. vast an ocean it is.

conventional brands have for years now been creating 'long form' is quite well known. Case studies abound on how brands and agencies have taken to 'unbridled story telling'

(question – when was the last time you discovered a movie or a song on TV?!). These YouTube videos are

There are even special budgets But then this is less about the kept aside to 'push' the view count quantity of content and more of these promotional songs and about how it has evolved as an videos that sometimes help claims essential marketing platform. That of success. Not saying this video was pushed, but here is the claim:

The irony of promoting commercials mainly for YouTube promotional material is hopefully not lost here.

Another community that finds YouTube an exciting marketing on YouTube and not just creating platform is individual talent - in boxed 30 sec TVCs. Remember this the Indian context at least, mostly

The fallacy that people make YouTube videos for a living is hopefully long dead.

film, for example?

And that they have also equally quickly adapted to the new 6 sec promotions to spread the word - the country (which was next to all promotional content here with a corner of the country always has an clear 24 hour (sometime even longer) event that requires talent like these, which as recently as even five years and the 'talent' gets to make money.

unknown singers. The platform allows them to showcase their talent through reasonably well produced, 'bumper ad videos' is equally known. yet inexpensive videos – these But then look at movies and music. videos result in increased awareness only made him a successful name. YouTube now is without doubt the of their talent among prospective first port of call for all Indian movie live performance viewers across every production house and music impossible in the 'non-digital' world) label with skin in the game runs a and therefore in their 'bookings' for just an overview of the importance well-oiled YouTube channel with on-ground shows. The vast country millions of subscribers and breaks that we are, someone in some lead time before it hits television, audiences crave for known names

six and a half minute British Airways stand-up comics and relatively



Have you ever wondered where a Zakir Khan or a Shirley Setia or even an AIB would be, without YouTube? Not to say that they may not have eventually broken through, but it would have been a really long journey perhaps.

The fallacy that people make YouTube videos for a living (as a share of YouTube's advertising revenues) is hopefully long dead. For those who are unaware, on an average, Indian creators/channels, for every million views, now get anywhere between ten and sixty thousand rupees. That is it. Barely enough to even cover the cost of producing the video in the first place, leave along making money. Popular comic Rahul Subramanian, in, say, eight weeks of on-ground events, would make far more than he would in years from his videos alone. Even Bhuvan Bam, the most popular Indian creator with over seven million YouTube subscribers makes far more from his shows than from YouTube; the platform has

What YouTube means for pure video content creators, the opportunities as well as the challenges therein is for another day. This is that the platform has garnered as a marketing medium, and am sure there are far more examples, and may be some interesting views?

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ago was the sanctum sanctorum of It just makes all parties (in more ways were to watch everything that is on all movie and music promotions than one) happy. YES, I WANT TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE afags! Reporter RIGHT NOW! (Tick whichever is applicable) afags! Reporter I want a one-year subscription I want a two-year subscription Last Name First Name Billing Address Home Cffice Address 4800/- 3495/-(inclusive taxes City State I am enclosing a cheque / DO (payable in Delhi) No Postal Pin __ drawn on in favour of 'afags! Reporter' for ₹. E-Mail Designation Cheque/DD should be in favour of afags! Reporter and mailed to the following address: Company / **GST Number** afaqs1 Reporter, B 3, Ground Floor, Sector 4, Noida -201301 Uttar Pradesh Please mention your name and address on the back of cheque/DD Privilout of this form is acceptable Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery of your magazine All disputes subject to Dethi jurisdiction For Enquiries: Mail:subscriptions@afaqs.com



New campaigns across television, print, out-of-home and digital media.



BAJAJ ALLIANZ

The insurance company roped in Sanieev Shrivastava of '#DancingUncle' fame for their latest #LifeGoalsDone campaign, which showcases the new philosophy of the brand, and that of being the 'enablers of life goals'



SHOPPERS STOP

The digital film aims to break down the rules laid by rigid corporate culture. The film shows in the star cricketer Virat Kohli to be the how they '#RIPtheDesignations' to stand out new face for the brand. The ad highlights in the system with their own attitude and style. how Uber, as a service, bridges the gap Creative Agency: Contract Advertising



UBER

Uber has rolled out a new TVC, and roped between people and their destination.



FABHOTELS

Budget hotel chain, FabHotels, has launched its maiden TV campaign titled 'Recharge, Refresh' that mainly targets millennial business travellers. Creative Agency: BBH



STAR PLUS

The GEC has donned a fresh look and identity with a new logo and a tagline — 'Rishta Wahi, Baat Navi', The channel has released a promo video, and roped in Alia Bhat as the face of the brand campaign.



PREGA NEWS

To take the relationship with its users further, Prega News of Mankind Pharmaceuticals has rolled out a new campaign '#QuitBeforeYouStart' Creative Agency: ADK Fortune



DHARA

The brand's new TVC titled 'ZaraSaBadlaav', takes a stand against the societal dogmas associated with a girl's parents living with her at her in-laws'. Creative Agency: DDB Mudra Group



TINDER

Tinder recently released an ad film for it's newly launched 'Super Likeable' feature that will now make it easier for users in India to spark conversation with people they're most likely to swipe right on.



FRANKFINN

Frankfinn Institute of Air Hostess Training has released an ad campaign featuring its newly appointed Brand Ambassador — Alia Bhatt.



CLOSEUP

Closeup's new ad stresses upon the fact that opportunities to come close can occur anytime, anywhere. So, be ready to seize the moment with Closeup which has a unique formula of anti-germ mouthwash and natural extracts.

DANT KANTI

Patanjali's latest

creative, released

for its toothpaste



BAJAJ PLATINA

'Jhatka Mana Hai' campaign tries to differentiate the Platina ComforTec from its competitors on the basis of superior riding comfort.

Creative Agency: Ogilvy & Mather



MARUTI NEXA

In its latest '#NEXABlue' campaign, the brand brings to life a car's colour through Synesthesia - a neurological

Creative Agency: Hakuhodo India

PRINT

AMUL

Through its recently released print ad. Amul takes a dig at

the Central Government, which has failed to check the rising fuel prices, and how it is pinching the automotive owners. The ad shows the Amul girl left shocked while refuelling her vehicle as the copy 'Fuel Aur Kaante!'



brand Dant Kanti. promises its consumers health gums and teeth at a lower price. Titled 'Why Just Smile When You Can Laugh', the ad inspires to practice Hasva Yoga with



created to promote skill development in India. The has been created in the

SKILL INDIA

This print campaign is

artwork titled 'Where There Is a Skill, There Is a Way' form of Indian folk art and symbolises the common mai acquiring new skills



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In Conversation

The newly-appointed CEO of Initiative speaks about her plans for the agency. By Suraj Ramnath

Taishali Verma (45), the newlyappointed chief executive officer (CEO) of Initiative, had no plans to get into media planning when she graduated from the Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmedabad in 1995.

"I didn't know what to get into and I was just a fresh graduate. I had no clue about what the advertising world was like. It is always interesting when you talk to people from that world. I never liked numbers in my entire life and I am surprised at what I am doing today," she says. So how did Verma find her calling

in media planning? "What interested me was that media sits at the crux of a brand; we need to understand how a consumer is consuming the brand and how a consumer is consuming media. So, I thought it was an interesting intersection. I also thought, back then, that entertainment is big and in India, it was huge, even today. So I wanted to do something in the area of how consumers are consuming brands and media and I thought it was a perfect amalgamation of both. Hence, I thought of media planning and, of course, only later on, did I find out that it is about analytics and numbers."

Verma has a total of 22 years of experience out of which she has spent more than seven years at IPG Mediabrands. Prior to being elevated to CEO, Verma was chief operating officer of Lodestar UM and Initiative, Bengaluru. She started her career with Mudra Communications in March 1995, as media planner, moved to Universal McCann and worked with the agency for nine years and then moved to Lodestar UM in 2006.

What's changed post her elevation? Verma says, "From COO to CEO feels like just a one letter difference, but it comes with its challenges and, at the same time, I am really excited. Two big differences are that I was running only the South and now I have a national mandate so that involves having a hand and a leg in all the different offices that we have (Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi). We have large and multiple businesses across these three offices so that would be one challenge and now I kind of handle all the three offices based out of Bengaluru. But today it is seamless and it doesn't

matter where you are based, thanks to technology, so that's a big change."

Talking about her challenge, Verma says, "One of the challenges is that you are in a position today and have that mandate to drive the brand. So, as a leader, you know that Initiative is a legacy brand. I will be working a lot on driving this brand forward, building a robust team of leadership across all offices in strategy and business planning both. So, these two go hand in hand and I am in the process of getting all this organised. I think another two-three months will go in re-organising and getting the leadership team ready and once that is done of course, the ball will start rolling on consolidating the existing business and then vving for new business. And that's what we do, which is a part and parcel of our life."

In this new role, Verma will directly be reporting to Shashi Sinha, chief executive officer, IPG digital banner because the way people the media plan is. It has completely Mediabrands India. Talking about consume television is different from Shashi's expectation as a boss, she says, "Shashi is expecting a lot from me in what was happening is that a lot of this new role. Initiative did not have a CEO for a while. In fact Premjeet Sodhi (ex-COO of Initiative) was and that's where the client realised there and he was looking after Delhi and Mumbai and I was looking after 20-seconder or 30-seconder banner. a media agency has gone beyond just Bengaluru, but somewhere it did not have a leader so, from Shashi's perspective, I think he really wanted realised that digital agencies, end-toto see Initiative being driven by a end, is best to advise them not only leader and being seen that way." She adds, "A lot of what I said is a the digital media assets because each

In her new role, Vaishali Verma will be reporting to Shashi Sinha, CEO, IPG Mediabrands India.

current clients get a lot of assurance has a different asset and hence, they that there is a leader and, of course, started doing it." Shashi, who is so approachable, is also present. He has an amazing relationship with each and every years, Verma says, "The role of a client of Initiaive, but having said that, to have somebody who will be able to take that role to the next level, is what it was a media department of an Shashi is really expecting from me."

In the past few years, media agencies have been making digital ad there will come a point when media She says, "Not TVCs, but certainly some content. A 30-seconder TVC cannot be adapted to a 10-seconder say let us know in 15 minutes what

the way they consume digital. So,

creative agencies were thinking TV

when it came to audio-visual content

- I don't want to convert that into a

That, I would say, was a point of

deflection when a lot of advertisers

for digital media planning but also

Talking about how a role of a media agency has changed over the media agency today, is at an elevated level than what it was earlier. Earlier, advertising agency and then there was a client servicing department. You would always be an additional films. afags! Reporter asked Verma if in this so-called eco-system and a lot of times, a client would start with agencies will start making TVCs too. advertising/ creative strategy and then, by the time the media strategy would come in, the client would

roadmap for Initiative. Basically, the and every element of a media plan

changed today."

How has it changed exactly? "The clients are working with us way before they work with their creative agencies. That's a big change and a true partnership that has evolved over the years and I think the role of a media plan. We are advising them on portfolio management, where they should invest their money and on their budgeting calendar. We are partnering with them in advance, even before they engage with their creative agency. We have a far deeper relationship with the client because it's all AOR, so a lot of clients work with us for a long period of time, three-five years and at IPG Mediabrands, we have clients with 20-25 year relationships. Vis-àvis, I don't see that happening with a creative agency because each of the large advertisers is working with four creative agencies so that relationship and partnership is much stronger with

the media agency", Verma adds. For Verma, it was a combination of the pulse of the consumers, a lot of interesting work on the brand and media ethnology that had picked up during the start of her career. These are the very reasons why Verma opted for media planning back then. "There wasn't a single day where I felt I don't want to do this", Verma signs off.

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Post: Business development Executive/Trainee Company: Nuts N Bolts Communications **Profile:** Good Communication skills, ambitious, young, Go-getter, interactive

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Post: Analytics Manager **Company:** IdeateLabs **Profile:** Ensuring correct implementation of Google Analytics, Google Tag Manager, and other analytics tools on client websites. Audit and fix existing implementations. Draw insights from analytics tools to drive digital strategy, including advertising, content creation and social media. **Exp:** 3 to 5 years **Location:** Mumbai **Email:** careers@ideate.email

Post: Development
Communication Expert
Company: India News
Communications Ltd
Profile: We have an urgent opening
for a Development Communication
Expert. The incumbent must have
at least two years of experience
working in ad agencies or the
same eternity. Experience in Brand
promotion for Developmental
sector is also required.
Exp: 6 to 7 years
Location: Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Email: hr@inclgroup.com

Post: Researcher **Company:** Moving Pixels Pvt Ltd **Profile:** Provide support on all aspects of Primary research for motion picture and other media clients, including both qualitative and quantitative methods, with a strong emphasis on quantitative research.

Exp: 3 to 4 years **Location:** Raipur, Chhattisgarh **Email:** hr@movingpixels.in

Post: Graphic Designer **Company:** Defin8 Consulting **Profile:** We are a growing creative consulting agency working with global clients. We are looking for our knight in creative armour to help us rescue the world from the drudgery of bad design. **Exp:** 4 to 5 years **Location:** Mumbai **Email:** create@thejpegfactory.com

Post: Business Development

Executive, Pune

Company: Tempest Advertising Pvt

Ltd

Profile: Identify business

Profile: Identify business development opportunities through extensive market research. Developing and maintaining strong relationships with all potential and existing clients. Understanding and analysing client requirements and proposing appropriate solutions. Basic knowledge of various media channels is a must.

Exp: 0 to 2 years **Location:** Pune

Email: careers@tempestadvertising.com

Post: Social Media Strategist **Company:** Heyday Communications **Profile:** Social Media Management of the all present platform. Develop, implement and manage social media strategy. Having full detailed knowledge and experience of digital advertising platforms. Well versed knowledge and experience of — A) PPC Campaign, B) SEO Process, C) SEM Process.

Exp: 2 to 6 years Location: Delhi

Email: hr@heydaycommunications.

Post: Visualizer (Candidates only from Pune and Mumbai should apply)

apply)
Company: 3Dots Design (Pune)
Profile: The candidate should be a
quick learner and a very good team
player with preferably more than
two years of hands-on experience.
Good working knowledge of
CorelDraw and Photoshop is
required.

Exp: 2 to 4 years
Location: Pune
Email: Contact@3dotsdesign.in

Post: Business development
Executive/Trainee
Company: Nuts N Bolts
Communications
Profile: Good Communication
skills, ambitious, young, Go-getter,
interactive

Exp: 0 to 3 years
Location: New Delhi
Email: raj.kumar@nutsnbolts.co.in

Post: Sales Manager
Company: Greysell Marketing
Promotions Pvt Ltd
Profile: Minimum two years of
sales experience in selling creative
solutions is a must. Locate and
contact potential clients to offer
their firm's advertising services.
Explain to clients how specific types
of advertising will help promote
their products or services in the
most effective way possible.
Exp: 2 to 5 years
Location: Mumbai
Email: hr@greysell.in

Post: Associate Creative Director (Copy) **Company:** Organic BPS Pvt Ltd **Profile:** Senior level person having excellent writing skills with the ability to create ideas into a concise, business-oriented content. Work experience from reputed advertising agencies is a must. The candidate should be proficient in English. **Exp:** 6 to 8 years **Location:** Kochi

Post: Sales and Marketing Assistant **Company:** Vedic Productions **Profile:** Internet marketing, Social Media, Sales and Project execution. Very good English, computer skills, organisation, communication skills, owns a laptop. **Exp:** 1 to 2 years **Location:** Mumbai

Email: jobs@organicbps.com

Post: Creative Director **Company:** The Think Tank

Email: fraser@agallery.co.uk

Entertainment *Profile:* Building a creative environment for the creative team to work in and overseeing ideas and projects. Taking responsibility for the creative philosophy and the standard of creative output across the agency or department. Developing ideas for advertising or promotional campaigns.

Exp: 10 to 12 years Location: Mumbai Email: hr@ttte.agency

Post: Art Director **Company:** Centum Advertising & Marketing Pvt Ltd **Profile:** We are looking for a creative-thinking Art Director who can come up with ideas on a daily basis. The candidate must have experience with creating artwork for websites, E-mailers, various social media platforms and print media.

Exp: 4 to 5 years **Location:** Delhi **Email:** hr@centumad.com

Location: Bangalore

Email: hireme@deltax.com

Post: Account Manager Digital Advertising Champion Company: DeltaX Profile: DeltaX is looking for a Digital Marketing Manager to join its Account Management team. The Digital Marketing Manager will be overseeing all facets of client utilisation of the Delat X cross channel media platform. Exp: 1 to 6 years



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