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The **FUTURE** of **LEARNING**

Launching a Career in Aviation



Shawn Zaman (left) and Krzysztof Swierzynski (right) are completing a 100 hour inspection of the BH206 helicopter. These soon to be graduates are inspecting the gearbox and rotorhead. Faculty members see bright skies ahead for these gentlemen.

Staff Profiles



Luciano Saroli, Professor (Automotive). A graduate of New Toronto Secondary, Luciano has been at the SoT for two years. He enjoys his role as "Mr. Mom" with his son Matteo and daughter, Sofia. Luciano enjoys weightlifting and working on renovations. He hopes to find some time to restore his Harley-Davidson.

Victor Conley, Professor (Automotive). In 1965 Chief Washweskeskesh gave this Scarborough native his Huron name "Cha nin nan" (The Big Man). Since then, the spirits have guided Vic's 10 year career with GM and 20 year tenure at SoT. Vic and Jasminka have a handsome son (Jonathan) and a beautiful daughter (Stephanie).

Amin Shivji, Professor (Automotive). Amin holds a B.Sc. from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach, Florida) and has taught at SoT for 17 years. Amin and Nazira have put their favourite activity (travel) on hold for the time being as they focus upon putting their two daughters through university.

KPIs: You Are The Key

Employees and students alike—we are all the key to making Centennial the best college possible.

This year's Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Student Survey will be administered from February 4 to 15 (post-secondary students). This study is critically important and, as staff, we need to be fully engaged in this year's KPIs. The feedback received can act as the impetus to further improve Centennial. The results can be used to enhance the reputation of Centennial among students (post-secondary programs), alumni, our partners and our community.

How can you help? You can help by getting the word out. We need everyone to know what the KPIs are, when they're happening, and why they are so important to Centennial. Talk to students; tell them of the recent improvements in your areas that benefit them. This is an opportunity for Centennial to move forward by finding out what we do right, and what we can improve from those who matter the most...**our students.**

World's Cheapest Car— Tata's "Nano"

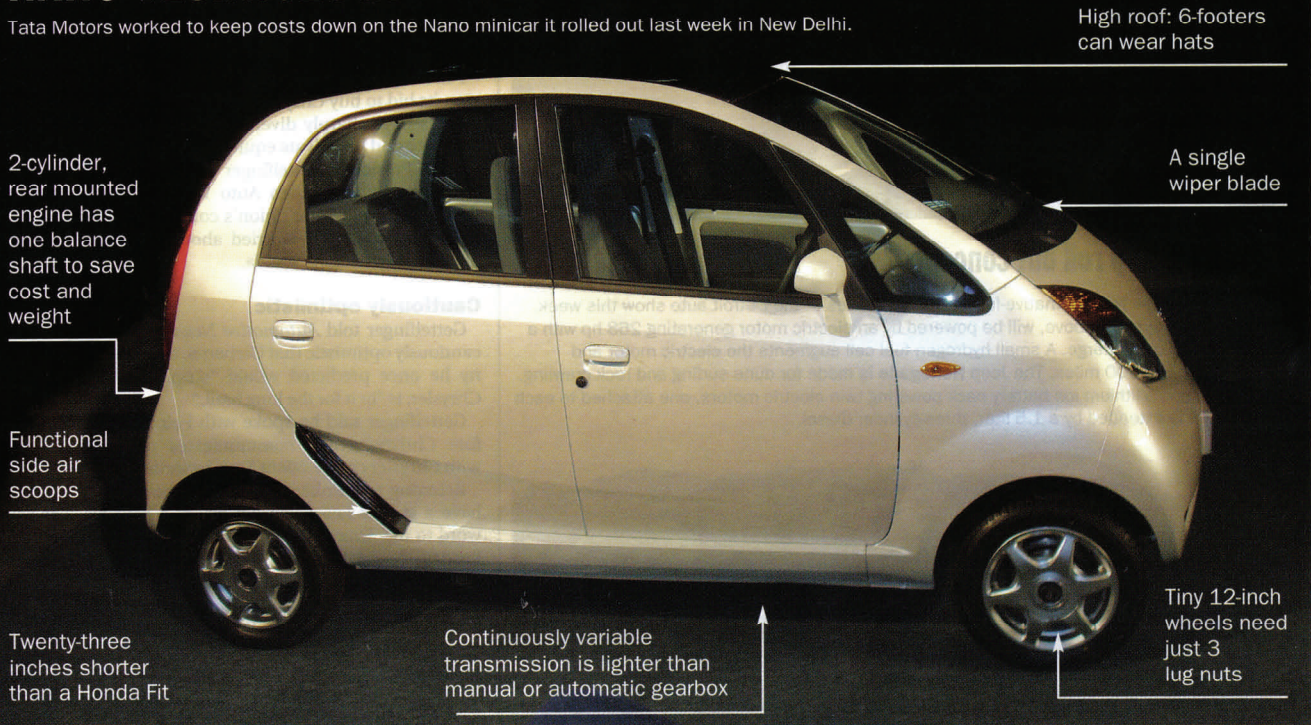


TATA Group Chairman Ratan Tata unveiled the Tata Nano at the 9th Auto Expo in New Delhi in early January 2008. "The car will meet all current safety norms and all emission criteria. The pollution it will cause will be lower than 2-wheelers," announced Tata. The car's dashboard features just a speedometer, fuel gauge and oil light. The car does not have reclining seats or a radio. The shock absorbers are basic. It will sport a 30 litre fuel tank and a four speed manual gearshift. The deluxe version will come with air-conditioning, but will not have power steering. It will have front disk and rear drum brakes. The company claims mileage of 23 km per litre. The Nano is designed with a family in mind. It has a roomy passenger compartment with generous leg space and head room. It can comfortably seat four.

Price: 100,000 Rupees (\$2500 CDN).

NANO TECHNOLOGY

Tata Motors worked to keep costs down on the Nano minicar it rolled out last week in New Delhi.



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