Brings 50+ business leaders together in bengaluru to explore legacy readiness as a workplace priority

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Soult, India's only digital life vault, successfully hosted Soult Dialogues: Legacy Readiness, Protecting What Matters on 6 August 2026 at JW Marriott Bengaluru. The invite only leadership forum brought together more than 50 CEOs, CFOs, CHROs, and senior professionals from law, banking, insurance and family advisory backgrounds for an evening dedicated to a subject most workplaces still avoid: legacy readiness.

The evening began with opening remarks from Naveen Bharadwaj, Group CEO of Trescon, who made the conversation personal before it turned to data and frameworks, setting the tone for a night built around honest, participative conversation. Trescon itself is among the early adopters of Soult, having rolled it out as an employee benefit across its Indian offices. A live pulse check followed, gauging legal and practical preparedness among attendees. A thought leadership panel titled Beyond Wealth: Protecting What We Build for the People We Leave Behind was moderated by Fouzan Rahim, Marketing Director at Soult, and brought together Shaishavi Kadakia, Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Ankur Paliwal, Associate Director at Kotak Private, and Ravi Ranganathan, Founder and Insurance Advisor at Allins Insurance, to unpack why financial preparedness has to extend beyond wealth creation to ensuring continuity for the people left behind.

Discussions through the evening moved across the three pillars of legacy readiness that Soult has been championing: financial continuity, covering assets, investments and banking relationships; knowledge continuity, covering passwords, legal documents and healthcare preferences; and personal continuity, covering family values, memories and personal wishes. Guided table discussions, branded The Legacy Conversations, pushed attendees to reflect on succession planning, digital assets and the information that today exists only in their own heads, and to share what their families would actually struggle to locate if something happened tomorrow.

The programme built deliberately from awareness to ownership. A closing reflection segment asked attendees why legacy readiness continues to be postponed and who is best placed to help people start the conversation before it becomes urgent, opening the door to a broader discussion on whether legacy readiness belongs inside employee wellbeing programmes alongside financial and mental health benefits. The session closed with The Soult Story, where Mohammed Saleem, Co-Founder and CEO, and Sanketh Kandlikar, Founder and CTO, connected the evening's conversations back to why Soult was built in the first place.

No product or partnership announcements were made at the event. The evening was positioned, and delivered, purely as a thought leadership forum aimed at building awareness around legacy readiness and succession planning as a workplace priority, ahead of any commercial conversation. "Soult Dialogues was never about presenting a product. It was about giving people permission to have a conversation they keep postponing. Seeing 50 plus leaders openly discuss what their families would struggle to find or access tells us this conversation was overdue in the workplace.

Bengaluru was the starting point. We are now taking Soult itself to the GCC in September, because the gap between how much people build and how little they prepare their families for is not unique to India."

India's trade deficit widens 31.5% to $15 billion in July despite record exports

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India's overall trade deficit widened 31.5 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to $15.03 billion in July 2026, as imports grew faster than exports despite merchandise shipments hitting a new high for the month, according to data released by the Commerce Ministry.

In July, total exports of goods and services increased 13.3 per cent to $80.14 billion from $70.72 billion in the same month last year. Imports, however, grew faster, rising 15.8 per cent to $95.16 billion from $82.16 billion a year ago. Consequently, the overall trade deficit increased from $11.43 billion in July 2025 to $15.03 billion in July this year, the data showed. A key area of improvement was merchandise exports, which rose 19.63 per cent to $44.24 billion in July from $36.98 billion a year ago.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Introduces the Urban Cruiser Hyryder 'Aero Black Edition'

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Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) today announced the launch of the Urban Cruiser Hyryder Aero Black Edition, a striking new limited-edition SUV that infuses a bold, youthful, and premium design expression into its popular lineup. Crafted for discerning and style-conscious customers, the Aero Black Edition elevates the Hyryder's road presence with distinctive blacked-out design elements and sporty accents, delivering a more dynamic, commanding, and contemporary stance. The Urban Cruiser Hyryder Exclusive Aero Black Edition features a range of black exterior enhancements across all grades, such as: Front Grille Upper Garnish: Enhances the SUV's bold front fascia with a sleek and premium appearance. Front Spoiler: Adds a sharper and more dynamic stance to the vehicle while accentuating its sporty character. Headlamp Garnish: Complements the front-end design with a more distinctive and sophisticated look. Tailgate Garnish: Enhances the rear profile, creating a seamless premium black theme. Rear Spoiler: Adds a sporty touch while further elevating the SUV's road presence. Exclusive 'Aero Black' Limited Edition Badge: A distinctive styling element that highlights the exclusivity of the new SUV.