

INTERNATIONAL

The MCH Group, Angus Montgomery and the Founding Director Neha Kirpal of the India Art Fair recently announced that the MCH Group has acquired a co-ownership stake in the India Art Fair 2017 edition, to take place from February 2-5. India Art Fair is the first step in realising MCH Group's ambition to create a portfolio of leading regional art fairs, as it announced in March 2016.

India Art Fair, founded in 2008, is South Asia's leading platform for modern and contemporary art and a portal to the region's cultural landscape. Over the past decade this region has seen an outburst of cultural activities with the establishment of major new contemporary art initiatives such as the Kochi Muziris Biennale, the Karachi Biennale, the Colombo Art Biennale and the Dhaka Art Summit.

In union with this, modern and contemporary Indian art has been increasingly profiled around the globe with major exhibits at prestigious cultural



INDIA ART FAIR IN THE OFFING

ZAHANGIR ALOM

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organisations including The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, The Met Breuer, Tate Modern and the Venice Art Biennale.

The dynamic growth of the South Asian art market at a global level, supported by a buoyant Indian economy, has seen the strength and significance of India Art Fair grow rapidly over the past few years. One of the best-attended fairs in the world in terms of footfall, India Art Fair has established itself as a pioneering platform that brings local, national, regional and global interest to South Asia.

Commenting on the partnership, Marco Fazzone, Managing Director of Design and Regional Art Fairs of the MCH Group, said, "We are happy to launch our strategic initiative with the India Art Fair, as our first regional partnership. It gives us a co-ownership position in the leading art platform for modern and contemporary Indian and international art in South Asia. We are looking forward to contributing to the further development of India Art Fair as a leading face-to-face and digital platform."

Neha Kirpal, Founding Director of India Art Fair, commented, "We are delighted to have the MCH Group as an experienced international partner joining us in India. Their commitment to this region will help us develop the fair in the coming years."

Sandy Angus, Chairman of Angus

Montgomery, said, "Since we joined India Art Fair in 2011, we have seen significant growth in visitor numbers and sales, with the fair truly establishing itself as by far the most significant art fair in the region. With MCH Group's network and expertise we look forward to realising the full potential of this signature event".

MCH Group, with its head office in Basel (Switzerland), is a leading international group of live-marketing companies with a comprehensive services network spanning the entire exhibition and event market. MCH Group organises and hosts around 90 exhibitions, including the globally leading Basel world show, and Art Basel in Basel, Miami Beach and Hong Kong. Design and Regional Art Fairs is a new unit of MCH Group which is building a portfolio of leading regional art fairs, led by Marco Fazzone, Managing Director.

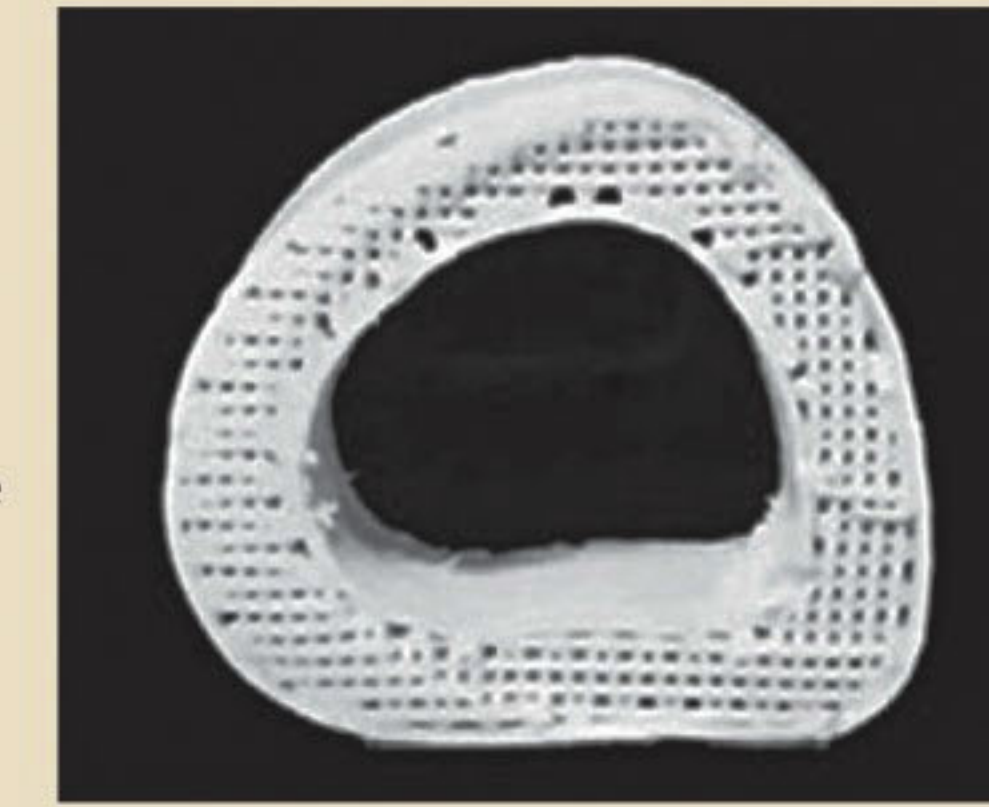
Angus Montgomery is an independent exhibition and events company at the forefront of trade and consumer shows in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. They run over fifty events in over fifteen countries, and their events span the fields of art, photography and design, food, drink and hospitality. Their art fairs include Art Central (Hong Kong), India Art Fair (New Delhi), Photo San Francisco and Photo Shanghai.



QUIRKY SCIENCE

BUILDING BONES WITH 3D PRINTING

A Northwestern Engineering research team has developed a 3-D printable ink that produces a synthetic bone implant that rapidly induces bone regeneration and growth. This hyperelastic "bone" material, whose shape can be easily customised, one day could be especially useful for the treatment of bone defects in children.



Bone implantation surgery is never an easy process, but it is particularly painful and complicated for children. With both adults and children, often times bone is harvested from elsewhere in the body to replace the missing bone, which can lead to other complications and pain. Metallic implants are sometimes used, but this is not a permanent fix for growing children.

"Adults have more options when it comes to implants," said Ramille N. Shah, who led the research. "Pediatric patients do not. If you give them a permanent implant, you have to do more surgeries in the future as they grow. They might face years of difficulty."

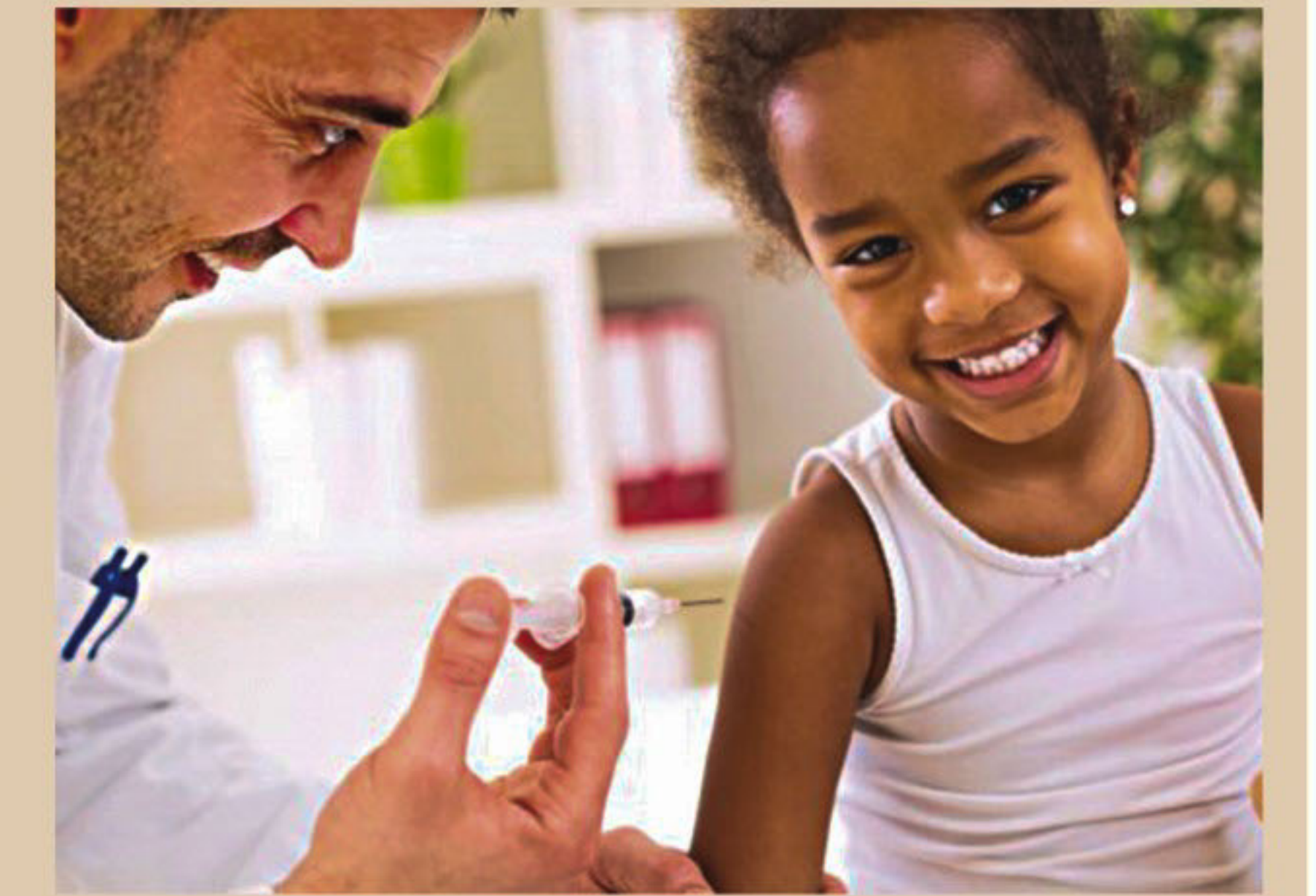
Shah and her team aim to change the nature of bone implants, and they particularly want to help pediatric patients. Shah is an assistant professor of materials science and engineering in Northwestern's McCormick School of Engineering and of surgery in the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

The Region of the Americas is the first in the world to have eliminated measles, a viral disease that can cause severe health problems, including pneumonia, blindness, brain swelling and even death. This achievement culminates a 22-year effort involving mass vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella throughout the Americas.

The declaration of measles' elimination was made by the International Expert Committee for Documenting and Verifying Measles, Rubella, and Congenital Rubella Syndrome Elimination in the Americas. The announcement came during the 55th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), which is currently underway and is being attended by ministers of Health from throughout the Americas.

Measles is the fifth vaccine-preventable disease to be eliminated from the Americas, after the regional eradication of smallpox in 1971, poliomyelitis in 1994, and rubella and congenital rubella syndrome in 2015.

FREE OF MEASLES



Before mass vaccination was initiated in 1980, measles caused nearly 2.6 million annual deaths worldwide. In the Americas, 101,800 deaths were attributable to measles between 1971 and 1979. A cost-effectiveness study on measles

elimination in Latin America and the Caribbean has estimated that with vaccination, 3.2 million measles cases will have been prevented in the Region and 16,000 deaths between 2000 and 2020.

Source: Sciencedaily.com

ANNIVERSARY

DELIVERED WITH LOVE

FAYEKA ZABEEN SIDDIQA

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HungryNaki's job of delivering food right at your doorstep, started with a set of four delivery men and their bikes, six office staff members and a collaboration with only 30 restaurants, back in 2013. Initially they were limited to serving roughly 10 orders a day, that too only in Gulshan-Banani area. Three years in this business, and right now this online food delivery service is working with over 900 restaurants in three major cities- Dhaka, Chittagong, Sylhet, serving around 400-450 orders per day.

Why we call their job 'noble'? Simply put- HungryNaki feeds the hungry who want to eat without dealing with the traffic, saving you the time and hassle of cooking meal at home. Also with their straight forward and simply written website, they offer you to choose any food you like, from a range of restaurants. It's a perfect combination of food and convenience.

Founded by Ahmad A D, Sazid



Rahman, Rifat Nabi and Tausif Ahmad the website first began operating from October, 2013. "Like everyone else, we used to meet up after office hours and used to brainstorm business ideas," says A N M Saiful Imam, senior marketing executive. "These meetings used to take place for a very long time, and food was a must. When we struggled to order food from various places at once, we thought if there's any way to simplify this process. And so we forgot every other idea and focused on what we love the most- food!"

Dhaka traffic poses both pros and cons for them. While it is quite hard to manage a food delivery business in a traffic packed city, also because of the traffic, people order from us rather than going to the restaurant.

"The biggest challenge that we faced during these three years has also been our greatest achievement," says Saiful. "We were one of the firsts to establish our ground as a start-up. Also when we started, at the same time, food panda also made its entrance in the market and we being a fully Bangladeshi company with no foreign investment and foreign involvement, faced quite a competition. In the past three years, we have built an IT team of young and talented developers. Be it HungryNaki's website or its mobile application, everything was developed by our in-house developers."

This three year-long of journey of HungryNaki's was not an easy one, admits Saiful. "Our job was difficult, as people were not ready for having

restaurant food without going to a restaurant," Saiful continues. "But eventually with our service, we could get people habituated to the ritual of having food delivered at home, simply with a click. Initially people would feel a sense of mistrust when it comes making online money transactions, but we have overcome that too." In fact according to SSL Commerz Data, HungryNaki is amongst the top names, in terms of online card payment.

"We have come up with a few exciting offers with over 40 restaurants, for the food enthusiasts as a part of the month long celebration of our third anniversary. Stay with us to learn more about these deals," Saiful ends.