

# Going from strength to strength with the right vision and attitude



Farhan Azmi



The entire team

**F**uturz Group was incorporated in 2008 and, at the time, pioneered the staffing business in India as a clever personnel strategy to deal with the global recession. Since then, it has grown from one office in Mumbai to over 21 locations around India with International offices already incorporated in the UK and Philippines, and blue-

prints to expand further. Today, Futurz Group is a conglomerate spanning across industries such as transport and logistics, fisheries, construction, security services and housekeeping. Farhan Azmi, the brand's steady behind-the-scenes founding partner and CMD, has scaled heights and achieved entrepreneurial suc-

cess in diverse fields. Winner of the ET Business Icon and Times Power Men Awards, Farhan has also featured in The Times of India as a 'Young Achiever'. "We want Futurz to be India's next biggest conglomerate by delivering a wide array of solutions, thereby emerging as a leading Indian enterprise with a global mark," he says.

## Blending traditional styles with contemporary designs

**T**here is something about tradition that just seems magical. It adds some purity and panache to everything it touches. Kazbee — The Ethnic Lounge is one such designer boutique that learns from tradition and yearns to merge it with contemporary designs. Sophia College's Dipti Vjyakar founded this world of authentic Zari Kazbee collections.

The brand uses its expertise in hand embroidery to create mesmerising ensembles. It specialises in bridal wear, creating delicately handcrafted masterpieces that can be passed on as heirlooms. Dipti's team shares her passion for aesthetics along with application, which have been the reason behind her ever-growing clientele, since their launch in 2013. Today she has found a home for her label in Mahlin, from where she operates and caters to clients all across Mumbai. So, you can follow timeless trends that don't seem to go out of fashion.



Dipti Vjyakar

### BIZARRE!

## Baboons escape from research institute

**A** troop of baboons has escaped from a medical research facility in Sydney. Police in New South Wales said the animals had been "going bananas" in the suburb of Camperdown on Tuesday. Footage on social media showed three baboons running past vehicles and shocked onlookers. The Royal Prince Alfred Hospital later confirmed to local media that the animals had

escaped. An employee told a publication that they were used for medical studies, including research into diet and exercise. On Twitter, New South Wales Police said officers and wildlife handlers quickly brought the situation under control.

The force joked, "Please let them do their job and don't be tempted to pry, mates." The baboons created quite a scare among residents.

## Drivers with expensive cars least likely to stop for pedestrians: Study



**A**ccording to a new study, drivers of expensive cars are least likely to stop for crossing pedestrians. Drivers aren't great at stopping for pedestrians waiting at crosswalks.

Of 461 cars that researchers from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas examined, only 28 per cent gave way to pedestrians. It was noted that the cost of the car was a significant predictor of yielding, with the odds that they would stop decreasing by 3 per cent per \$1,000 increase in the car's value. "It says that pedestrians are facing some challenges when it comes to safety and it's really concern-

ing," said lead author and public health professor Courtney Coughenour. "Drivers need to be made aware that they legally have to yield. It's hard to say whether they're not yielding because they don't know the laws."

The study, which analysed video data from an earlier study, also found that motorists overall yielded less frequently for men and people of colour waiting at mid-block crosswalks than for women. The research team said their findings are important to public health, given that pedestrian survivability is low even when struck at low speeds.

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