



Medical staff strike over coronavirus concerns outside government headquarters in Hong Kong. Hospital workers are striking demanding the border with mainland China be shut completely to ward off the virus, but four new cases without known travel to the mainland indicate the illness is spreading locally in the territory.

Corona cases in UAE to be treated free

ABU DHABI: All cases of coronavirus will be treated as emergencies in the UAE. In all cases of novel coronavirus in the UAE, patients must be treated free of cost -- regardless of whether they have insurance or not, health authorities have clarified.

Currently there are five nCoV-positive patients in the UAE, including a four-member Chinese family and a Chinese tourist. All of them are being treated and in stable condition, according to authorities.

According to a Dubai

Health Authority (DHA) circular issued to hospitals and based on directives from the Ministry of Health and Prevention (Mohap), all DHA-licensed health facilities must consider suspected or confirmed cases of the 2019-nCoV as emergency cases. The circular said all health facilities must classify the cases in two categories: One for those with insurance coverage and another where insurance coverage is unavailable. "If the patient has insurance, the cases shall be treated as emergencies according to insurance

regulation and insurance companies will honour any claims received," said the circular.

For those who are not insured, "the cases shall still be considered emergencies and suspected or confirmed cases will not bear any payment of healthcare costs at any healthcare facilities", it added. "This is to ensure the health and safety of the community and to contain patients with confirmed or suspected infection, and provide them with proper health services."

Positive hiring outlook for 2020 first-half

NEW DELHI: Employers in India are bullish about their hiring outlook for the first-half of this year, with 55pc of recruiters anticipating new jobs as well as replacement hiring to happen during the six-month period.

The bi-annual survey "Naukri Hiring Outlook January-June 2020", that saw participation from over 2,400 recruiters across the country, projected an overall positive outlook. Around 55pc recruiters anticipate new jobs as well as replacement

hiring to happen in the first-half of the year while 26pc predicted only new jobs and 13pc expect to do replacement hiring only, the survey noted. Of those surveyed, three per cent indicated a scenario of "no hiring" at all while only one per cent of the total recruiters anticipated layoffs.

"Analytics emerges as one of the functional areas where 14pc recruiters indicate hiring apart from popular roles in IT, sales and marketing and operations," Pawan

Goyal, Chief Business Officer, naukri.com said. Most of the hiring will be under five years of experience, as 62pc of recruiters will be hiring in the band of three to five years, while 51pc in the one to three years band, the survey said. Around 30pc of recruiters indicated that hiring will happen for the experience band of eight to 12 years, while 18pc said they will be recruiting for experience levels of over 12 years. On attrition, the survey said, 40pc of recruiters

expect attrition to stay over 10pc while 26pc recruiters indicate that it should stay under five per cent. Further, highest attrition is expected in the one to three years experience band at 46pc. According to the Naukri Hiring Outlook 2020, as much as 32pc of companies indicated an increment between five to 10pc and seven per cent recruiters suggested an increment of under five per cent while 28pc companies will stick to an average increment of 15 to 30pc.

Indian diaspora-owned companies in UK pay over 1b pound as tax

LONDON: Indian diaspora-owned companies with a combined revenue of 36.84 billion pounds employ over 1.74 lakh people and pay over 1 billion pounds in Corporation Tax, according to a first-of-its-kind research.

The "India in the UK: The Diaspora Effect" report, released here analysed data related to 654 Indian diaspora-owned companies in the UK with a turnover of at least 1 lakh pounds and found that they collectively invest around 2 billion pounds through capital expenditure.

The report, produced by Grant Thornton UK jointly with the Indian High Commission in London and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI-UK), zeroed in on a select few of an estimated total of over 65,000 diaspora-connected companies.

The report aims to help develop a better understanding of the contributions of businesses owned by people of Indian origin to the UK and builds on the insight developed by Grant Thornton's annual "India Meets Britain Tracker", which tracks the fastest-growing

Indian companies in the UK. "This report celebrates the contribution of the Indian diaspora not just to the UK's economic prosperity, but increasingly to its wider society too," said Anuj Chande, Partner and Head of the South Asia Group, Grant Thornton UK. Among some of its other highlight findings, of the 654 companies researched, around 35pc have one or more women directors on their board and 23 businesses generate 80pc of the total jobs provided by the Indian diaspora companies in the UK a total of 1.4 lakh jobs. The top five

employers include B&M Retail with 26,496 jobs, followed by Vedanta Resources (25,083), Boparan Holdco (21,949), Hinduja Automotive (19,601) and HC-One (10,949).

"This report does not claim to be an exhaustive record of the full contribution of the UK businesses owned by the Indian diaspora. It covers over 650 relatively large businesses owned by the Indian diaspora, which were looked at in greater detail," said Ruchi Ghanashyam, the Indian High Commissioner to the UK who was the (Contd. on page 2)

Madras HC wants to ban NRIs buying houses

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has proposed a ban on NRIs purchasing houses in India, prohibiting speculative sales and imposing 100pc extra stamp duty on the purchase of a second house for Indians to ensure housing for the poorer sections of society.

The court also asked authorities why it should not prohibit NRIs from purchasing houses in India to lower prices. The court directed

the Union housing and finance ministries as party respondents to answer a series of questions including how many families have the basic amenity of housing in India as well as in Tamil Nadu, the population and housing ratio in the country and in the state and when the "Housing for all" mission of the Centre would be achieved.

"Why doesn't the government consider imposing such restrictions to control

the escalation of house prices and to provide a house to every family in the country," a division bench of Justice N Kirubakaran and Justice Abdul Quddus wondered. The court also asked authorities why it should not prohibit NRIs from purchasing houses in India to lower prices. Calling for details of central and state special schemes to provide housing for the marginalised and economically weaker sections

including SC/ST communities, the bench also sought the details of the number of families that possess more than one house.

The court passed the order while hearing an appeal moved by the Tamil Nadu Housing Board challenging a single judge order against the acquisition of about 369 acres of private land in Thudiyalur and Vellakinar areas of Coimbatore for a housing scheme.

India's growth projections ambitious, says Moody's

NEW DELHI: Moody's Investors Service has said economic growth projections made by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her budget for 2020-21 appear ambitious given the structural and cyclical challenges facing the Indian economy.

The budget expects nominal GDP growth of 10pc in 2020-21, followed by 12.6pc and 12.8pc in FY2022 and 2023. But, Moody's saw GDP growth rising to around 8.7pc in the next financial year beginning April 1 from about 7.5pc in the current fiscal. Stating that growth outlook will remain weak, it has put real GDP growth during the current fiscal ending March 31 at 4.9pc, slightly below the government's forecast of 5pc. For the next fiscal, it estimated real GDP growth of 5.5pc,

lower than 6-6.5pc projected by the government's Economic Survey.

"Growth has remained relatively weak as a prolonged deleveraging cycle and ongoing stress among non-banking financial institutions (NBFIs), which has constrained the financial system's overall provision of

credit, weigh on consumption and investment," it said in a detailed commentary on the budget. For the next 2020-21 fiscal, it lowered real GDP growth forecasts to 5.5pc from 6.3pc previous estimate. And for the following fiscal, it put the real GDP growth at six per cent from 6.7pc projected earlier.

No tax on MF redemption

NEW DELHI: The tax department has clarified that the budget proposal of 10pc TDS will be applicable only on dividend payment by mutual funds and not on gain arising out of redemption of units.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had in budget 2020-21 scrapped dividend distribution tax (DDT) paid by companies and mutual funds on dividend paid to shareholders or unitholders. In place, it was proposed to levy tax deducted at source (TDS) of 10pc on dividend/income paid by a company or mutual fund to its share/unitholder if the amount of such dividend/income exceeds Rs 5,000 in a year. In a statement, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said queries have been raised if the mutual fund would be required to deduct TDS also on the capital gains arising on redemption of units.

Senate acquits Trump of impeachment charges

WASHINGTON: The US Senate has acquitted President Donald Trump of both charges in his impeachment trial as it found him not guilty of obstructing Congress, as had been charged by the House of Representatives. In the second of two impeachment votes, the Republican-controlled Senate cleared the Republican president of Democrats' accusations that he obstructed Congress' investigation into whether he acted improperly in withholding US security aid to Ukraine. The Senate's 53-47 vote on the second article of impeachment brought the proceedings to an end. Trump said that he will issue a formal statement after his acquittal on two impeachment charges.

Indians killed in Sharjah identified

SHARJAH: Two Indian technicians, who were among four people killed in an oil tanker blaze off the coast of Sharjah, have been formally identified. Basudeb Harder from West Bengal and Siva Naga Babu from Andhra were named by Indian consular officials. They were aboard the Panamanian-flagged tanker, MT Sam, which was about 30 km off the country's coast between Sharjah and

Abu Musa Island in the Arabian Gulf, when a fire broke out on Jan 29. Two people remain missing. The vessel was carrying 12 crew members and 44 technicians from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Ethiopia and Uganda.

"Once the forensic reports are completed, the bodies of the two Indians who have been identified will be repatriated home," said Indian Consul General

Vipul. "We are hoping we can send [them] back home in the next few days," he said. The names of the rest of the killed men have not been disclosed at this stage. Forensics reports are awaited to confirm the nationality of the other two technicians who died.

The Federal Transport Authority said rescue teams and the UAE Coast Guard responded immediately.



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Avoidable confusion

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman could have avoided much of the controversy surrounding the original proposal to tax NRIs, had the North Block bureaucrats who prepared her budget speech taken some care. Deeply hidden in the voluminous budget presentation was an obscure paragraph which proposes to tax NRIs in India. The wordings were totally wrong and it gave an impression that the income of all NRIs will be taxed --- that too the income which they earn in the host countries if not taxed there. Its a known fact that no country can tax its citizens on the income generated in another sovereign country --- at the most the remittances can be taxed in India. The proposal had expectedly caused great consternation among NRIs and their dependents in India. But very soon, Nirmala was forced to come out with a clarification that this is not meant against ordinary NRIs who go abroad to make a livelihood --- like the Gulf NRIs.

Currently, if an Indian or a person of Indian origin managed to stay in the country as a non-resident, he need not pay tax on income earned in other countries. The government felt there was a loophole here that people were making the most of by dividing their time between India and overseas to avoid being categorised as tax residents of the country. The budget wanted to crack down on persons who dodge taxes by exploiting their non-resident status in India. There are many industrialists, cinema stars and royal family members who enjoy the NRI status and avoid tax.

The term NRI was coined by none other than Pranab Mukherjee for the purpose of taxation. Mukherjee at that time was the finance minister in the Indira Gandhi cabinet. Realising the urgent need to garner foreign exchange, Mukherjee, who was earlier economics professor in the Kolkata University, cleverly decided to tap the overseas Indians. He proclaimed that the remittances of NRIs will not be taxed in India. The triggered a good flow of foreign exchange into India.

This year's budget also changed the definition of NRI. Under current laws --- that is until March 2020, a person could maintain the NRI status by spending 182 days outside India. But from April 2020, an individual would be required to stay out of India for 245 days to be considered an NRI. With this, the authorities are seeking to ensure that individuals maintaining NRI status without substantial economic activities outside the country will be denied the tax benefits. An Indian citizen who is not liable to pay tax in any other country or territory shall be deemed to be resident in India and a person shall be called "not ordinarily resident" in a previous year if the person has been a non-resident in India in seven out of the 10 previous years preceding that year. Indian passport holders, who are residents in zero-tax jurisdictions such as UAE, Bahamas, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi etc will potentially be subject to tax in India on their global income. Still, Nirmala's explanation lacks clarity.

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New Bengaluru runway getting ready

BENGALURU: The new South Parallel Runway of the Kempegowda International Airport, which only has restricted flight operations now, is all set to become fully functional from Feb 26. A month after operations are stabilised, the North Parallel Runway which has been in operation since 2008 will close for upgradation works and open only after seven months. According to the Airports Authority of India supplement notification issued on its website on Jan 30, runway RWY 09L/27R will be closed for rehabilitation works and for upgrading it from CAT I to CAT III. It will be effective March 26 to Nov 4, 2020, it said.

Corona affects 24 in Singapore

SINGAPORE: The health ministry here has confirmed six new cases of the 2019 novel coronavirus in the island nation, bringing the total number of infected in the country to 24. Four out of these six new cases involve human-to-human transmission -- a first for Singapore.

"Though four of these cases constitute a local transmission cluster, there is as yet no evidence of widespread sustained community transmission in Singapore," said the ministry. The 2019 novel coronavirus, originating in Wuhan, China, has killed over 400 people -- most in mainland China, with one death each in the Philippines and Hong Kong. There are over 20,000 people infected with the disease globally with the infection having spread to more than 25 countries outside of mainland China.

In some positive news, one of Singapore's earlier confirmed cases, Case-7, a 35 year old male Wuhan resident, has been discharged from NCID. He has recovered, and has comprehensively tested negative for the virus. Case-19: A 28 year-old female Singapore resident with no recent travel history to China. She works at Yong Thai Hang, a complementary health products shop that primarily serves Chinese tourists.

Sabrina joins Bloomberg's presidential campaign

WASHINGTON: Sabrina Singh (32), erstwhile national press secretary of US Sen. Cory Booker's presidential campaign that hit the skids last month after Booker opted out, has jumped on to the presidential bandwagon of billionaire Republican-turned-Independent-turned-Democrat Michael Bloomberg.

A former spokeswoman for the Democratic National Committee (DNC), Singh took to Twitter to announce she had joined Bloomberg's campaign as its national spokesperson. The former New York Mayor who served for three consecutive terms, got a boost last week when the DNC changed its debate rules and that the criteria for making the debate stage by dropping the minimum individual donor requirement. Bloomberg, whose campaign is largely self-funded is likely to join the Democratic debates if his

polling numbers reach the new threshold.

Los Angeles (Calif)-born Singh, in her tweet said: "I have joined @MikeBloom-

with this incredible team to defeat Donald Trump.

Welcoming Singh on board, the Bloomberg campaign also issued a

of multiple races who will add to our talented team as we continue to grow in the run-up to Super Tuesday."

Although Bloomberg

campaigning in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada --- the first four primaries --- he has set his sights on the Super Tuesday Democratic primary on March 3, where he hopes to make a stand and come into his own as a viable candidate. By then, he would have spent close to or over \$200 million in TV and social media ads, the bulk of them going after Trump with a vengeance. Singh acknowledged that she was indeed disappointed that Booker had to withdraw, declaring that "Cory is fantastic, but unfortunately, it just wasn't his time."

Sabrina Singh spoke of the warm relationship between Bloomberg and Booker over the years, including during the time both were mayors of neighboring cities and the co-operation and co-ordination they had enjoyed at the time. "They have had a very good relationship, absolutely," she said.



Sabrina Singh with her husband Mike Smith, Finance Director of Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

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statement, saying: "We are thrilled to have Sabrina on board --- she's a veteran

is not on tap to appear on the Democratic debate stage 7, and has not been

Corona: 2 under watch escape to Saudi Arabia

KOZHIKODE: Kerala, which has reported three positive cases of Coronavirus and has over 2,500 people under watch, faced a fresh problem as authorities discovered that two people, who came here from China and were placed under observation, have slipped out of the country and have reportedly gone to Saudi Arabia.

Only a few of the suspected cases in Kerala are being treated in hospitals while the vast majority of them are being monitored at their homes. Health officials used to call them up every-day and check their situation while test results for the virus are being processed.

On Tuesday when the officials called for the routine checkup, they were

informed by the family members that two of them had gone to Saudi Arabia. There is no information yet on whether they managed to land in Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, a source in the know of things, revealed that the escape by the two has left many who are engaged in ensuring that proper health care facilities should be extended to all in the state red-faced and it remains to be seen if the two will be repatriated. The health authorities also face another problem as many who are returning from abroad are not very keen at voluntary disclosure of their travel itinerary for fear of being asked to go into quarantine at their homes. One reason why people feel

jittery is the advisory from the health authorities that has said all those in observation have to remain indoors for 28 days and this gives them "a feel of being ostracised".

Meanwhile, the three people who have tested positive are recovering well and their condition remains stable, Health Minister KK Shailaja said, but added that with more results awaited, the possibility of more cases turning positive cannot be ruled out. In a related development, with more people placed under observation in Kerala, Karnataka authorities have increased vigil in border areas, with everyone arriving in vehicles being checked for fever or flu.

Corona: Go on unpaid leave, Cathay tells staff

HONG KONG: Cathay Pacific Airways has asked its 27,000 employees to take three weeks of unpaid leave while the Hong Kong carrier struggles with plunging revenue due to China's virus outbreak. In a video message to employees, CEO Augustus Tang said the situation is as grave as the 2009 financial crisis, The South China Morning Post reported. Cathay announced a 90pc reduction in flight capacity to mainland China, which has cancelled group tours and told businesspeople to put off foreign travel while Beijing fights the

outbreak centered on the city of Wuhan. The airline cut 30pc of its worldwide capacity for two months.

Employees were asked to take "special leave" some time between March 1 and June 30, a Cathay statement said. "Preserving cash is the key to protecting our business," the airline said. The airline used similar "special leave" in 2009 and during the 2003 outbreak of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, which also led to cuts in flights. "I am appealing to each and everyone one of you to help," Tang was quoted as saying.

Instamojo buys GetMeAShop

MUMBAI: Fintech start-up Instamojo has acquired GetMeAShop, a digital commerce platform for MSMEs, for \$5 million in an equity deal. This acquisition, which is its first since inception in 2012, will allow Instamojo to branch into software offerings as it aims to help small businesses adopt and leverage technology without any prior technical know-how.

Launched as a payment gateway for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), Instamojo later branched into an e-commerce platform for merchants to list and sell their products and services

online. Over the past five quarters, Instamojo also introduced credit products and logistics services --- mojoCapital and MojoX-Press, respectively. As part of the deal, the company

aims to expand its digital solution offerings to empower its 1.2 million strong merchant base.

"On initiation of Instamojo, the primary goal was to ease business operations for small businesses. With the gradual digitisation of sectors, we realised that the challenges faced

by MSMEs are beyond just digital payments. Limited access to credit, competition from e-commerce platforms and cash flow were some of the growth obstacles, along with low access and technical knowledge, which posed a greater threat. With this acquisition, the Instamojo suite of offerings will expand to enable business owners with web presence tools to start, manage and grow in the rapidly growing tech ecosystem." Sampad Swain, CEO and co-founder of Instamojo. GMAS, which was started in 2013, helps entrepreneurs to build their websites and provides tools to create their online

stores, along with a number of other capabilities.

Non-payment revenue a major contributor

Currently, Instamojo claims to have around one million registered merchants on its platform. For the start-up, which used to get almost all its revenue directly from payments till 2018, non-payments revenue now accounts for around 20 per cent of its overall revenue. The eight-year-old company has raised a shade above \$10 million in equity financing till date, counting the likes of Gunosy Capital, Japanese parents firm AnyPay, Beenext, Kalaari Capital, Blume Ventures, among others.

RBI keeps repo rate unchanged

MUMBAI: The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of RBI kept its repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) unchanged at 5.15pc while maintaining an "accommodative stance". This is the second consecutive bi-monthly monetary meeting in this fiscal year 2019-20 in which the repo rate has been kept unchanged. Apart from the repo rate, the reverse repo rate too was kept unchanged at 4.90pc and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate at 5.40pc. This apart, the central bank forecast the GDP growth for 2020-21 at six per cent. In April-Sept 2020, the GDP growth is forecast in the range of 5.5 to six per cent.

Indian diaspora-owned companies in UK pay...

(Contd. from page 1) catalyst behind the project which began in March last year. "Though this report looks only at the businesses with an annual turnover of more than 1 lakh pounds, we hope that contributions of the many smaller enterprises will be added in future reports," said the envoy, as she dedicated the report to the 1.5-million-strong

Indian diaspora in the UK, which she noted has been described as a "living bridge" between the two countries by Prime Minister Modi.

"The economic contribution of the Indian diaspora in the UK is rightly applauded and commented upon but to date it has not been quantified. This report is an attempt to fill that gap," said Baroness Usha Prashar,

Chair of FICCI UK. "It provides very helpful information which we hope will be built upon in the future. This is an excellent start and the report's key findings are a matter of both pride and celebration," she said.

The report, with the tag line "Celebrating the energy and entrepreneurship of the Indian diaspora in the UK", finds a sector-wide sweep

of diaspora-owned firms, with hospitality dominating the landscape at 19pc, followed by healthcare and pharmaceuticals at 15pc, retail and wholesale (13pc), real estate and construction (13pc) and food and beverage (nine per cent) to complete the top five. London dominates the overall spread, with 52pc of the diaspora-owned compa-

nies based in the UK capital. The estimated India-related contribution to the UK economy, combining the figures for India-owned companies from the annual Tracker with the latest diaspora findings, brings a combined turnover of around 85 billion pounds, with over 1.7 billion pounds paid in taxes and close to 2.8 lakh employees.

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Online degree courses to students from weaker sections, new edu policy soon

A degree level full-fledged online education programme will be offered by the country's top 100 educational institutions to students belonging to deprived sections of the society and those who do not have access to higher studies, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said.

Presenting the Budget for fiscal 2020-21 in Parliament, Sitharaman said a new education policy will soon be announced and the government proposes to provide about Rs 99,300 crore for the education sector in 2020-21 and about Rs 3,000 crore for skill development.

Skill-based courses

The finance minister also announced that a special bridge course would be designed by ministries of health and skill development and entrepreneurship in conjunction with professional bodies to bring in equivalence and improve the skill-sets of teachers, nurses, paramedical staff and caregivers.

Emphasising that India should also be a preferred destination for higher education, she said under a 'Study in India' programme an IND-SAT exam is proposed in Asian and African countries for bench-mark-

ing foreign candidates who receive scholarships for studying in Indian higher education centres.

New Education Policy

"Dialogues have been held with state education



ministries, Members of Parliament and other stakeholders on the education policy. Over 2 lakh suggestions were also received. The new education policy will be announced soon," Sitharaman said, adding steps would be taken to enable sourcing of external commercial borrowing and FDI so as to deliver higher quality education.

Observing that students in general stream, as op-

posed to those in sciences or technology stream, need their employment opportunities improved, she said about 150 higher education institutions will start an apprenticeship, embedded

higher education it is proposed to start degree level full-fledged online education programme, Sitharaman announced.

Participating institutes

She said this shall be of-

degree diploma courses by March 2021.

"The government proposes to start a programme whereby urban local bodies across the country would provide internship opportunities to fresh engineers for a period up to one year," the finance minister said.

In order to provide quality education to students of deprived sections of the society as well as those who do not have access to

fered only by institutions ranked within top 100 in the national institutional ranking framework and initially, only a few such institutions would be asked to offer such programmes.

New universities introduced

Besides, a national police university and a national forensic science university are being proposed in the domain of policing science, forensic science and cyber forensics.

Vegetarian diet may prevent urinary tract infections

A vegetarian diet may be associated with a lower risk of urinary tract infection (UTIs), particularly in women, according to a study which

ports, UTIs are generally caused by gut bacteria like E coli, which enter the urinary tract through the urethra, and affect the kidneys and bladder.

for E coli strains known to cause UTIs, but they added that it is unknown whether avoiding meat reduces the risk of UTIs.

In the current research, they assessed the incidence of UTIs in 9,724 Buddhists in Taiwan, who participated in the Tzu Chi Vegetarian Study, which investigated the role of a vegetarian diet on health outcomes in Taiwanese Buddhists.

The scientists found that the overall risk of UTIs was 16 per cent lower in vegetarians than in non-vegetarians.

Of the 3,040 vegetarians in the study, they said, 217 developed a UTI compared to 444 UTI cases in 6,684

non-vegetarians.

The reduced UTI risk associated with a vegetarian diet was greater in men than women, although overall UTI risk for men was 79pc lower than for women, regardless of diet, the study noted.

According to the researchers, vegetarians may avoid ingesting E. coli that may cause UTIs by not eating common sources of E. coli, such as poultry and pork.

They speculated that the higher fibre diet of many vegetarians may prevent the growth of E. coli in the gut, and decrease UTI risk by making the intestine more acidic.



may lead to better dietary recommendations to prevent UTIs.

The study, published in the journal Scientific Re-

Based on earlier research, scientists, including those from Tzu Chi University in Taiwan, said meat is a major reservoir

ing and burning sensation of the tongue, photophobia, dermal lesions, depression, stress and anaemia etc. Good sources of riboflavin are or-



ganic A2 milk, milk products, egg, lean meat, green leafy vegetables etc.

Vitamin B3 or Niacin

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of the gastrointestinal tract, nervous system and skin. It helps in the release of adrenaline or nor-adrenaline hormones that plays an im-

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Caffeine can potentially control weight gain, cholesterol levels

A cup of coffee or tea might do a lot more good than just helping you overcome the early morning sleep inertia. A study from the University of Illinois comes as a whiff of freshly hot cuppa for all the caffeine lovers because according to its findings consumption of caffeine can potentially control weight gain and cholesterol levels by blunting the effects of a diet that's high in sugars and fats.

Fox News reported that the study was carried out on rats that were fed a relatively unhealthy diet for four weeks in a row, which consisted of

40-45 per cent carbohydrates and just 15pc protein. In conjunction to this, the rats were administered a tea containing phytochemicals, flavonoids,



and amino acids. Caffeine dosages ranged from 65 to 135 milligrams per serving. The rats were also fed additional sources of caffeine.

The final result of this experiment showed that the rats that were administered caffeine dropped a signifi-

cant amount of body fat. The fat absorption went down by 22pc and weight gain slowed down by 16pc.

"The consumption of caffeine from (tea) or from other sources alleviated the negative impact of a high-fat, high-sucrose diet on body composition due to the modulation of certain lipogenic enzymes in both adipose tissue and the liver," said Elvira Gonzalez de Mejia, who co-authored this study.

These findings can be scaled according to the human model to further explore the efficacy of caffeine-containing beverages, like coffee and tea, in aiding weight loss and cholesterol control.

Why Vitamin B is important?

Vitamins are accessory food factors that are organic in nature and cannot be synthesised by the body. Thus, it must be supplied in the form of a diet or other supplements to maintain health, growth and state of well-being of a person. Some vitamins like Vitamin K and B are synthesised by the bacteria in the intestine. Vitamin B is water-soluble, which means it requires water for its absorption and metabolism. And as a water-soluble vitamin, it can be excreted out with water so there are high chances of deficiency. There are eight forms of vitamin B, all of which are required to help our body function normally. Let's take a brief look at

the forms of Vitamin B.

Vitamin B1 or Thiamine

It is required for neural signal passage. Deficiency can cause neurological changes, beriberi and Wernicke's encephalopathy. Good sources of thiamine are whole grains like jowar, rye, wheat bran and wheat germ, red rice, lean organ meats, eggs etc.

Vitamin B2 or Riboflavin

Also called vitamin G or yellow enzyme, riboflavin is important in breaking down of carbohydrates, fats and amino acids. It is also important for vision (stimulation of optic nerve) and synthesises RBC in the bone marrow. Deficiency may cause cheilosis ulcers and cracks on lips, angular stomatitis - cuts and redness at the angles of lips, glossitis - redness, swell-

ing and burning sensation of the tongue, photophobia, dermal lesions, depression, stress and anaemia etc. Good sources of riboflavin are or-

ganic A2 milk, milk products, egg, lean meat, green leafy vegetables etc.

Vitamin B3 or Niacin

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of the gastrointestinal tract, nervous system and skin. It helps in the release of adrenaline or nor-adrenaline hormones that plays an im-

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in niacin are organic lean poultry products, organic A2 milk, avocado, nuts like groundnuts etc.

Vitamin B5 or Pantothenic acid

It is essential for the synthesis of fatty acids, cholesterol, steroid hormone, vitamin A and D. It is also essential for the synthesis of vitamin B12 and haemoglobin. Deficiency causes paresthesia. Sources of B5 are organ meat, egg yolk, nutritional yeast, vegetables, organic A2 milk a milk product.

Vitamin B6 or Pyridoxine

It occurs in three major forms in food- pyridoxine, pyridoxal and pyridoxamine. All three forms are easily digested and absorbed by the human body. Pyridoxine is important for the processing of protein, fat and car-

bohydrate, RBC and WBC formation, immunity and synthesis of lymphocytes and interleukin. Deficiency can cause oral and dermal lesions, sleep disturbance, epilepsy, Parkinson's and convulsions, anaemia etc. Sources are organic lean meat, fish, egg, nuts, pulses, wheat, fruits and vegetables.

Vitamin B7 or Biotin

Biotin deficiency is generally not seen in human being except under extraordinary circumstances. In rare cases, deficiency due to medication or stress can cause hair loss, muscle pain, nausea, dermatitis etc. Sources are organ meat like liver, organic non-GMO soybean, eggs, whole grain, legumes, nuts etc. Biotin is also produced by our probiotics or good bacteria in the colon.

Vitamin B9 or Folic acid/ Folate

Term folate comes from foliage a material found in a spinach leaf. It is very important for DNA and RNA synthesis - nucleic acid metabolism, normal growth and division of all cells, the formation of WBC and RBC and multiplication of blood cells, the formation of haem group of haemoglobin. It is an important supplement for pregnant woman as they are more prone to deficiency and deficiency can cause neural tube defects, megaloblastic anaemia etc. Folic acid is present in both animals and plants. Fresh green vegetables, liver, pulses, whole grain products, fish, egg are good sources.

GULF FAQs

Never share your import code with others

I run a small interior design company helping private clients, rather than businesses, with their homes. As part of this service, I often purchase furniture or furnishings from overseas on behalf of customers. A few months ago, a long-standing client asked if he could use my import code to import some furniture for a project I was working on with him. The invoice from the supplier was made out to my customer and he paid the supplier directly for the furniture himself. He purchased furniture worth Dh1 lakh so the VAT involved was significant. I didn't think about the implications of this at the time, but since then my customer and I have had a disagreement and I no longer work with him. We discussed this six months ago and I had forgotten about it until now when my next VAT return is due. I can see on the Federal Tax Authority portal that the VAT for his purchases are included in my current return as part of the import tax automatically populated by customs. How should I account for this VAT? And can I reclaim it as if I had purchased the furniture from the supplier myself?

This would be far more straightforward if you had purchased and paid for the imported furniture in your company name, and then sold it on to your client. In that scenario the output tax would be accounted for in the customs VAT box and you would have claimed the input tax under the reverse charge mechanism box, on the basis that you had an invoice in your company name. By asking to use your import code, I assume your client was hoping to avoid paying import VAT on his purchases. Unfortunately, it's not legal for him to do this. As the end user of this furniture he cannot escape paying VAT. I strongly advise people not to share import codes unless it is part of an agreed business transaction as the liability to pay the VAT falls with the importer on record. Article 54 of the decree law states that input tax is recoverable by a taxable person where the goods and services are used or intended to be used for making taxable supplies. That's not the case here. This furniture was not part of your taxable supplies and you are not able to recover the VAT on them as if you had purchased them.

The correct VAT treatment for this transaction comes under Article 50 of the Executive Regulations, titled Imports by Unregistered Persons, as you have effectively acted as an agent for your customer. Summary clauses say where a person, who is not registered for tax imports goods, is using an agent - who acts on their behalf and who is registered for VAT - the agent is responsible for the payment of the tax as though he imported the goods himself. An agent who has paid tax, in accordance with this article, cannot then recover any VAT paid on behalf of another person as input tax. Instead, they should issue a statement to that other person, which contains full details of the import and the amount of tax paid in respect of the imported goods. Your customer can treat that statement as a tax invoice, which means if he was registered for VAT he would be able to claim that back as input VAT on his next tax return. As your customer is not VAT registered, he should pay you for the VAT that you have paid on his behalf even though he cannot recover it himself. Your only course of action now is to pay the VAT as part of your next tax return and issue your customer with the statement as per clause-7 of the Executive Regulations. If you are no longer working together and he refuses to pay the VAT, unfortunately there is little you can do without resorting to legal action, which is unlikely to be practical for the recovery of the Dh5,000 sum.

Inheritance tax?

We are Canadian citizens. My father who is 56 years old recently inherited two acres of farm land and a flat with rentals in Pine. He wants to transfer everything to me and wants me to sell everything. What will be the tax implication of inheriting and selling the properties for a Canadian citizen?

There is no tax in India on inheritance. However, when these inherited assets are sold by the inheritor, capital gains tax applies to both residents and non-residents who sell property situated in India. To identify the tax rates and method of calculation, it is important to first identify whether these are long-term or short-term capital gains. A property must be held for more than two years for it to qualify as a long-term capital asset. To calculate this

period of holding, the period for which it was held by the previous owner is also included. In your case, it seems this asset will be a long-term capital asset. Long-term capital gains are arrived at after reducing the indexed cost of acquisition from the sale price. In case of inheritance, the cost to the previous owner is indexed from the year of original purchase. This is done by multiplying the cost by the Cost Inflation Index (CII) of the year of sale and dividing it by CII of the year of purchase. In case the property has been bought before 2001, you can use CII of FY 2001-2002, which is the base year for the purpose of calculation. Long-term capital gains are taxed at 20pc, excluding education cess and surcharge. If you choose to invest these gains in another property, you can claim capital gains tax exemption. Or you can purchase capital gains bonds. In case you decide to invest in a property but are not able to make the purchase by the due date of filing of tax return of the year in which property is sold, you can deposit these gains in a capital gains account scheme as per the time and manner prescribed.

Recovering money

I met a person through a matrimonial site in Dubai and we were in a relationship. He was going through a rough patch and I offered him financial help. Now, I have come to know that he was cheating me and I would like to get my money back. The man has refused to return the amount I gave him. Is there a legal recourse to recover my money from the individual?

You have not mentioned the sum of money that has been lent by you to the individual. Therefore, if you have evidence to support your claim, you may consider lodging a civil complaint against the person at the Centre for Amicable Settlement of Disputes at Dubai Court (the "Centre") if the amount lent by you is less than Dh50,000. The Centre is a reconciliation department of Dubai Courts which deals with debts/claims amounting below Dh50,000. You have to provide your and the borrower's details along with the details of the case and documentary evidence to the Centre such as documentation of the borrowing or lending any messages or emails pertaining to the borrowing or lending which supports your claim. Your petition should contain the relevant details and documents as mentioned in Article 42 of Federal Law No. (11) of 1992 regarding Civil Procedures Law of UAE, which states:

Article 42: 1)-Lawsuits shall be filed to the court according to the plaintiffs' request by submitting the statements of claims to the case management office or by creating electronic records for such lawsuits.

2) The statement of claim shall include the following details: (a)The plaintiff's name, title, ID number (if any), profession or job, domicile, workplace, phone number, as well as his representative's name, title, profession or job, domicile, residence, postal address, fax number or email address. If the plaintiff has no domicile in the state, he shall elect one. (b)The defendant's name, title, ID number (if any), profession or job, domicile or elected domicile, residence, workplace, phone number as well as his representative's name, title, profession or job, domicile and workplace if he works for others. However, in case neither the defendant nor his representative have a known domicile or workplace, the last domicile, residence or workplace and postal address, fax number or email thereof shall be mentioned (c) The subject matter of the lawsuit, requests and grounds thereof (d) The date of submission of the lawsuit to the case management office (e) The court before which the lawsuit is filed (f) Signature of the plaintiff or his representative."

You may approach the Centre for further details pertaining to your case. You may also file a police complaint against the individual who has not returned your money that was borrowed by him. This is in accordance with Article 404 of the Federal Law No. 3 of 1987 on issuance of Penal Code, which states: "Whoever embezzles, uses or wastes funds securities or any other movable property with the intention to prejudice the interest of the due right's owners, if it is delivered to him as a deposit, rent, pledge, loan for use or proxy, shall be punished by detention or by a fine. In application of this provision, the partner in a joint property and the owner's property and whoever receives anything to use in a certain manner for the benefit of its owner or for the benefit of another, shall be considered as an agent."



DG, UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay meeting with Union Minister for HR Development Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal in New Delhi. Other dignitaries were also present.

Indo-US trade deal likely during Trump's visit

NEW DELHI: India and the US are set to seal a trade deal during President Trump's planned visit to India in the last week of this month. Trade officials of India and the US are giving final touches to the deal expected to cover specific sectors.

Trump is set to visit India on a two-day trip between Feb 23 and 26 and both sides are in the process of fine-tuning his schedule. The main segment of the visit will take place in the national capital, though an option of having

a short visit by Trump to another city is being explored. The cities being considered include Agra and Ahmedabad. A high-level logistics team from Washington handling Trump's foreign trips visited India last week as part of preparations for his maiden tour of India as the US President.

"The trade deal and a pact on further enhancing defence co-operation are likely to be sealed during the visit by the US President," said a source. India is seek-

ing exemption from high duties imposed by the US on certain steel and aluminium products as well as resumption of benefits on tariff on certain products under their Generalised System of Preferences (GSP). India is also pressing the US to facilitate greater market access for its products in the US in sectors such as agriculture, automobile, auto components and engineering. On the other hand, the US wants greater market access for its farm and manufacturing prod-

ucts, dairy items and medical devices in India.

In 2018-19, India's exports to the US stood at \$52.4 billion, while imports were \$35.5 billion. Trade deficit dipped from \$21.3 billion in 2017-18 to \$ 16.9 billion in 2018-19. India received FDI worth \$3.13 billion from the US in 2018-19, higher than \$2 billion in 2017-18. India had invited Trump to grace the Republic Day parade as the chief guest last year but the US President could not come due to scheduling issues.

US-Indians among eight people sentenced in call centre fraud

ATLANTA: Three Indian Americans are among eight defendants sentenced in Atlanta, Georgia, for their roles in an India-based call centre fraud scheme that victimised thousands in the US resulting in over \$3.7 million in losses. The sentences ranged from six months to four years and nine months in prison.

According to Department of Justice, Mohamed Kazim Momin (33) of Norcross, Georgia, Mohamed Sozab Momin (23) of Lawrenceville, Georgia and Palak Kumar Patel (30) Clarkston, Georgia

and others were involved in a sophisticated scheme organized by co-conspirators in India, including a network of call centres in Ahmedabad. Using information obtained from data brokers and other sources, call centre operators called potential victims while impersonating officials from the Internal Revenue Service or individuals offering fictitious payday loans.

The call centre operators would then threaten potential victims with arrest, imprisonment or fines if they did not pay taxes or

penalties to the government. If the victims agreed to pay, the call centres would immediately turn to a network of US-based co-conspirators to liquidate and launder the extorted funds by purchasing prepaid debit cards or through wire transfers, including through MoneyGram and Western Union, to the attention of fictitious names and US-based defendants and their co-conspirators.

Mohamed Kazim Momin is sentenced to four years and nine months in prison to be followed by three years

of supervised release, while Mohmed Sozab Momin got four years and three months in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release. He was also ordered to pay \$833,938 in restitution. Patel was sentenced to eight months in prison, three years of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$49,640 in restitution.

All were charged along with five Indian call centers and seven Indian nationals in a 27-count indictment with conspiracy to commit wire fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

Sandhu takes charge as US ambassador

WASHINGTON: Senior Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Taranjit Singh Sandhu has taken over charge as the Indian Ambassador to the US. Sandhu received a warm welcome from Deputy Chief of Mission Amit Kumar and other officials.

Sandhu's position in Colombo is expected to be filled by Gopal Baglay, presently additional secretary in the PMO. Sandhu, a 1988-batch civil service officer, took over from Harsh Vardhan Shringla who has been appointed as India's foreign secretary. Sandhu's appointment comes in an election year in the US

and at a time when India is looking to forge a new trade partnership with the western nation. His first responsibility will likely be organising US President Donald Trump's India visit set for later this month.

Sandhu's previous posting had been as ambassador to Sri Lanka. He had also served in the Indian mission to the US twice earlier as Deputy Chief of Mission at the embassy of India in Washington from July 2013 to January 2017 and First Secretary (Political) responsible for liaison with the US Congress from 1997 to 2000.



Sandhu after taking charge at the Indian embassy at Washington.

Sikh police officer shot at in possible hate crime

SANTA CLARA: Sukhdeep Gill, a Sikh police officer in Santa Clara County, California, was shot and injured after an "unprovoked sneak attack" by two unidentified men in a car in what could be a possible hate crime.

News reports said Santa Clara County Deputy Gill, who is a practising Sikh and wears turban, was on patrol duty in Morgan Hill when a car pulled up and someone inside opened fire injuring him. Gill, who has been with the sheriff's department since 2015, was alive in part due to his body-worn camera which he was wearing over his body armor and was hit

once in the chest. Gill was treated at a hospital for a non-life-threatening injury and was recovering at home. The shooter fired four times at Gill, who was standing outside his patrol vehicle, KPIX-TV quoted officials as saying at a news conference.

NBC and other media reported quoting officials that all deputies and San Jose police officers have been put on high alert because of the so-called ambush. The sheriff's office said it was unclear if the shooting was a hate crime or a crime of opportunity against law enforcement. Authorities were searching for a late-

model silver sedan, possibly a Honda. The sheriff's office said the suspected car did not have its headlights on and drove up close to Gill.

That is when, KRON said, quoting officials, multiple shots were fired at Gill, one of which hit him in his body-worn camera and armor.

Sensex up 100 points

MUMBAI: Market benchmark Sensex jumped over 100 points in opening session on Thursday ahead of the outcome of RBI's monetary policy review amid strong cues from global markets. The 30-share BSE index was trading 125.32 points or 0.30pc higher at 41,267.98 and the broader NSE advanced 46.20 points or 0.38pc to 12,135.35. In the previous session, Sensex ended 0.87pc or 353.28 points higher at 41,142.66. While, Nifty rose 109.50 points or 0.91pc to settle at 12,089.15. Meanwhile, on a net basis, foreign institutional investors bought equities worth Rs 248.94 crore, while domestic institutional investors purchased shares worth Rs 262.75 crore.

HCL Tech, ITC, Maruti, Bajaj Finance, Hero MotoCorp and TCS were the top gainers in the Sensex pack.



RBI sway on co-op banks

The government has approved amendments to the Banking Regulation Act to bring co-operative banks under the central bank's regulations to avoid a crisis like the one at Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank.

"At present, there are 1,540 co-operative banks with 8.6 crore depositors' money with Rs 5 lakh crore deposits. After the amendment, such banks will come under the RBI's (Reserve Bank of India) regulation," information and broadcasting minister Prakash Javadekar told mediapersons after a cabinet meeting.

He said the administrative role will be managed by the co-operative registrars. Such banks will also

be audited according to RBI norms.

The amendments follow the collapse of PMC Bank last year.

The minister further said qualifications would



be set to appoint the CEO of co-operative banks and the RBI's permission would be sought before appointment as followed in the case of commercial banks.

The audit would be according to the RBI's guide-

lines and the central bank can also supersede the board if any co-operative bank is under stress, he said.

The banks will be given time to comply with the RBI guidelines in a phased manner, he added.

The government's key worry is the "loose regulation" of urban co-operative banks as they fall under a multi regulatory regime of the RBI, the Registrar of Societies and state governments. The cabinet approval is in line with the budget announcement by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

"To strengthen the co-operative banks, amendments to the Banking Regulation Act are proposed to increase professionalism,

enable access to capital and improve governance and oversight for sound banking through the RBI," she had said in the budget.

The decision assumes significance in the wake of a scam in Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative (PMC) Bank, affecting lakhs of customers who are facing difficulties in withdrawing their money because of the restrictions imposed by the Reserve Bank of India.

Javadekar further said this was the second important measure taken by the government to protect the interest of depositors within a week.

Sitharaman has also proposed to raise the insurance cover on saving deposits five times to Rs 5 lakh.

Paytm to tap MSMEs

Paytm has plans to tap the market involving millions of merchants and small businesses across the country through its various offerings including Point of Sale (POS) device, a payment gateway.

The digital payments major also announced plans to consolidate its presence in the offline markets with the launch of POS device that will serve as one-stop payment solutions for merchants and accept transactions through Paytm Wallet, all UPI-based applications, debit and credit cards as well as cash. Besides accepting payments, merchants will also be able to generate GST compliant bills and manage all transactions and settlements through their 'Paytm for Business' app at one go.

The POS device, accord-

ing to Paytm, is loaded with some of the features and services that are first of its kind in the payments industry. The device comes with integrated billing software and customised solutions for different industry sectors



ranging from ticketing, catering to parking among others. It also features an in-built printer, a scanner and generates bills.

The device can be used to accept payments, print bills and scan items for faster checkout at counters. Announcing the expansion plans of the company, Paytm

founder and CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma said currently a majority of the digital transactions in the country done using debit cards and wallets, including those of merchants/retailers. Paytm has been able to bring on board 16 million merchants on its platform, he claimed.

Through the launch of the POS device, the digital payments major is expecting to sign up another 10 million retailers. Karnataka, Delhi and Maharashtra have been the highest contributors of merchant sign-ups on Paytm, he further said. The POS device has already been run on a series of successful projects including bus ticketing service, parking management, BFSI, logistics, and home delivery.

Bid to hive off GAIL pipeline unit

The Union cabinet is expected to soon consider the oil ministry's proposal to hive off state-owned GAIL's pipeline business into a separate entity, which is expected to be considered for a strategic sale at a later date.

The ministry, as part of the unbundling of GAIL, has suggested that two entities be formed — one with marketing operations and the other, the pipeline company.

GAIL's core business after the bifurcation would be the marketing of natural gas and petrochemicals production.

It will have to hire capacity in pipelines from the subsidiary and pay regulator-approved tariff on the same.

GAIL will continue to execute the gas sales agreements it has already signed and will be responsible for

the discharge of the obligations under purchase pacts, including for the import of LNG.

Oil ministry officials said selling of the pipeline subsidiary to a strategic investor is not likely before



2022 as the thinking in the government is that the gas market will not be mature before that and state support would be needed for GAIL to build a national gas pipeline grid.

After the cabinet approves, a consultant will be appointed to transfer the pipeline business into a separate subsidiary. This would take 8-10 months to accomplish. The government has a 54.89pc stake in GAIL India.

Russia's Rosneft keen to bid for BPCL

Russia's largest oil producer Rosneft is keen to bid for acquisition of Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL), sources said after the Russian firm's CEO Igor Sechin met Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Rosneft, which is the majority owner of India's second-biggest private oil refinery, is keen to expand in the world's third-largest and the fastest-growing energy market.

Sechin first met Pradhan over breakfast, and then in delegation-level talks expressed interest in bidding for the acquisition of government stake in Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL), officials privy to the discussions said.

The government is selling all of its 53pc stake in BPCL in the country's biggest privatisation plan.

Officials said national oil companies from the Middle East, such as Aramco of Saudi Arabia and

ADNOC of UAE, have also been primed for bidding for BPCL.

Sechin, who was here to witness the signing of the first deal with Indian state-



owned refinery for supplying crude oil a fixed-term basis, expressed interest in investing more in India, they said.

On November 20, 2019, the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi had decided to privatise BPCL by selling the government's entire 52.98

pc stake to a strategic investor along with management control.

Rosneft owns a 49.13pc Nayara Energy Limited (formerly Essar Oil Limited).

Nayara owns and operates 20 million tonnes per year refinery at Vadinar in Gujarat and also owns 5,628 petrol pumps in the country.

It is keen on expanding the fuel retailing network and BPCL would get it ready access to close to one-fourth of 67,440 petrol pumps in the country.

BPCL operates four refineries in Mumbai, Kochi (Kerala), Bina (Madhya Pradesh) and Numaligarh (Assam) with a combined capacity of 38.3 million tonnes per annum, which is 15pc India's total refining capacity of 249.4 million tonnes.

After removing three million tonnes of the capacity of the Numaligarh refinery, which will be sold to a public sector unit, the new buyer will get 35.3 million tonnes of refining capacity.

BPCL owns 15,177 petrol pumps and 6,011 LPG distributor agencies in the country. Besides, it has 51 liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) bottling plants.

The company distributed 21 per cent of petroleum products consumed in the country by volume as of March last year and has more than a fifth of the 250 aviation fuel stations in the country.

The government is keen to get international energy

majority such as Saudi Aramco, Total SA of France and ExxonMobil to operate in the downstream fuel marketing business so as to bring in greater competition.

Currently, 95pc of retail petrol and diesel sales and near 100pc of cooking gas (LPG) and kerosene sales are controlled by the public sector units.

As on March 31, BPCL reported cash and cash equivalents of around Rs 5,300 crore, against Rs 10,900 crore of debt maturing over the next 15 months.

Officials said Indian Oil Corp (IOC) signed a term contract to import up to 2 million tonnes of Russian grade Urals oil from Rosneft in 2020.

This is the first time a state-owned firm has signed a term import deal with Russia as they look to diversify sourcing of oil beyond their traditional suppliers in the Middle East.

RBI hikes insurance cover on bank deposits to Rs 5 lakh

Soon after the Budget announcement, insurance cover on bank deposits has been increased from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh, the Reserve Bank of India said.

Deposit insurance was static at Rs 1 lakh since 1993. The cover is provided by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the RBI.

The increase, the RBI said, has been done with a view to providing a greater measure of protection to depositors. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the increase of insurance cover to Rs 5 lakh in her Budget Speech.

The move will help boost the confidence of people in the banking system after a scam last year in Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (PMC Bank) which affected lakhs of customers. As the insurance cover stands increased, the banks will pay a premium of 12 paise against 10 paise per Rs 100 deposit. The deposit insurance scheme covers all banks operating in India, including the private sector, cooperative and even branches of foreign banks.

There are some exemptions such as deposits of foreign governments, deposits of central and state governments, and inter-bank deposits.

Tata Global Beverages Q3 net up 25pc

Tata Global Beverages has reported a 25pc growth in net profit for the quarter ended December at Rs 135.85 crore.

The company's net profit stood at Rs 108.86 crore during the corresponding quarter of 2018-19, Tata Global Beverages Ltd (TGBL) said. Its revenue grew 4pc to Rs 1,962 crore during the quarter under review as compared with Rs 1,912.58 crore a year ago.

"We had a good quarter mainly driven by better cost management, lower commodity prices and higher spend on advertisement. This was also aided by lower tax rate and improvement in the performance of associates and joint ventures,"

TGBL had a strong quarter in its international business, he said, adding it launched new products in the UK and US markets aimed at revitalising the black tea market.

"In Canada, we recorded volume growth in branded tea. Tetley continued its

strategic master brand refresh campaign in the UK. The brand is aiming to revitalise the tea category and strengthen its position in tea with the 'Now we're talking' campaign," he said.

Tetley in the UK launched an 'ethnic' range of specialty Indian flavoured tea aimed at the South Asian diaspora living in the UK and Europe.

"In January 2020, we completed the sale of Tata Global Beverages Czech Republic, including trademark rights, to Dr Müller Pharma, an established Czech company respected in the fields of medicine, cosmetics and food supplements," he said, adding that going forward TGBL will focus on larger international markets.

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tors like cement and sponge iron," mjunction MD and CEO Vinaya Varma said.

Going forward, import demand may subside a little due to current volatility in non-coking coal prices and increased supply of coal from domestic sources, he said.

mjunction -- a joint venture between Tata Steel and

SAIL -- is a B2B e-commerce company and also publishes research reports on coal and steel verticals. During the April-December period, coal and coke imports were at 185.88 MT, up by 7.66pc compared to 172.65 MT in the same period last year.

India imported 235.2 MT of coal in 2018-19 valued at Rs 1.7 lakh crore.

Second mega-container port at Maha's Wadhavan

Maharashtra will get another huge port built at a cost of around Rs 65,545 crore at Wadhavan, near Dahanu in Palghar district on the Gujarat border, catapulting India among countries with top 10 container ports in the world, an official said.

The proposal to create the huge port - on a 'landlord model' - was cleared at a Union Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

A Special Purpose Ve-

hicle will be formed with Mumbai's Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) as the lead partner, with equity participation of at least 50 pc to execute the Wadhavan Port project.

The SPV will develop the port infrastructure, including reclamation, construction of breakwater and establishing connectivity to the hinterland, while all the business activities will be undertaken on a PPP model by private developers.

Presently, JNPT is In-



dia's biggest container port. With a traffic of 5.1 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs), it ranks 28th in the world.

After the completion of its fourth terminal, its capacity will increase to 10 million TEUs by 2023, making it the 17th biggest con-

tainer port in the world.

However, with the development of Wadhavan Port - around 160 km northwest of JNPT - India will be catapulted among the countries with top 10 container ports.

There is a need for a deep draft port that can accommodate the largest container ships in the world and also cater to the spillover traffic after JNPT's planned capacity of 10 million TEUs is fully utilised.

The JNPT and Mundhra Port, the two largest con-

tainer ports in India, with a draft of 15 metres and 16 metres, respectively, can handle only mid-size ships, while the world's largest container ports require a draft of 18-20 metres.

Situated in a picturesque coastal tract, the Wadhavan Port has a natural draft of around 20 metres close to the shore, making it ideal to handle modern big container vessels.

The development of Wadhavan Port will enable call of larger container ves-

sels of 16,000-25,000 TEUs capacity, giving advantages of economies of scale and reducing logistics costs.

Presently, the JNPT caters to the hinterland of Maharashtra, north Karnataka, Telangana and the secondary hinterland of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.

The container traffic in the JNPT hinterland is expected to grow up to 10.1 million TEUs by 2022-2025, which will be its saturation point.

AirAsia's Tony Fernandes steps aside amid Airbus bribery probe

AirAsia's colorful Indian origin chief executive Tony Fernandes has stepped aside from the company while authorities probe unusual payments at the Malaysian carrier, as the fallout from a \$4 billion bribery fine at Airbus reverberates across the industry.

The shock decision came after Britain's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) released details of a probe that found individuals associated with the plane-maker had paid to secure deals with AirAsia and

its long-haul unit AirAsia X. Fernandes and executive chairman Kamarudin Mera-



Tony Fernandes

nun said in a statement: "We are relinquishing our execu-

tive roles with immediate effect for a period of two months, or such other period that the companies may deem fit." They added that they "categorically deny any and all allegations of wrongdoing or misconduct on our part as directors of AirAsia. We would not harm the very companies that we spent our entire lives building up to their present global status." They will remain with the airline as advisers, they said.

Malaysia's anti-corruption commission said it was empowered to investigate

any act of corruption committed by citizens or permanent residents anywhere outside the country.

Two other agencies in Malaysia, including the aviation agency and the Security Commission, reportedly have started their own probe. Fernandes has been one of Airbus' most loyal customers and his Malaysia-based budget airline, which he bought for one ringgit (25 cents at the current rate) in 2001, is the European manufacturer's largest customer for single-aisle jets.

Tourists cancel Kerala trips due to coronavirus scare

After three positive cases of coronavirus were reported from Kerala, the tourism industry in the state is badly hit, with tourists cancelling their bookings. Kerala Tourism Minister Kadakampally Surendran told the state assembly that foreign guests who have done prior bookings have cancelled their trip after positive coronavirus cases were reported from the state.

"Hotels bookings were full for Feb-March. But after the coronavirus reports, bookings have been cancelled. Kerala Tourism suf-

fered during the outbreak of Nipa virus and also during floods. This is another blow for the tourism industry," he said. The minister said that compared with Nipa virus outbreak, the cancellation is more this time after reports of coronavirus have emerged. "But overcoming all challenges Kerala tourism industry is recording growth. In 2018, about 10.96 lakh foreign tourists arrived, while in 2019 till nine months, 8.19 lakhs tourists have visited the state," he claimed.

Kerala Health Minister KK Shailaja said the government has declared coronavirus as

a state disaster. "Kerala declared the novel coronavirus as a state disaster. We want to strengthen our surveillance system and precautionary measures," Shailaja said.

"When we came to know that n-coronavirus is rampant in China, we put in place our own system to contain the virus. There are many students from Kerala in China. We expected that they will come back and the coronavirus may affect the state," she added. The minister further stated: "We have three positive cases of coronavirus so far. The samples had been sent to the

National Institute of Virology for testing. We are calling back the health officers from leave and putting in place all measures to contain the effect of this virus".

Earlier, Shailaja had informed that the third case of coronavirus tested positive in Kasargod, Kerala. The virus originated in Wuhan in Dec and has since then spread to various parts around the world. China has imposed quarantine and travel restrictions, affecting the movement of 56 million people in more than a dozen cities, amid fears that the transmission rate will accelerate.

Imaan Hammam to launch capsule collection at NYFW

Moroccan-Egyptian-Dutch model Imaan Hammam has announced that she's partnered with Los Angeles-based label Frame to design a signature capsule collection boasting 20 pieces that will launch during New York Fashion Week.

The model, who was born to a Moroccan mother and an Egyptian father, has come a long way since her runway debut in Sept 2013. She was scouted in her hometown by an agent at Amsterdam's Central

Station before making her catwalk debut at Jean Paul



Gaultier's Fall 2013 Couture show four years later.

Today, she is one of fashion's most in-demand models. A runway fixture at major luxury labels, the 23-year-old has walked for the likes of Versace, Fendi and Prada to name a few. She has also appeared in campaigns for DKNY, Tiffany & Co. and Céline. And now, she's set to launch her own capsule collection, which is currently available for pre-order on the Frame website. The line features everyday looks in addition to pieces adorned with messages of empowerment.

NRIs may be allowed to invest 100pc in Air India

The Union government is working on a proposal to allow 100pc foreign direct investment in Air India as it moves ahead with disinvestment of the national carrier. Currently, FDI in Air India is capped at 49pc through the government approval route while 100pc FDI is permitted in scheduled domestic carriers, subject to certain conditions, including that it would not be applicable for overseas airlines.

Allowing 100pc FDI in Air India would allow NRIs to invest up to 100pc. Currently, they can acquire only 49pc stake in the national carrier. The civil aviation ministry has asked the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) to remove the clause which restricts FDI in Air India to 49pc. A draft note has been circulated on the issue seeking comments from different ministries.

In the case of scheduled airlines, 49pc FDI is permit-

ted through automatic approval route and any such investment beyond that level requires approval. Under the Substantial Ownership and Effective Control (SOEC) framework, which is followed in the airline industry globally, a carrier that flies overseas from a particular country should be substantially owned by that country's government or its nationals. Making a

second attempt in as many years to divest loss-making Air India, the government came out with the Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) for 100pc stake sale on Jan 27. Besides, Air India's 100pc stake in budget airline Air India Express and 50pc shareholding in AISATS, an equal joint venture with Singapore Airlines, have also been offered.



The Bombay Keraleeya Samaj office-bearers addressing a press conference to announce the year-long Navathi (90th year) celebrations in Mumbai.

Dubai races to build 1.6 lakh hotel rooms for Expo 2020

With only a few months left for Expo 2020 Dubai, what does it mean for Dubai's hospitality sector? According to the 2019 Index Hotel Markets Report, the Expo is expected to generate \$44 billion in revenue from tourism across the GCC. The report says Dubai



is aiming to complete 1.6 lakh hotel rooms by Oct.

This incoming new supply will put pressure on average daily rates (ADRs), as well as occupancy. Matthew Sexton, managing director and partner at SAY Studio, a Dubai-based design firm, says it will be a hugely competitive time for the hospitality industry. As the market prepares to host Expo 2020 from Oct 20 through to April 10 next year, hotel rooms are being competitively priced in an effort to stimulate demand

and keep up with accelerating room supply. According to STR's Aug 2019 data, Dubai's hospitality sector experienced a 7.6pc year-on-year growth in supply and a 7.4pc year-on-year growth in demand.

But occupancy over the same period only fell 0.2pc and the average daily rates dropped 12.5pc to reach Dh389.11. Revenue per available room (RevPAR) also recorded a drop of 12.6pc to Dh266.57. Tim Cordon, area senior vice-president

at Radisson Hotel Group, MidEast & Africa, agrees that the hospitality market is "not at its peak performance as it was before."

But "there are opportunities for select hotels with the right brands and the right operating model to do really well in Dubai — as the city becomes more internationally competitive."

Experts feel with the influx of tourists visiting and new demographics operating in Dubai, the hospitality sector is learning and adapting its strategies and offerings to tailor to the needs of that

EXCHANGE RATES		
As on 06 th February, 2020 (In rupees)		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	46.60	49.60
Bahraini Dinar	184.00	196.00
British Pound	91.00	94.00
Canadian Dollar	52.15	55.15
Emirati Dirham	18.90	20.10
Euro	77.00	80.00
Kuwaiti Dinar	228.15	240.15
Omani Rial	180.00	192.00
Qatari Riyal	18.00	20.30
Saudi Riyal	18.50	19.65
Singapore Dollar	50.00	53.00
Swiss Franc	71.65	74.65
US Dollar	69.75	72.75

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Source: ARAB FOREX

Sonam, sister Rhea Kapoor team up with Los Angeles Tourism for ad campaign

Sonam Kapoor Ahuja has once again joined hands with Los Angeles Tourism for a campaign showcasing the city's cultural, culinary, shopping and wellness offerings. This time, "The Zoya Factor" actress has paired with her sister, fashion and jewelry designer and film producer Rhea Kapoor.

The multi-part series follows the siblings as they explore the diverse neighborhoods of Los Angeles. On her Facebook page, Sonam Kapoor has shared a video of the campaign where she and her sibling are seen in Los Angeles' trendiest spots. "LA is truly a vibrant city filled with diverse cuisine, inspiring art, and yes a shopaholics paradise," she wrote on her Facebook page.

In a statement, she said: "There is an outdoor vibe and so much emphasis on health, fitness, and good food. There is something for everybody." Rhea Kapoor chimed in. "LA's become like a second home to us. It's just everything that I like about the States rolled into one package with sunshine and good weather around it," she



Sonam and sister Rhea Kapoor

said.

"There is a natural affinity between Los Angeles and India thanks to our shared love of film," a news report quoted Don Skeoch, Chief Marketing Officer for Los Angeles Tourism & Convention Board, as saying. We wanted to utilise this campaign to build on that affini-

ty and show prospective Indian travellers the diverse options they have to eat, play and shop in LA through the eyes of our mutual friends, Sonam and Rhea Kapoor." Last March, Sonam Kapoor and her husband Anand Ahuja participated in a similar campaign.

audience. "To stay ahead hotels have to constantly evaluate their offering," agrees Sexton. He highlights three fundamental focus areas for hoteliers to remain in the running for 2020 — customisation, sustainability and refurbishments.

Customised rooms

According to a research, Drivers of Change in Hospitality by InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) and Amadeus, a hyper-personalised room could be one of the big changes out on the

hospitality horizon. "It's the beginning of the end for the traditional fixed-interior hotel room," says Sexton. "Guests can already customise things like what they watch by streaming their own content through the in-room TV or connecting to the speakers via Bluetooth. But what hasn't happened yet is rooms being designed in such a way that they become flexible, not your static single, double, twin, suite or family room."

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