

US job creation surges in January

WASHINGTON: The US economy saw an explosion of new hiring in Jan, possibly helped by mild weather but nonetheless getting the year off to an impressive start, according to key government data released here. The surprising gain will be a boon to President Trump, who has emerged intact from his impeachment and trial and can now trumpet his economic record as he battles to win re-election in Nov.

"JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!" the president tweeted following the report, using the hashtag "#PromisesMadePromisesKept." "So jobs continue to be great. Our country continues to do great," Trump told reporters later at the White House. Still, after more than a decade of steady growth and job gains and with steep tariffs on many products from China still in place, it is questionable whether the hiring pace can continue, especially since the economy is projected to slow this year.

US employers added 2.25 lakh new non-farm jobs last month, far surpassing expectations, thanks to big gains in construction and leisure and hospitality, but also healthcare and transportation, the labour department reported. The blockbuster number was a rebound from a tepid December report, but the latest gains mean the economy added an average of 211,000 jobs in the last three months. That is a healthy improvement on the 175,000 average of 2019 when the economy cooled amid Trump's multilateral trade wars that led to tariffs on huge amounts of imports and American goods sold abroad.

Even with the big job gains in Jan, the unemployment rate ticked up by a tenth of a point to 3.6pc. But that can be attributed to an increase in the labour force, as more people returned to the job market, and the jobless rate still remains near a 50-year low.

NOW, UAE COURT ORDERS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED IN INDIA UAE banks to catch Indian loan defaulters

DUBAI: Leading UAE banks are understood to be initiating legal action against Indian borrowers who skipped their loan repayment and escaped to India. Banking industry sources in the UAE confirmed the move and said they are in the process of hiring law firms in India for the new legal push to recover defaulted loans.

During the last few years, starting 2016, a number of Indian businessmen and salary earners have left the country leaving behind a trail of loan defaults following stress in the small and medium enterprises (SME) sector which resulted in a domino effect in terms of business failures and job losses. At the peak of the SME sector stress in 2017, UAE banks' non-performing loans (NPL) amounted to more than 7.5pc of the total loans and was estimated close to Dh9 billion that year with Indian borrowers accounting for a major chunk.

Although the pace of NPL formation has been on a decline in 2018 and 2019 and most banks have de-leveraged from problem areas, loan defaults and rising provisions have been a big drain on the profitability of many banks in recent years.

Large defaults

Over the past five years, total defaults by Indian borrowers in the UAE is estimated in excess of Dh26 billion (Rs 500 billion). While a big chunk of the defaults are by business entities accounting for more than 75pc of the money owed to the banks, personal loans, mortgages, credit cards and auto loans together account for about 20pc of the skips. At least nine UAE banks including Emirates NBD and Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank are in the process of initiating legal action against Indian defaulters after government of India made the rulings of Emirati courts in civil cases enforceable here in mid-Jan

this year.

Although banks did not officially confirm the move, banking industry sources told a TV channel that they are seeking legal remedy and priority will be the recovery of large business loans including some of the large SME exposures. Although the size of the total retail defaults too are significant, banks see the cost of recovery in terms of legal expenses will be larger than the net gains and are likely to go slow on their chase of retail exposures. Banking industry sources in Dubai have confirmed that many banks are preparing to move Indian courts to recover loan defaults by Indians. In many such cases, there have been UAE court rulings in favour of banks and or there are on going cases in the UAE courts. Banks are now planning to enforce the verdicts by the UAE courts in India. In addition, it is understood new cases will be

filed against defaulters.

Ray of hope

Armed with the new government of India ruling that the UAE court orders in civil cases are enforceable in India, banks' legal departments are hopeful that they will be able to recover at least some portion of the defaults by Indians.

"In many cases where Indians have skipped loan repayments in the past, there were hardly any recourse to recovery as most of these lending were in the unsecured category. Most borrowers don't have any assets in the UAE while many of them have substantial wealth in India. We hope to recover from these willful defaulters using all legal options," said the legal department head of a leading local bank.

Margin pressure

UAE banks are expected to experience pressures on margins and a slight deterioration in sector profitabil-

ity this year largely from recent interest rates cuts and a gradual decline in asset quality resulting from stress in the real estate sector.

According to data from credit rating agency Standard & Poor's, in the first nine months of 2019, UAE banks witnessed a slight decline in profitability and the trend is likely to linger into 2020. The return on average assets for rated UAE banks, although high in an international context, declined to 1.5pc as at Sept 30, 2019, from 1.7pc at year-end 2018. The impact of Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)-9 transition to recognise problem loans is also expected to have some impact on overall cost or risk.

With the rise in cost of risk to continue in the current year, analysts expect banks to pursue all means to recover from defaulters while continuing their proactive approach towards cost management.

IPEPCIL urges FM to exempt forex earned by recruitment agencies from GST

MUMBAI: The Indian Personnel Export Promotion Council (IPEPCIL) has requested Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to exempt the foreign exchange earned by registered recruitment agencies from the ambit of GST.

A delegation consisting IPEPCIL general secretary Dr. Sureshkumar Madhusudhanan and treasurer Mr Kalimulla Sharif handed over the memorandum to the minister when she was in Mumbai for an interactive session with trade and industry. Dr Ajay Bhushan Pandey, Revenue Secretary and Mr Rajiv Kumar, Finance Secretary were also present.

"We have in the past communicated through emails and letters to various arms of your ministry

asking for clarification on the applicability of GST to overseas manpower recruitment industry for remittances received from cli-



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in an interactive session with trade and industry in Mumbai.

ents in foreign exchange, as there was a blanket exemption to our fraternity in the service tax regime, as we generate and are catalyst for inflow of foreign exchange. Our services being rendered

to business entities situated outside India and also utilised by them outside India, qualifies to be in the nature of export. Hence, any finan-

cial transaction that is an outcome of a business contract should have the same benefits as applicable to any other export industry", the memorandum pointed out.

Other points in the memorandum are:

- Client from a foreign country sends an enquiry or our business development team generates interest from a client to utilise our services to hire potential employees.
- Once we agree to service the mandate from the client a suitable contract is negotiated which indicates the schedule of payment.
- We use our resources to generate resumes of interested candidates, interview and shortlist before presenting the most ideal profiles.
- The client either takes our evaluation at face value or further interviews the candidate through personal interview/video conferencing/trade test.
- On being satisfied the client draws up an employment offer / contract for the selected (Contd. on page 2)

Patnaik urges Adani to invest in Odisha

BHUBANESWAR: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik assured Adani Group Chairman Goutam Adani of all support and invited the group to "Make in Odisha Conclave 2020" scheduled in Nov-Dec this year. Adani met Patnaik at Naveen Nivas and discussed plans for investment in the areas of logistics, industrial park, new age technology and metal industries. The group has already invested in Dhamra Port in Bhadrak district and started work on the construction of a LNG terminal and LPG terminal.

The CM's Office said in

tweet: "Noted industrialist and chairman of Adani Group called on the CM today and discussed the plans



of Adani Group's investment in Odisha in the areas of Logistics, Industrial Park, New Age Technology and Metal industries." Dhamra LNG terminal is a five million tonne per annum

(Mtpa) LNG import and regasification facility under construction at Dhamra Port, in Bhadrak district.

It will be the second LNG import terminal to be built on India's east coast, after the Indian Oil Corporation's (IOC) Ennore terminal in Tamil Nadu, which was opened in March 2019. The project is being jointly developed by Adani Group (50pc) and the French multinational oil and gas company Total (50pc). Foundation stone for the terminal was laid in July 2017, while construction works started in the first-half of 2018.

UK-Indian doc gets lifer

LONDON: An Indian-origin doctor, who exploited women's cancer fears to carry out invasive intimate examinations, has been given three life sentences for 90 sexual assaults on female patients in London.

Dr Manish Shah assaulted 23 women and a 15-year-old girl while working in London and was described by the sentencing judge as a "master of deception who abused his position of power". "You made up stories which got into heads and caused panic," said Judge Anne Molyneux at the Old Bailey court.

"Your behaviour was not only sexual but was driven by your desire to control and on occasions humiliate women," she said.

The 50-year-old doctor who claimed the assaults were "defensive medicine" was found guilty of 25 sexual offences against six victims at Mawney Medi-

cal Centre last autumn. At an earlier trial in 2018, he was convicted of offences relating to 18 other people, bringing the total number of offences to 90. The general practitioner (GP) was found guilty following a trial in Dec last year, when the jury heard how he used a news story during consultation with one patient about Hollywood star Angelina Jolie having a preventative mastectomy, before asking if she would like him to examine her breasts.

"He took advantage of his position to persuade women to have invasive vaginal examinations, breast examinations and rectal examinations when there was absolutely no medical need for them to be conducted," prosecutor Kate Bex told the jury during the trial. "Fear is an incredible motivator and few health concerns are scarier than cancer. Dr Shah exploited that and used it

for his own personal gratification," she said. Shah had denied any wrongdoing and his barrister, Zoe Johnson, told jurors he was a "cautious, insecure, perhaps at times incompetent GP".

Tenancy contract a right in Oman, expats told

MUSCAT: Apart from the loss of revenue to the Muscat Municipality, experts say that the absence of building contracts can deprive the expatriate tenants of their rights to obtain government facilities. The major hindrance, they point out, is in obtaining a family joining visa for which a tenancy agreement is mandatory. Many individual landlords, especially those who own villas and flats that are old, do not want tenancy agreements to be signed to avoid the mandatory five per cent registration fee to the municipality. And expatriates in the low bracket of salaries opt for such accommodations where the rent was fixed at a bargain and is comparably very low.

"The government has already made lease agreements mandatory for visa and other residency related services. Hence it is advised that expatriates insist for registration of the contracts even if the landlords are not willing to do so," said Mohamed al Kiyumi, a law expert.

More government services are expected to be linked with the tenancy agreements and electricity bills, he said.

But the prosecution's case highlighted Shah's generally "sexualised" behaviour and also his tendency to flout state-funded National Health Service (NHS) guidelines on examinations.

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Corona causes global economic damage

NEW YORK: More than a month after the outbreak of China's deadly virus, the economic damage is being felt by more businesses and is threatening the outlook for the global economy. In a report, US Federal Reserve warned that the virus represents an international risk.

"The recent emergence of the coronavirus," the Fed said in a semiannual report on monetary policy, "could lead to disruptions in China that spill over to the rest of the global economy." Economists note that the longer the outbreak and the lockdown of Wuhan and other Chinese cities last, the worse the damage will likely be for a global economy that depends on supply chains that link China with trading partners around the world. The viral outbreak has thrown the travel industry into chaos, threatening billions in losses and keeping millions of would-be travellers at home.

The Trump administration acknowledged that the virus may delay some of the purchases of US goods China is supposed to make under an interim trade deal with the US. But Larry Kudlow, President Donald Trump's top economic adviser, said that President

Xi Jinping had assured Trump that China would meet the purchase target.

"Because of their conditions, there may be some delays," Kudlow told reporters.

Here is a look at some



Mask-wearing anxious Singapore shoppers thronged grocery stores and cleared the shelves of essential items, after the city-state raised its alert level over coronavirus outbreak.

major developments with the virus causing disruptions across global businesses:

TECH: Ericsson, one of the main suppliers of wireless networks and a rival to China's Huawei, is pulling out of the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, this month. The Swedish company said that because the show draws thousands of visitors, "even if the risk is low, the company cannot guarantee the health and safety of its employees and visitors." The organisers said

Ericsson's decision will hurt the event but they do not plan to cancel it. Huawei recently said this week it would still attend.

AUTO: Japanese auto-maker Nissan Motor said that

will decide then whether to resume production. Toyota Motor Corp has 12 plants in China, including four vehicle assembly plants. Honda Motor said its three auto-assembly plants in Wuhan would

fall had dropped as much as 80pc. The impact in Hong Kong is bigger than from the protests, which had halved sales there in the last quarter.

COSMETICS: L'Oreal joined the growing list of

beauty product brands expressing concern over the potential blow to sales due to travel restrictions that are vastly reducing demand from travellers shopping at duty free shops. The company said

it expected a "temporary impact" on Asia's beauty market, but that past experience suggests that "after a period of disturbance, consumption resumes stronger than before."

Corona: diamond industry faces Rs 8,000-cr loss

SURAT: The Surat diamond industry is likely to face a loss of around Rs 8,000 crore in next two months as Hong Kong, which is a major export destination, has declared a state of emergency due to the coronavirus outbreak in China.

Hong Kong is a major business hub for the Surat diamond industry, but schools and colleges have been closed there till the first week of March and even the businesses are seeing a dip in view of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus. According to Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) regional chairman Dinesh Navadiya, polished diamonds worth around Rs 50,000 crore are exported from Surat to Hong Kong every year. "That's around 37pc per cent of the total exports from here. Now, due to coronavirus scare, Hong Kong has declared

a month-long vacation. Gujarati traders having offices there are coming back to India," he said.

If the situation does not improve, it will have a huge impact on the Surat diamond industry, which polishes 99pc of all rough diamonds imported in the country, he said. "The Surat diamond industry is staring at a loss of around Rs 8,000 crore for Feb and March," he added. Another industry expert and diamond merchant Pravin Nanavati said there is a possibility of cancellation of an international jewellery exhibition in Hong Kong, to be held next month, due to the coronavirus scare, which would hit the jewellery business in Surat.

"Polished diamonds and jewellery made in Surat reach across the world through Hong Kong only. Now, due to vacation there, our business is totally closed. Traders are also returning to India," he said. If the situa-

tion does not improve, the Surat diamond trade losses may run into "several thousand crores", he said.

"We have been informed that the international exhibition in Hong Kong may be put off due to the coronavirus scare. We sell huge quantity of diamonds at the mega event," Nanavati said. Orders are also placed at the event and the entire year's manufacturing targets are set, based on the response that Surat diamond traders get there, he said. "If the event gets cancelled, we will lose huge business" he added.

Hong Kong has one of the world's busiest airports and is a major transit point for China. It is also struggling with the virus outbreak, with 18 people testing positive for the disease, including one who died.

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(Contd. from page 1) candidates.

- Once the candidate accepts the offer, necessary documentation is initiated and formalities completed

- After the candidates travels to the destination country, we raise the invoice based on the contract.

- The client makes the transfer of the payment schedule in the contract in foreign currency.

From, the above it is clear that all the services are intended for consumption by foreign business entity which is similar to an export trading organisation, who enjoys benefits for bringing foreign exchange into the country. In the earlier service tax regime, manpower export companies were exempted from the levy due to the inflow of foreign exchange and our services are utilised outside India, hence the finance minister was requested to look into it and do the needful.

Over the years the overseas manpower recruitment industry has been doing a yeoman service by creating hundreds of thousands of well-paid job opportunities abroad for our youngsters.

Following facts were placed before the minister:

- The main objective of our industry is creation of new employment opportunities. We collectively create hundreds of thousands of job opportunities every

Over the years the overseas manpower recruitment industry has been doing a yeoman service by creating hundreds of thousands of well-paid job opportunities abroad for our youngsters.

year for the skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled job aspirants in India. This benefits the unemployed youth, both from the urban and rural areas across the country.

- Additionally, the recruitment industry creates a continuous flow of foreign exchange into India through NRI remittances. Billions of dollars of inward remittances happen through the millions recruited by this industry over the years

- The Govt. of India does not have to invest even one rupee to create several hundred thousands of job opportunities every year for our job seekers. The recruitment industry takes the initiative to bring employment to India. Even the unskilled and semi-skilled workers who work abroad for two to three years come back to India as highly skilled technicians having worked with the latest equipment and facilities abroad. This creates a huge skill base for the Indian industry at zero cost to the country.

- The industry is now facing keen competition in the job markets abroad. Job seekers from countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Philippines, and China etc are en-

tering the job market abroad causing keen competition to our workers. At this crucial juncture, the manpower industry has to be given all assistance by the government to face these overseas competition.

- It is an injustice and unfair to levy GST @ 18pc from the poor and unemployed youth, who are managing to take up employment opportunity abroad for their livelihood with lot of hardship without any cost to the country and in turn he brings back multiple benefits, so it is against the basic norms.

- A major share of recruitment to abroad is free recruitment, where the foreign employers pay the service charges to the recruitment agent through foreign exchange. During the Service Tax regime, it has exempted from the service tax, but now there is no clarity for the same, we request a clear notification for the same should be issued to exempt the same from the purview of GST also.

- Madam, there was no sectorial team while transforming the ST regime to GST regime to take care of this sector, whereas all other sector had a sectorial team to listen the grievances.

"Under the above circumstances we request you to kindly exempt the job seeking emigrants from the purview of GST. For the Government of India, the revenue loss on this account will be negligible but for our unemployed youth it will be a big relief. It will also be a big morale booster for the industry facing stiff competition in the overseas job market", the memorandum said.

JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD AVOID CONTROVERSIES

Recruiters check your social media account

NEW YORK: Applying for a job? Don't express your strong views on potentially controversial topics on social media platforms like Facebook, as researchers have found that job recruiters are less likely to select candidates who appear to be too self-involved or opinionated in their social media posts.

The study, published in the International Journal of Selection and Assessment, also found that recruiters are less likely to hire employees who post content suggestive of drug or alcohol use. "In 2018, over 70pc of employers reported looking at social media sites to help them evaluate potential employees and almost that many - 60pc - eliminated candidates on the basis of negative content," said study researchers Michael Tews from Pennsylvania State University in US, who cited a recent report by CareerBuilder. "It's important for job candidates to be aware of how they portray themselves in social media," Tews added.

According to the researchers, social networking sites have given rise to unprecedented numbers of individuals expressing extreme and controversial

ideas in a public forum. Radicalism, anti-government campaign etc are also checked.

The researchers noted that little is known about how much weight hiring managers give to potentially negative social media content. Therefore, the research team investigated the effects of three potentially negative topics--self-absorption, opinionatedness and alcohol and drug use--on hiring managers' decision-making.

The team recruited 436 hiring managers from a variety of organisations, 61pc of whom were employed in the hospitality industry and the remainder in industries

ranging from IT technology to healthcare.

The researchers gave participants a scenario to read depicting a hypothetical job candidate who answered interview questions well and exhibited enthusiasm, but also appeared to be prone to job hopping. Next, they asked the participants to review components of the candidates Facebook profiles and to rate their employment suitability. Each of the participants was randomly

assigned to view one of 16 different Facebook profiles showing either a male or female exhibiting self-absorption or not, opinionatedness or not and alcohol and drug use or not.

After reading these profiles, the hiring managers evaluated the candidates' employment suitability by providing an assessment of person-organisation fit and an overall candidate evaluation. The researchers found that self-absorption negatively impacted recruiters' perceptions of candidates' employment suitability and that self-absorption was more important than opinionatedness or drug and alcohol use in driving these negative perceptions. The team also found that opinionatedness negatively affected perceptions of employment suitability.

"Social networking sites are often lamented as incubators of self-absorption, motivating people to tell others about their every deed and thought," said Tews.



US-Indian engineer to run for NY Senate

NEW YORK: Rajiv Gowda, a retired-engineer with nearly 30 years of experience serving NYC and a former first vice president of Local 375, DC 37, has announced he is seeking Democratic Party nomination to run for the 23rd NY State Senate District.

The primary election will be held on June 23 and early voting begins June 13, 2020. The North Shore, Staten Island resident says he seeks to join a new generation of leadership emerging from the state, declaring: "The residents of our community desire new leaders who will challenge the political establishment, root out corruption in Albany and give a new reformist Democratic voice to communities that have long been neglected in Staten Island and Brooklyn."

Gowda is a former delegate to both DC 37 and to the Central Labour Council (AFL-CIO), as well as an active life member of the Alliance of South Asian American Labour (ASAAL). Coming from Organised Labour and building a family while working a union job, Gowda knows the importance of extending the same opportunity to as many Staten Islanders and Brooklynites as possible.

As a former chairman of the Transportation and Wa-

terfront Committee and Community Board No: 1 member, Gowda made 20 recommendations to then Mayor Bloomberg's Transportation Task Force and many of which have

been implemented in the last 10 years, according to his campaign page. He received numerous awards from the community for his outstanding work and leadership to make NYC a better place to live, work and raise children. Gowda is a recipient of a proclamation by the New York City Council for his outstanding community work. He says as former chairman of the Transportation and Waterfront Committee of Community Board, Staten Island, he was on the front line fighting for fixing

age-old infrastructure and as Senator he will fight to bring the funds back to our community to help fix these problems. "Our buses and subways should run on time; constant delays and cancellations impact hard-working New Yorkers. The MTA is controlled by the state and as Senator I will ensure that the MTA will be held accountable and initiate more long-term capital projects to fix our crumbling transportation system," Gowda wrote on his website.



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KPSC notifies 975 Assistant vacancies

Vacancies have been notified for KPSC Recruitment 2020, to the posts of First Division Assistant in Karnataka

vacancies for the post of Assistant (First Division Assistant). The application process for these posts has begun from February 6,

February 6, 2020.

Application ends: March 6, 2020.

Age limit: The lower age limit for applying for General/Unreserved candidates is 21 years. And the maximum age for the same is 35 years. As per the stipulated government norms, age relaxation will be provided to candidates.

Selection criteria: Candidates will be selected for KPSC Assistant Recruitment 2020 posts on the basis of their performance in the Written Exam, and Interview.

Syllabus for Paper 2 and Paper 3 of Assistant/First Division Assistants in Karnataka State Civil Services: Paper 2 will consist of

General English or General Kannada. Candidates can choose to take either the General English or General Kannada paper. The examination papers on General English or General Kannada will be of the level of Bachelor's Degree Examination of a University. The paper is aimed at testing a candidate's knowledge of English/Kannada antonyms, vocabulary, synonyms, spelling and their power to understand and comprehend English/Kannada language and their ability to discriminate between correct and incorrect usage, etc.

Paper 3 will consist of General Knowledge questions. The paper on General Knowledge will consist of standard General Knowledge questions of the level

of Bachelor's Degree Examination of a University. It will cover questions on the Constitution of India, Indian History and Culture, General and Economic Geography of India, Current Events, every day science and matters of every day observation.

Maximum marks: One can score a maximum of 100 marks in each paper.

Duration: Each paper will be 90-minute-long (1 hour 30 minutes)

Question Type: Paper 2 and Paper 3 will both consist of "Objective Multiple Choice Type" Questions.

Candidates can access more details of the First Division Assistant vacancy in Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) on KPSC's official website - kpsc.kar.nic.in



Public Service Commission (KPSC). The last date for application is March 6, 2020, and interested candidates can apply for the KPSC posts in the prescribed format by then.

KPSC has notified 975

2020. Candidates who are eligible and interested can apply for the KPSC First Division Assistant Recruitment 2020 via online mode.

Total number of vacancies: 975 posts

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Cabinet approves conferring INI status to five IITs

The Union Cabinet has approved the status of five Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) as Institutions of National Importance (INI). This formalisation will enable them to award degrees of Bachelor of Technology (B Tech), Master of Technology and Ph. D degree as the Cabinet approved the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

"The Bill will declare

the remaining 5 IIITs-PPP along with the existing 15 Indian Institutes of Information Technology in Public Private Partnership mode as 'Institutions of National Importance' with powers to award degrees. This will entitle them to use the nomenclature of Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) or Master of Technology (M.Tech) or Ph.D degree as issued by a University or Institution of National Importance," an official

statement added.

The statement added that the Institutes will also be able to attract enough student required to develop a strong research base in the country in IT sector.

The cabinet also approved ex-post facto to 21 posts of directors, one each in 20 IIITs (PPP) and one in IIITDM Kurnool (IIIT-CFTI) besides ex-post facto to 21 posts of registrars, one each in 20 IIITs (PPP) and one in IIITDM Kurnool.

IIT-Kharagpur to help improve urban infra mgmt

Two new laboratories at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-Kharagpur) will help improve the operational management of infrastructure in towns and cities, the institute said. The Infrastructure Monitoring and Analytics Laboratory and the Infrastructure Evaluation Laboratory were recently inaugurated at the Ranbir and Chitra Gupta School of Infrastructure Design and Management of IIT-

Kharagpur, it said.

The laboratories will collect real-time data about the health of buildings, bridges and roads as well as air quality, temperature, humidity and traffic, the statement said. The data collected will be mapped and used for carrying out analytics, modelling and simulation to formulate management policies, it said.

Head of the School, Prof Bhargab Maitra said that once the project is

successfully implemented in the IIT-Kharagpur campus, the institute will think of scaling it up to the town and city levels. "We will collect data using devices such as video cameras and sensors. The entire campus will become an experimental lab.

Various departments will be able to access the data to develop meaningful solutions in different application domains such as traffic, water, solid waste management, en-

ergy, building and roads among others," he said. Institute director V K Tewari said there is an enormous potential for collaborative activities with public and private bodies for infrastructure projects and civic management.

"Today, all management and policy decisions are evidence-based. So, getting real-time accurate data — both location and time-wise — is very important," he said.

IIT Madras-AIIMS Mangalagiri join hands for quality health services

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras will join hands with AIIMS Mangalagiri on affordable future technological solutions in multiple areas such as patient safety and quality healthcare.

The Institute said that the partnership between these institutions would also feature academic and research collaborations in areas of mutual interest, exchange of scholarly information, students and faculty besides sponsorship of joint seminars, workshops, health and wellness projects of high

An MoU to this effect was signed by professor

Ravikumar, President, AIIMS Mangalagiri. The two

institutions will be able to attract enough student required to develop a strong research base in the country in IT sector.



From Left: TS Ravikumar President AIIMS Mangalagiri exchanging MoUs with professor Bhaskar Ramamurthi Director IIT Madras.

Bhaskar Ramamurthi, Director, IIT Madras and TS

sides also held discussions on the scope of the collab-

"The strengths that IIT Madras brings with depth

in many technological fields such as Virtual Reality, Haptics, AI, Robotics, and health economics, among others, align well and is synergistic with AIIMS Mangalagiri goals (MTP) of creating happy communities through healthcare transformations," TS Ravikumar was quoted in the statement.

Professor M Manivannan, Department of Applied Mechanics, who is leading the project from IIT Madras, said, "What India needs is affordable and high-quality healthcare technologies, not high-end technologies, for making a high impact, reaching out even the bottom of the pyramid. Both IIT Madras and AIIMS Mangalagiri have the same mission."

IIT-Madras tech turns brain signals into words

Researchers from Indian Institute of Technology Madras have developed artificial intelligence (AI) technology to convert brain signals of people with impaired speech into words.

A team led by Vishal Nandigana, assistant professor, Fluid Systems Laboratory, Department of Mechanical Engineering, is



working in this area.

The researchers passed electrical signals through napores filled with a saline solution. "The output

result is the ionic current, which represents the flow of ions which are charged particles," said Nandigana in a statement.

"These electrically driven ionic current signals are worked upon, to be interpreted as human language meaning speech. This would tell us what the ions are trying to communicate with us. When we succeed with this effort, we will get electrophysiological data from the neurologists, to get brain signals of speech impaired humans, to know what they are trying to communicate," he said.

The other major application for this field is that researchers can potentially interpret nature's signals like plant photosynthesis

Natural ways to prevent indigestion and acidity

Acidity and indigestion are common during the winter season. This is when our metabolism tends to get sluggish, leading to bloating, acidity, gas, and other gut-related/indigestion issues. However, many of us tend to use the terms indigestion and acid reflux interchangeably. But there are several differences between these two conditions, and acid reflux can be a lot more severe and last for more than just a few hours.

Acidity is usually char-

acterised by heartburn felt around the lower chest area, which is caused by the stomach acid flowing back up into the food pipe. Meanwhile, indigestion can cause discomfort in your upper abdomen or burning pain behind the breastbone. Very few people realise the unhealthy habits, overeating, and poor lifestyle choices that cause these conditions.

Whether you are suffering from indigestion or acid reflux, you are likely to experience pain and a great deal of discomfort.

One needs to pay attention to check what triggers acidity and indigestion. While it could be alcohol or chocolates causing acidity for someone, it could be citrus fruits or carbonated beverages for others.

Here are some common home remedies to treat indigestion.

- **Drink a lot of water:** Drinking water can help eliminate toxins from the body and enhance the digestion process. Often, warm water is seen to be helpful.
- **Choose the right food:**

Opt for dishes made using nuts, fruits, and other healthy ingredients like



flaxseeds. Cut down on snacks as they are loaded with salt and sugar. Instead,

meals, which will prevent overeating. Regulate your portion size for fried foods and sweets. Eating on a smaller plate will prevent you from binge-eating.

- **Usage of natural ingredients:** In case of acidity, antacids with natural ingredients such as Indian gooseberry, also known as amla, and Cowrie Shell Ash or varatika, well-known for its antacid and digestive properties, can be used to provide symptomatic relief from gastritis, hyperacidity, heartburn, and indigestion.
- **Portion control is the key:** Make sure that you have small and frequent

meals, which will prevent overeating. Regulate your portion size for fried foods and sweets. Eating on a smaller plate will prevent you from binge-eating.

Also, if you are suffering

from indigestion, anti-flatulent and antacid tablets with a combination of natural ingredients like ginger that helps in secretion of gastric juices, and triphala that helps in intestinal and digestion motility, can help tackle the problem and help you indulge in your favourite foods this season. Healthy eating habits and consuming antacids with natural ingredients can keep acidity and indigestion at bay. In case of frequent and severe acidity, it is advisable to consult your doctor.

GULF FAQs

Can Dubai police seize my passport?

When can Dubai Police seize my passport? For what reason can the police seize my passport?

Police and public prosecutors are allowed to arrest a suspect of crime and seize his/her passport as per Article 45 of the UAE Criminal Procedure Law, which states that a judicial arrest officer may order the arrest of an accused providing there is sufficient evidence of committing a crime in any of the following cases:

1. Felonies 2. Misdemeanours in which a wrong is imposed and punishable without a fine 3. Misdemeanours punishable without a fine if the accused is under probation or is afraid of the accused escaping. 4. Misdemeanours of theft, fraud, breach of trust, severe abuse, resistance of members of the public authority by force, and violation of the sanctity of public morals and misdemeanours related to weapons, ammunition, intoxicants, and dangerous drugs.

However, during the investigation, police might release the suspect on bail after recording the statement and summoning the suspect to attend court. The bail might be an amount of money or just the suspect's passport or the passport of one of their relatives, to act as a guarantee that they don't leave the country and abide with judicial procedure.

On 10 April 2018, Emirates News Agency WAM reported that Dubai Public Prosecution had launched a new "Smart Guarantee" initiative that meant passports would no longer need to be held and that all details would instead be stored electronically. The passport's owner still can't leave the country until the judicial process is complete. The initiative not only allows people to keep their documents to hand but also limits arrests and enables suspects to manage their affairs, while reducing financial burdens associated with incarceration. This initiative complements another "Criminal Order" initiative launched last Nov in which Law No. 1 of 2017 was issued to give Public Prosecution the authority to sign the fine in cases of misdemeanors and minor violations instead of referring them to the court. This raises efficiency of judicial process, and reduces periods of litigation, as fines are signed immediately.

Notice period

I've been working in a company for two years on a limited contract that expires in three months and I am under my husband's sponsorship with a work permit from the Ministry of Labour. Can I leave work immediately by giving one month's notice? Can the company reject my resignation and that too do so by email? Will the ministry impose a ban on me even if I'm under my husband's sponsorship? Do I still have the right to get end of service benefits?

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Working on leave

As per the UAE labour law does an employee have the right to work for another employer during the annual leave, especially if the annual leave is more than two months? What penalty is imposed and does the employer have the right to terminate your employment if you get caught doing this?

UAE Labour Law Federal Law No.8 of 1980, article 88, says: "No worker shall work for another employer while on annual leave or sick leave. Where the employer establishes that the employee has done so, he may terminate the employees services without notice and deprive the employee of remuneration in respect to the period of leave."

Shareholders' meet

Question have a certain number of shares before you can attend a general assembly? If I'm not in the UAE can I delegate the right to my son to attend the meeting? Must all partners attend to make the meeting valid?

Company Commercial Federal Law No.2, 2015, article no.95 and 96 states, "Irrespective of the number of shares held, every partner has the right to attend a general assembly in person or they may delegate another person the memorandum of association permits to represent a partner. Every partner shall also have a number of votes equal to the number of shares they hold.

"The quorum at the general assembly

won't be valid unless one or more partners holding at least 75 per cent of the capital of the company are present. If not present partners will be invited to another meeting held within 14 days provided those holding at least 50 per cent of the capital are present. If 50 per cent is not present a third meeting held within 30 days of the second meeting must be arranged and will go ahead irrespective of the percentage worth of capital present. Decisions will not be valid unless passed by the majority of partners present either in person or through an agreed representative, unless the memorandum of association provides for a higher majority."

Limited contract

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Part-time job

I am employed by a company that is based in Dubai. I am 60 and residing in the UAE on a residence visa sponsored by my employer that shall expire in Aug 2021. My attested degree certificate designates me as an "engineer". I intend on working as a part-time consultant in another firm to which my employer has no objection and is willing to provide me with an NOC. Is the no-objection letter sufficient to work part-time at another firm? What's the procedure to be followed in order to legally work part-time at another firm? Will the Ministry of HR and Emiratisation reject my employer's applications for work permits and residence visas of future employees if my employer issues a no-objection letter to me?

We assume that you are employed by a company based in the mainland of UAE and therefore, the provisions of Federal Law No. (8) of 1980 regulating employment relations in the UAE (the "Employment Law") and the "Ministerial Decrees", issued in furtherance of the Employment Law may also be applicable, in addition to the Employment Law. And therefore, it may be noted that the relevant provisions of the Ministerial Decree No. (31) of 2018 concerning the introduction of part-time employment contracts (the "Part-Time Employment Resolution") will also be applicable. In response to your first and second queries, it may be noted that a resident in the UAE, above 18 years of age, is eligible to be employed on a part-time basis, provided a work permit is issued by the Ministry of HR and Emiratisation (Mohre) for the intended part-time work. This is in accordance with Article 4 (a) of the part-time employment resolution, which states: "An employee under this system: May work for another employer only after obtaining a work permit from the ministry."

The application for part-time work will have to be made by the prospective part-time employer, through a "Tas'heel" service centre. Along with the application, certain documents regarding the prospective part-time employee are also to be submitted. One of such documents is an NOC issued by the existing full-time employer of the prospective employee intending to work part-time. The NOC will have to be submitted along with other documents --- the details of which may be provided by the Tas'heel service centre concerned.

The Mohre, upon review of the application and the other documents, may issue work-permit to the applicant for part-time work. In response to your third query, it may be prudent to contact the Mohre and inquire if the issuance of an NOC by your present full-time employer for your part-time work permit will affect your present full-time employer's applications with the ministry for the issuance of work permits and residence visas for future employees.



India's ambassador to the US Aranjit Singh Sandhu presented his credentials to President Donald Trump in his Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

Expats to receive free insurance when sending money home

DUBAI: UAE residents remitting money to their home countries in the Middle East, Africa and Asia through Hello Paisa will have complimentary access to the new "Hello Protect" insurance product.

InsurTech platform Democrance and global insurer Axa have tied up with money transfer service Hello Paisa to offer low-income UAE workers free accident insurance when sending money home as they look to expand the reach of insurance within this segment. UAE residents remitting money to their home countries from the Middle East, Africa and Asia through Hello Paisa will have complimentary access to the new "Hello Protect" product, which provides coverage of Dh3,000 in the case of total disability or death.

"Our mission is to make insurance accessible and affordable to those who need it most," said Michele

Grosso, co-founder and chief executive of Democrance. "We give access to new customer segments by working with partners. And remittance in the region is the perfect channel to do that."

Remittances worth a total of Dh169.2 billion were sent from the Emirates in 2018, according to the UAE Central Bank. The UAE was the second top remittance country in the world after the US in 2017, World Bank figures show.

Democrance, a Dubai tech start-up that connects low-income customers to insurance providers, rolled out a similar product in Oct with Axa and FinTech platform Rise. Domestic workers signed up to the Rise platform have Dh3,000 in protection in the event of accidental disability or death and have the option to upgrade the policy to Dh25,000 coverage at a cost

of Dh5 a month.

Hello Protect is provided free of cost to the customer who is conducting a transaction and renewable after 30 days, as long as another money transaction is performed. The 30 days premium per 30 days per customer is subsidised by Hello Paisa. The same policy upgrade offered with Rise will be made available with Hello Paisa in the coming months, but no date has been set. "The starting point is that 99pc of low-income workers in the Mena region do not have access to insurance," Grosso said. "You have to give a product for free through a channel that they know and they trust ... then you can start to cross-sell and upsell new products."

South Africa-based Hello Paisa does not have physical locations in the UAE, but has tie-ups with exchange houses, such as Al Fardan

Exchange, Sharaf Exchange and Al Ghurair. It is paying the premium to Axa in a bid to attract customers, in the same way Axa has partnered with Democrance to grow its client base. On average Hello Paisa has 20,000 transactions a month from the UAE, said Haseeb Mushtaq, UAE business development manager for Hello Paisa. Hello Protect's policy, however, does not cover partial disability. But a Dh5 upgrade would include Dh25,000 coverage for partial disability, in addition to accidental death and permanent disability, and Dh3,000 of cover for medical expenses and repatriation. While personal accident products typically have "15 to 20 exclusions", the upgrade includes only a few exclusions such as natural death and illnesses to "keep things simple", said Mehdi Tahri, regional head of casualty at Axa Gulf.

Thampi allowed to go abroad Visa fraud: 1 held from Tamil Nadu

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has allowed NRI businessman CC Thampi, who was earlier arrested in a money laundering case but later bailed out, to travel for a week to the UAE. Special CBI Judge Arvind Kumar allowed Thampi's application in this regard and directed him to furnish fixed deposit receipt for Rs 25 lakh. Thampi had sought permission to travel abroad for two weeks.

Thampi who was arrested in

Jan2020 by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with a money laundering case allegedly involving businessman Robert Vadra after it was found that arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari along with co-conspirators -- Vadra and Thampi -- had evolved the money laundering scheme by transferring the proceeds of crime several times from one individual to another so as to make the money trail's investigation difficult.

KOCHI: The Ernakulam Central police arrested a 20-year-old Tamil Nadu native, the alleged mastermind behind a scam in which job aspirants were duped of lakhs of rupees after they were promised visas and jobs in Australia. Coimbatore resident Rahul Stephen, who worked as manager of Meru Emigration and Education Service on MG Road, was arrested from Tamil Nadu, based on complaints lodged by victims in Thrissur and Palakkad. Sreenivasan, managing director of the firm, is absconding. Police said the accused had cheated several job aspirants in Kerala and Tamil.

Ban on Filipino workers seeking jobs in Kuwait partially lifted

MANALI: The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) Governing Board has approved a partial lifting of the deployment ban for Filipino workers seeking employment in Kuwait. This means all skilled, semi-skilled and professional workers may now return to working in Kuwait.

This includes workers who were temporarily stopped at the airport in Manila and were barred by immigration authorities from leaving for work in Kuwait.

"We lifted the ban for professionals, skilled and semi-skilled workers, meaning they can now be deployed to work in Kuwait and if they wish to come back, they can now come; new and returning. Those who were temporarily barred from leaving Manila at the time of ban may now work in Kuwait," said LaboUr and Employment Secretary Silvestre Bello III

during an interview with the local reporters.

One reporter asked if domestic labour are now able to return. Secretary



Silvestre Bello

Bello answered, "Domestic helpers still cannot come, and this includes returning housemaids. We lifted the ban because the Kuwaiti government finally listened and agreed on the proposed harmonized contract of employment. This is a measure that would provide effective and sufficient protection to our overseas workers. The

harmonized contract covers those that are mentioned by President Duterte," he told reporters.

The Philippine government has imposed a total deployment ban of Filipino workers to Kuwait from Jan 15, 2020 following the death and re-autopsy of the body of Jeanelyn Villavende, who was heavily tortured and sexually abused by her employers.

An embalming certificate from the Kuwait government has confirmed that Villavende, who was reportedly beaten "black and blue", died of acute failure of heart and respiration as a result of shock and multiple injuries in the vascular nervous system. However, a separate autopsy by National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) in Manila showed that Villavende's brain, heart, and some internal organs were missing and that she also suffered

multiple, severe traumatic injuries including genitalia injuries -- an indication she was sexually abused.

The Philippines demanded explanation as to why the earlier autopsy of Jeanelyn Villavende's body did not match the autopsy done in Kuwait. In Kuwait, Bello has been assured of Kuwaiti official's unequivocal support and co-operation with regards to the issues of mistreated workers.

Bello met with Kuwait's Finance Minister and Acting Minister for Economic Affairs Mariam Al-Aqeel, Minister of Justice and Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Fahad Al-Afasi and Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Anas Al-Saleh. Villavende's employers have been charged with her death, and they have pleaded not guilty. More than 60pc 2.5 lakh Filipinos in Kuwait work in the domestic labor sector.



Bank cheque clearing process to get faster

Clearing of bank cheques is set to become faster. In its sixth bi-monthly monetary policy statement, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said that it would imple-



ment the Cheque Truncation System (CTS) across the country by September 2020.

In CTS, banks use scanned copies of cheques for settlement instead of the physical copy. It makes the cheque clearing pro-

cess partially electronic. The CTS makes clearing cycle shorter. The verification and reconciliation process is also superior to the physical settlement of cheques. There have been

instances of banks losing cheques in the physical clearing system, which won't happen now. RBI started implementing the CTS as entirely phasing out the cheque system is not possible despite digital transactions picking up.

According to bankers, the majority of the cheque clearing is already under the CTS.

"A few banks have even stopped taking non-CTS cheques anymore. For all practical purpose, the cheque clearing between scheduled commercial banks now happens within three working days," said an official of Indian Bank on anonymity as he is not authorised to talk to media.

In the CTS, the image of the cheque is captured at the presenting bank level. It is then transmitted first to the clearing house and then to the drawee branches. Each image carries digital signature from the presenting bank, and there are multiple checks for authenticity of the image captured.

According to the RBI, the cheque truncation

speeds up the collection of cheques and therefore enhances customer service, reduces the scope for clearing related frauds, minimises the cost of collection of cheques, reduces reconciliation problems, eliminates logistics problems, and so on.

The system was started in the National Capital Region (NCR) on a pilot basis in 2008, and the central bank kept expanding it to other major cities. In Chennai and Mumbai, it was implemented in September 2011 and April 2013 respectively.

In the older system, cheques that the customer presents are sent to the clearing house, then sorted and the physical copy is sent to the drawee branches. Once this process is complete, banks release credit to the customer.

RBI to conduct long-term repo operations on Feb 17, 24

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will begin the first tranche of its long-term repo operations on February 17 with three-year repo of Rs 25,000 crore, followed by another on February 24 for an equal amount.

The operations date is announced a day after the RBI's monetary policy wherein it said long-term repos aggregating up to Rs 1 lakh crore will be conducted in tranches from mid-February to ease liquidity in the system.

The RBI move is aimed at providing cheaper money to banks at the repo rate and, thus, improve liquidity in the banking system.

Currently, the repo operations are of short-term, usually of overnight, wherein banks can borrow money from the RBI at the prevailing repo rate.

As announced in the statement on 'Developmental and

Regulatory Policies' on February 6, 2020, it has been decided to conduct Long Term Repo Operations (LTROs) for one-year and three-year tenors for up to a total amount of Rs 1 lakh crore at the policy repo rate, the RBI said in a release. In this connection, the 3-year repo operations for an amount of Rs 25,000 crore will be conducted on February 17.

While the 1-year repo operation will be conducted for the same amount on February 24, RBI said.

The details of remaining LTROs will be announced in due course, the RBI said further.

These LTROs will be in addition to the existing liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) and marginal standing facility (MSF) operations, the RBI said adding that the total amount of liquidity injected through these operations would be up

to Rs 1 lakh crore.

LTROs will be conducted on the CBS (E-KUBER) platform. The operations would be conducted at a fixed rate, the RBI said.

Banks would be required to place their requests for the amount sought under LTRO during the window timing at the prevailing policy repo rate.

Bids below or above policy rate will be rejected, it added.

"In case of over-subscription of the notified amount, the allotment will be done on a pro-rata basis. RBI will, however, reserve the right to inject marginally higher amount than the notified amount due to rounding effects".

The minimum bid amount would be Rs 1 crore and multiples thereof. There will be no restriction on the maximum amount of bidding by individual bidders.

HG Infra bags two NHAI projects

HG Infra Engineering, a leading player in the road construction sector, has been declared L-1 bidder by NHAI for its two projects around Rs 2,100 on EPC mode under Bharatmala Pariyojana in the state of Rajasthan.

The details of the two projects bagged are given below:

1. Construction of Eight Lane Carriageway starting near start of ROB near Junction with NH-IIA to Junction with MDR-1 (Baonli-Jhalai road) section of Delhi-Vadodara Green field Alignment (NH-148 N). The NHAI's estimated project cost is Rs 903.43 crore. HG Infra's bid price is Rs 880.11 crore. The length of the project is

around 33.05 kms and duration is 2 years.

2. Construction of Eight Lane Carriageway start near Junction with MDR-I (Baonli-Jhalai road) to end of interchange on NH-552 (Tonk-Swai Madhopur) near village Mui section of Delhi Vadodara Green field Alignment (NH-148N). The NHAI's estimated project cost is Rs 1,198.93 crore. HG Infra's bid price is Rs 1,258.11 crore. The length of the project is around 45.64 kms and duration is 2 years.

The company's order book as on December 31, 2019 stood at Rs 6,159 crore. With these two projects HG Infra's order book stands at Rs 8,288 crore (not taking into account the execution post Dec 2019).

IIT-Hyderabad start-up Pure EV launches high-speed e-scooter

Pure EV, a start-up incubated by the Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad, launched its high-speed electric scooter 'EPluto 7G'. NITI Aayog member VK Saraswat, Defence Research and Development Organisation chairman G Satheesh Reddy, IIT-Hyderabad director Prof B S Murty launched the vehicle at the institute's campus.

The vehicle can run 116 kilometres on full charge (in ICAT range test) and comes with a patented battery technology. The batteries are designed to work under tough environmental conditions and for all Indian terrains. Being launched at an ex-showroom price of Rs 79,999, the vehicle offers affordability,

long-range, top speed of 60 kmph and battery warranty for 40,000 kilometres.

"E-mobility is an upcoming sector and one of the most disruptive ones. We are not only looking at the vehicular aspect, but also the supply chain. The value addition being done by Pure EV is very high and is highly commendable," said Saraswat. "The launch of this scooter is a significant achievement for the company and the range test results are a demonstration of our strength in the battery technology," said Nishanth Dongari, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, IIT-Hyderabad, who is also the founder of Pure EV.

The start-up currently

has capacity to manufacture 2,000 units per month at its facility. It aims to deploy over 10,000 electric vehicles on road during the current calendar year. Pure EV has established a 40,000 square feet, state-of-the-art facility, co-located at IIT-Hyderabad, for cutting-edge research and development and for large-scale production of electric vehicles and batteries.

On an electric mission

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RBI chief is Asia Pacific central banker of the year

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has been named the Cen-



tral Banker of the Year, Asia-Pacific 2020, by the Banker magazine, a unit of Financial Times (FT).

The award is given to central bankers who have "best managed to stimulate growth and stabilise their economy."

Jorgovanka Tabakovi,

National Bank of Serbia, was adjudged the winner as the Global Central Banker of the Year. The awards were announced in an editorial of the Banker magazine.

Nominating Das, the magazine said India's banks have faced a series of challenges, from non-performing loans to issues around fraud. Repeated economic slumps saw the central bank cut interest rates five times during 2019, and it was open to cutting them again, if necessary.

"Faced with these challenges, Shaktikanta Das has taken steps to bring banking in India up to standard via a restrained approach to governance," the magazine said.

Amazon to set up two data centres in Telangana

In what is being seen as a massive investment by Amazon in Telangana, the tech giant has sought environmental clearance for the construction of two data centres at a cost of Rs 11,624 crore (\$1.6 billion).

The data centres are expected to come up at two locations on the outskirts of Hyderabad in Ranga Reddy district. More than 90pc of the investment would go towards the high-end computer and storage equipment that would be housed at these two data centres. They would help in devel-

oping an Amazon Web Services region in Telangana.

While one data centre is proposed at Chandanvelly village in Shabad mandal, the other is proposed at Meerkanpet village in Kandukur mandal, which is already part of the land parcel under Hyderabad Pharma City project of the State government.

The proposals by the Amazon Data Services India Private Limited (ADS IPL) seeking environmental clearance for constructing the data centres have already been rec-

ommended by the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) of Telangana at its meeting held on January

31. According to the documents provided by the ADSIPL as part of a proposal seeking environmental



clearance which are accessed by TNIE, the built-up area of the data centre at Chandanvelly is 66,003 square metres (sq.m.) and at Meerkanpet, it is 82,833 sq.m.

As per the Environment Impact Assessment notification, 2006, one has to apply for environmental clearance for any construction project with a built-up area exceeding 20,000 sq.m. According to a letter sent by the IT Department of the Telangana government to Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure

Corporation (TSIIC) dated December 9, apart from these two locations, the State government has also decided to allocate land to Amazon to develop data centres at Raviryala in Maheshwaram, Ranga Reddy district.

The tech giant looks to exploit the data centre market in India, which was recently pegged to reach \$4 billion by 2024, aided by increase in demand for cloud computing, big data and IoT services. This apart, the increase in Internet and smart device use

in the country and the plans of State and Central governments to migrate traditional services to digital platforms may work in its favour.

Tapping into data market

One data centre is proposed at Chandanvelly in Shabad mandal, while the other is proposed at Meerkanpet village in Kandukur mandal. More than 90 per cent of the investment would go towards high-end computer and storage equipment that would be housed at these two data centres.

NTPC Q3 net profit up 23pc

State-run power giant NTPC has reported around 23pc jump in consolidated net profit at Rs 3,197.93 crore in December quarter, mainly due to higher revenues. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 2,608.18 crore in October-December quarter of 2018, it said.

Total income of the company rose to Rs 25,953.09 crore during the quarter under review from Rs 25,677.09 crore a year ago. For April-December, the consolidated profit

increased to Rs 9,446.93 crore from Rs 7,774.42 crore a year ago. The company had earned a profit of Rs 12,633.45 crore in 2018-19. The average power tariff for April-December stood at Rs3.81 per unit. The plant load factor (PLF or capacity utilisation) of coal based thermal plants of the company was at 63.48 per cent in third quarter as compared with 77.70 per cent a year ago. Its coal imports increased to 0.65 million tonnes in the third quarter from 0.19 million tonnes a year ago.

L&T Construction bags large contracts

Infrastructure company Larsen & Toubro said that the power transmission and distribution business of L&T Construction has bagged large orders from domestic as well as international clients.

The company, however, did not provide the exact value of the contract, but according to its project classification, "large" orders are those valued between Rs 2,500 crore and Rs 5,000 crore.

In a regulatory filing, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) said in the Philippines, the power transmission and distribu-

tion business of L&T Construction has won an order to construct a substation, in association with a prominent local player, that will cater to the growing demand for electricity in the metropolitan area of Manila.

"In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, orders to construct a 380 kilovolt substation with an associated 230kV cable network and establish 380kV and 230kV transmission line corridor have been bagged," it said.

Another order to construct extra high voltage overhead lines has been received

from a reputed customer in the Middle East, it said.

At the domestic front, the business has won an order in Gujarat to construct a double circuit transmission line that will help transmit power from renewable energy sources.

Another order has been secured to build a 20-mw floater solar power project at a reservoir of NTPC's Auraiya gas power plant in Uttar Pradesh, it said.

Additional orders have been received from ongoing substation jobs in India, it added.

Mahindra Fin plans to raise Rs 95cr via NCDs

Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services is planning to raise Rs 95 crore

proved the "allotment of 950 Secured Redeemable Principal Protected Non-Convertible Mar-

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through issuance of debentures. A proposal to this effect was approved at a meeting of a duly authorised committee on February 10, Mahindra Finance said in a BSE filing.

The committee ap-

ket Linked Debentures (NCDs) of face value of Rs 10,00,000 each, at par, aggregating to Rs 95 crore", it said.

The date of maturity of debentures is August 10, 2021.

Governor opens Navathi celebrations of Bombay Keraleeya Samaj

The Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Mr Bhagat Singh Koshiyari inaugurated the Navathi (90th anniversary) celebrations of the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj by lighting the lamp on Feb 8 at the Pracharya BN Vaidya Sabhagriha, Dadar.

The Bombay Keraleeya Samaj is the oldest Keralite organisation outside Kerala, which was established in 1930 headquartered at Matunga, Mumbai and having branches at Dadar, Chembur, Mulund and Goregaon.

In his inaugural speech, the governor was vocal about the mother tongue and stressed that the function should proceed in Malayalam.

Mr Koshiyari emphasised on the importance of the mother tongue in development of personality. He profusely appreciated the works of the Bombay



Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Mr Bhagat Singh Koshiyari inaugurating the yearlong Navathi (90 years) Celebrations of Bombay Keraleeya Samaj. Also seen are Dr. PJ Aprain, Chairman, Navathi Celebration Committee, Dr. Suresh Kumar Madhusudhanan, President, Mr Subhash Chandra, Guest of Honour and Mr Premarajan Nambiar, General Secretary.

Keraleeya Samaj and conveyed his best wishes to continue Samaj's good work for many years to come. The ceremony

was chaired by the President of the Samaj Dr. Sureshkumar Madhusudhanan, who briefed on the history and various activ-

ities of the Samaj towards charity, education and healthcare apart from promoting the arts and culture of Kerala.

Long airport queues in India to continue for at least next three years: Crisil

Given the slow progress on the ongoing Rs 38,000-crore capacity expansion at the four largest metro airports and also the snaky queues will continue at least till 2023, warns a report.

The four largest airports—New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad—handle more than half of the traffic and are operating at 130pc of their installed capacity. These airports are under a record Rs 38,000-crore capex but the capacity will not come up before end-2023, says a Crisil report.

“With the dip in traffic growth largely behind, we expect congestion at the top four airports of New Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad, which handle more than half of the load, to con-

tinue till about FY23,” says the report. “Operationalising of capacities in the following two fiscals will bring down utilisation levels albeit still high at over 90pc by fiscal 2023 and that is despite an unprecedented Rs 38,000 crore capex being undertaken by the operators of these airports over five fiscals 2020-24,” says the report.

Despite this unprecedented capex that is debt-funded, ratings are likely to be stable given the strong cash flows expected due to healthy traffic growth, low project risks associated with the capex and improving regulatory environment, notes the report.

“Capacity at these four airports will increase a cumulative 65 per cent to 228 million annually (from 138 million now) by fiscal 2023.

However, traffic is expected to grow strong at up to 10 per cent per annum over the same period. Since additional capacities will become operational in phases only by fiscal 2023, high passenger growth will add to congestion till then,” warn the report.

High utilisation will ride on pent-up demand (accumulated in 2019 as traffic was impacted with the grounding of Jet Airways) and one-off issues with new aircraft of certain airlines. Further impetus will also come from improving connectivity to lower-tier cities and reducing fare difference between air and rail. Increasing footfalls at airports provide a leg-up to non-aero streams such as advertising, rentals, food and beverage and parking, which comprise around half of the revenue of airports already.

Passport-free entry to Kartarpur under consideration: Pak

Pakistan's National Assembly was informed that a proposal for allowing passport-free entry for Sikh pilgrims to the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur was under consideration, in order to attract more visitors. During Question Hour, Interior Minister Ijaz Shah said that at present, passport-free entry of Indian pilgrims to Kartarpur was not allowed in accordance with a MoU signed

between the two neighbouring countries.

However, he added, a proposal for entry without passport, in order to attract more visitors, was under consideration, for which detailed input might be sought from the foreign affairs ministry. “As per the procedure, pilgrims can visit the corridor from dawn till dusk after producing Indian passport or overseas citizen of Indian-origin card along with the

passport of resident country,” Shah said.

He added that the movement of Indian visitors was regulated through a combination of physical and electronic security systems by the Pakistan Rangers (Punjab) along with other law-enforcement agencies. “Visitors are strictly kept inside the Gurdwara complex by using turnstile gates to avoid their exit toward the Pakistani side,” he said. “All the activi-

ties in and around the corridor are monitored through surveillance cameras.” The Kartarpur Corridor, which opened last Nov to connect the Indian border with Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur, 4.7 km inside Pakistan, allows Sikh pilgrims to travel there without a visa and return on the same day. Guru Nanak Dev established the first Sikh community in Kartarpur in 1504 on the banks of the River Ravi.

Travel agencies in India could lose \$500m over corona virus outbreak

Indian tour operators estimate they could lose up to \$500 million because of cancellations from tourists from China and other countries due to the coronavirus outbreak, a cost that could rise four-fold if it persists through the year.

State carrier Air India has cancelled flights to China and Hong Kong until further notice while private carrier IndiGo has suspended its flights until Feb 20. “There is a panic in the tourism sector as thousands of bookings have been cancelled,” said EM Najeeb, vice president, Indian Association of tour operators.

He said foreign as well as domestic tourists were cancelling travel to Kerala where three cases of the disease have been confirmed, prompting state authorities to declare a state of emergency.

More than 2.8 lakh Chinese tourists visited India in 2018 and were among the top 10 spenders by nationality despite being less than one per cent of 10.6 million foreign tourists in 2018, according to government estimates. Tour operators said more than 50,000 Chinese tourists were expected to visit during Jan-Feb and most of these bookings were

now cancelled. India like other countries has blocked the entry of people from China and Hong Kong.

“We fear immediate loss of up to \$500 million as the coronavirus outbreak has hit the arrival of tourists from China, Hong Kong and neighbouring countries,” said Pronab Sarkar, national president, Indian Tour Operators Association. He said losses for domestic tour operators would be much higher, as many outgoing local tourists to China and other countries were also cancelling bookings after the outbreak. India annually earns nearly \$30 billion

from foreign tourist arrivals, and is worried it could harm already weakened growth.

Sanjeev Sanyal, principal economic adviser to the finance ministry, told a TV channel that authorities were following the situation closely and would quickly respond as it evolved. However, India could also benefit as the outbreak could lead to lower oil prices and softer global interest rates, he said. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das flagged coronavirus as a new risk for stuttering economic growth, estimated to slip to an 11-year low of five per cent in the financial year ending in March.

GoAir to link Doha from March

Indian no-frills airline GoAir will start flying to Qatar from March 19, 2020. According to the airline website, it will operate a daily direct flight from Mumbai to Hamad International Airport. The daily direct flight, G8 7, will depart Mumbai airport at 17:50 and will land in Qatar at 19:30 (flight time of 4h 10min). The return flight, G8 8, will depart HIA at 20:30 and will land in Mumbai at 02:40 local time (flight time of 3h 40min). Currently Qatar Airways, Air India, Air India Express and Indigo fly in this sector. Now defunct Jet Airways also used to fly in this busy route. GoAir currently flies to 27 Indian destinations and nine international destinations other than Qatar.



Kajal Aggarwal posing side-by-side with her newly unveiled wax figure at Madame Tussauds Singapore.

Kajal Aggarwal's wax statue at Madame Tussauds Singapore

Film star Kajal Aggarwal who has a loyal fan following of more than 13 million just on Instagram alone, joined Indian A-listers and legends, as she unveiled her first-ever wax figure at Madame Tussauds Singapore.

Kajal's fans can now, not only take a selfie with

her wax doppelgänger, but can also test their acting skills alongside their cine idol through a specially curated Augmented Reality (AR) experience that she personally spent hours filming, exclusively for the Ultimate Film Star Experience (UFSE) at Madame Tussauds Singapore.

Fly from UAE to India for just Dh269 Air India Express offers lowest summer fares from UAE to India

Indian expats looking forward to travelling home this summer can avail cheap tickets on at least one airline which has announced fares starting from less than Dh300 excluding transaction fees.

Air India Express [AIE], the low-budget carrier of India's national airline Air India [AI] has started a five-day sale of tickets on UAE-India route. The tickets purchased during the sale can be used for travel between Feb 6 and Oct 24 which includes the summer holidays when ticket fares to India usually skyrocket.

The attractive fares to

Indian destinations announced from various UAE emirates start with Dh269 from Sharjah, Dh279 from Dubai, Dh289 from Abu Dhabi, Dh299 from Al Ain and Dh299 from Ras Al Khaimah. Fares are all inclusive, but transaction fees are applicable, according to the airline. The fine print adds that conditions apply.

The south Indian destinations included in the sale are Kochi, Kozhikode, Kannur, Thiruvananthapuram, Mangalore and Tiruchirappalli. Towards north, the destinations include Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur, Amritsar, Chandigarh, Varanasi,

Mumbai, Pune and Surat. From Dubai to Kolkata, fares start from Dh500 for travel validity from Feb 17 to March 30 during the sale ending on March 30. From Dubai to Indore, the starting fare is Dh430 till Feb 29 during the sale ending on Feb 29.

In the return route, from north Indian destinations to Gulf countries, the airline is offering fares starting from Rs 6999. This is applicable to flights from Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur, Amritsar, Chandigarh and Varanasi to Dubai, Sharjah and Abu Dhabi.

The airline has also announced a sale from all four airports in Kerala (Kochi, Kozhikode, Kannur and Thiruvananthapuram) to Gulf countries during the same period. Keralites from the highest group of Indian expats in the Gulf

countries with more than one million estimated to be living in the UAE alone. The return rates from Kerala to the UAE are starting from Rs 5999 to Dubai, Sharjah, Abu Dhabi and Al Ain and Rs 6499 to Ras Al Khaimah. Fares to Oman and Kuwait start from Rs 6999, to Qatar from Rs 8499, to Bahrain from Rs 8999 and to Saudi Arabia from Rs 9999.

Meanwhile, Air India has announced extra free baggage allowance with immediate effect on many UAE-India routes till March 25, a period which covers the spring break trips to India. Business class passengers can carry 50kg of free baggage and economy class passengers can carry 40kg on the following flights during this period. On the Dubai-Kochi route, the offer is applicable only from Feb 16 to March 25.



Renee Zellweger is Oscar Best Actress award for "Judy," and she becomes the seventh female performer in history to have wins in both the lead and supporting actress categories. The South Korean film "Parasite" made history in winning the Oscar for best picture, as the first non-English language film to score the coveted award.

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As on 10 th February, 2020 (In rupees)		
Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	46.30	49.30
Bahraini Dinar	184.00	196.00
British Pound	90.60	93.60
Canadian Dollar	52.15	55.15
Emirati Dirham	18.90	20.10
Euro	76.65	79.65
Kuwaiti Dinar	230.00	240.00
Omani Rial	180.00	192.00
Qatari Riyal	18.00	20.30
Saudi Riyal	18.50	19.65
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