



Majority of 13.6m NRIs live in MidEast

NEW DELHI: There are over 13.6 million Indian nationals living abroad, according to data tabled by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in Lok Sabha, with the highest concentration of NRIs in the MidEast.

The highest number of Indians abroad are living in the UAE where the 3.42 million Indians comprise about one-fourth of all Indians abroad. The UAE is followed by: Saudi Arabia (2,594,947), US (1,280,000), Kuwait (1,029,861), Oman (779,351), Qatar (756,062), Nepal (500,000),

UK (351,000), Singapore (350,000) and Bahrain (323,292). Citing RBI data, the ministry said that during 2018-19, US\$ 76.4 billion was received as remittances from Indians abroad, the most that any nation's diaspora had sent back. During 2019-20 (April-Sept), \$41.9 billion was received. The ministry also replied to a question about the return of the bodies of NRIs who died abroad. Between 2015 until Dec 2019, the mortal remains of 21,930 Indians from 125 countries have been brought back to India,

the MEA stated. It said the consular, passport and visa (CPV) division of the ministry is the nodal division that co-ordinates with all missions/posts abroad regarding transportation of mortal remains. The missions/posts also liaise with foreign sponsors and local authorities concerned to expedite procedures for the repatriation of mortal remains to India and extend assistance to families, including financial assistance for deserving cases under the Indian Community Welfare Fund.

Corona infected NRI safe in UAE

ABU DHABI: An Indian expat who was found to be infected with coronavirus in the UAE is in a "stable condition", Indian embassy said. "The Indian expat is a 36-year-old male," an embassy official said, adding that "he is a resident of the UAE". The official did not say if the man had any travel history to China.

On Feb 10, the ministry of health said an Indian national has been found to be infected with coronavirus in the latest case of virus infection in the UAE. The Indian national had interacted with a recently diagnosed person, the ministry said in a statement. (Contd. on page 2)



Trump with Melania

Kem Chho?, Ahmedabad ready to welcome Trump

AHMEDABAD: Five months after the "Howdy, Modi!" event in Houston, President Donald Trump is set for a packed first state visit to India later this month.

Trump, along with First Lady Melania, will arrive for a two-day India visit on Feb 24 and will travel to New Delhi and Ahmedabad for a joint public meeting with Modi at the giant Sardar Patel Stadium. The event will be called "Kem Chho, Trump", after the Gujarati equivalent of Howdy.

Over one lakh people are expected to attend the event.

Meanwhile, First Lady Melania Trump has said that she is "excited" for her trip to India along with Trump. In a tweet, Melania said her maiden trip to India as the First Lady is an occasion to celebrate the close ties between the two countries. She also thanked Modi for the "kind invitation" to visit India. "Looking forward to visiting Ahmedabad and New Delhi later this month," she said. Trump and "I are excited for

the trip and to celebrate the close ties between the US and India", she said.

Before the Gujarat event, the president, along with Modi, will participate in a roadshow along a 10-km decorated stretch from the Ahmedabad airport to the Sabarmati Ashram. Trump told reporters from the Oval Office that Modi has told him about the huge welcome planned in Ahmedabad. "He (Modi) said we will have millions and millions of people.

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UK's new visa system to make it easier for skilled Indian workers to immigrate

LONDON: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and UK Home Secretary Priti Patel have reportedly accepted the UK Migration Advisory Committee's (MAC) recommendations for a new post-Brexit points-based visa and immigration system which is set to allow greater numbers of skilled professionals from around the world, including India, to live and work in the country.

At a meeting earlier this week, they reportedly accepted the plans to lower the minimum salary threshold requirement for such professionals from 30,000 pounds to 25,600 pounds, with additional points being scored for skill levels, job offers and English language abilities. UK Home Office figures suggest the new rules will mean a reduction in unskilled EU migrants of about 90,000 a year. Under the new post-

Brexit system, there will be an expected rise in the number of skilled migrants coming to the UK from the current 65,000 a year.

Indians lead the category of UK visas granted to skilled professionals from outside the EU, with 56,241 such Tier-2 visas granted over the previous year. That figure is expected to register a further hike following the post-Brexit changes. The details of the new system

are expected to be formally unveiled by Patel following an expected cabinet reshuffle by Johnson.

The so-called Australian-style points-based system will effectively curb unskilled migrants' access to the UK from Jan 1, 2021, when the free movement of people from within the EU will end under a pre-agreed transition period after Britain formally left the economic bloc on Jan 31.

Nepal closes death trap hotel

KATHMANDU: Nepal has suspended the licence of a mountainous resort for three months due to poor security management and managerial weakness at the hotel where eight Indian tourists, including four minors, died of possible asphyxiation. Tragedy struck a group of 15 tourists from Kerala when eight of them died on Jan 21 due to possible asphyxiation after they fell unconscious probably due to a gas leak from a heater in their room at a mountainous resort in

Makwanpur district.

The tourists were airlifted to HAMS hospital here where they were pronounced dead on arrival. Makwanpur police said the victims might have fallen unconscious due to asphyxiation.

The Department of Tourism imposed a ban on the operation of Daman-based Everest Panorama Resort for three months based on the report submitted by a probe committee formed to investigate the death of the Indian tourists from Kerala. The department decided to shut

down the resort as the report submitted by a probe committee pointed out poor security management and managerial weakness at the resort for the incident, it said.

During the investigation, the committee found the resort had not been following the recommended safety measures and was providing substandard services to its guests. Moreover, the committee discovered that the resort had not fulfilled the criteria set by DoT to be categorised a "resort", it said.

RAs asked to adopt disability guidelines

NEW DELHI: All recruiting agents are directed to ensure accessibility to their premises for persons with disabilities in accordance with Harmonized Guidelines and Space Standards for Barrier Free Built Environment for Persons with Disabilities and Elderly Persons issued by Ministry of Urban Development in March 2016.

Accordingly, all RAs are hereby advised to comply with the order of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

Prosecution alleges dishonesty evidence in Mallya case

LONDON: Liquor tycoon Vijay Mallya appeared before the Royal Courts of Justice in London for day two of his High Court appeal against being extradited to India, during which the prosecution highlighted "overwhelming evidence of dishonesty" on the part of the former Kingfisher Airlines boss.

Mallya (64) is wanted in India on charges of fraud and money laundering amounting to an alleged Rs 9,000 crore in unpaid bank loans. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), appearing in court on behalf of the Indian government, began countering the defence claims that there is no prima facie case against Mallya. "There is enough in the 32,000 pages of overall evidence to fulfil the [extradition] treaty obligations that there is a case to an-

swer", CPS barrister Mark Summers told the court as he began his submissions.

Mallya sat in the public gallery as his legal team highlighted the widespread woes of the airline industry in India, including another collapsed firm Jet Airways. "Let's hear the arguments in court," he said, as he entered the courtroom.

Lord Justice Stephen Irwin and Justice Elisabeth Laing, the two-member bench hearing the appeal, confirmed at the start that they would not be handing down their verdict immediately after the hearing. At the start of day two of the appeal, Mallya's barrister Clare Montgomery reiterated the central defence that there had been no misrepresentation or fraud on the part of her client and that Kingfisher Airlines was the

victim of economic misfortune alongside other airlines. "The airline industry is littered with examples of struggling airlines being supported for strategic reasons," said Montgomery.

She has focused her arguments on trying to establish "multiple errors" in Chief Magistrate Emma Arbuthnot's verdict in favour of her client's extradition in Dec 2018 and revisited a series of bank statements and balance sheets provided to

Indian banks to seek loans as proof of full disclosure. "There is not just a prima facie case but the overwhelming evidence of dishonesty and given the volume and depth of evidence the District Judge [Arbuthnot] had before her, the judgment is comprehensive and detailed with the odd error but nothing that impacts the prima facie case," said Summers, who challenged the defence arguments over misrepresentation to the banks.

Gulf Air offers free baggage for scuba diving equipment

MANAMA: Gulf Air -- the national carrier of Bahrain -- has added scuba diving equipment to its growing list of special free baggage allowance with up to 15 kg of scuba diving equipment

permitted complimentary over and above the standard allowance for all passengers. Coinciding with Bahrain's Sports Day on Feb 11, the new policy has been introduced (Contd. on page 2)

Oman targets three-lakh cruise visitors

MUSCAT: Cruise tourism in Oman witnessed a significant growth of 43.6pc in 2019 with the arrival of 283,488 tourists compared with 193,467 recorded during the same period in 2018. The ministry of tourism said that government initiatives, including infrastructural developments and the ongoing tourism campaigns with focus on the country's rich civilisation, culture,

heritage, diverse adventures and popular attractions aided the surge.

The cruise market helps enhance local tourism, boost economic returns and diversify the government's sources of income.

According to Abdullah Saif al Saadi, head of cruise and charter flights, ministry of tourism, the ministry has been collaborating with relevant government and

private sector entities and ship owners and operators to enhance cruise tourism in Oman, as well as help develop the capability and efficiency of local ports to handle giant cruise ships.

"We aim to attract international cruise ships as part of our overall travel and tourism campaigns. To achieve this, we have been improving our ports, implementing the best My (Contd. on page 2)

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Hike in deposit insurance

Small and medium bank deposit holders are thankful to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for hiking the deposit insurance coverage by five times to Rs 5 lakh. Presently, the coverage is just Rs 1 lakh. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), a wholly owned subsidiary of RBI, provides insurance cover on bank deposits.

After the recent incidents of co-operative banks going bust throwing the small investors virtually on the road, there was an increasing demand to raise the deposit insurance coverage. Recent incident of Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank's (PMC) exposure to the bankrupt Housing Development and Infrastructure Limited (HDIL) has cost many innocent investors their life's saving. Earlier, South Indian Co-operative Bank had gone bust. After the Harshad Mehta scam, a string of banks had gone bankrupt. Currently, Kapol Co-op Bank, Rupee Co-op Bank, CKP Co-op Bank, Youth Development Co-operative Bank and Shivam Sahakari Bank are under RBI watch.

True, this safeguard measure comes at a cost. The hike in insurance cover for deposits to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 1 lakh will entail a rise over Rs 28,000 crore in premium to be paid by banks, according to foreign brokerage Credit-Suisse. Banks paid a combined insurance premium of Rs 12,043 crore in 2018-19 to DICGC, up from Rs 11,128 crore paid in 2017-18. At present, banks pay 10 paise as premium for per deposit of Rs 100. The last revision in premium was done in 2005. Earlier, bank used to pay eight paise for per deposit of Rs 100.

Bankers said while any rise in premium amount would not significantly dent their balance sheets, they are, nevertheless, worried. The banking regulator can share the burden of the increase in the premium on deposits, they hoped. DICGC collects insurance premia from insured banks for administration of the deposit insurance system. The premium paid by the insured banks to the Corporation is required to be borne by the banks themselves and is not passed on to the depositors. The premia to be paid is computed on the basis of their assessable deposits. Insured banks pay advance insurance premia to the Corporation semi-annually, within two months from the beginning of each financial half-yea. Another good news is that the co-operative banks have been brought under the control of RBI. The move will ensure greater accountability and transparency in the functioning of co-operative banks. The co-op banks need to fulfil regulatory requirements set for scheduled commercial banks. As per the new proposals, co-operative banks will need to take RBI approval for the appointment of CEO and do audits as per RBI guidelines. Co-op banks are currently under the dual control of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and RBI. While the role of Registrar of Co-operative Societies includes incorporation, registration, management, audit, supersession of board and liquidation, RBI is responsible for regulatory functions such as maintaining cash reserve and capital adequacy, among others. As is generally known, co-operative banks are largely controlled by politicians and this was reason for corruption and bankruptcy.

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"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent."
—Eleanor Roosevelt



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Dubai schools cannot hike fees

DUBAI: Private schools in Dubai will not be eligible for a hike in tuition fees from the new academic year, according to Dubai's Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA).

The announcement follows the release of the annual Education Cost Index (ECI), calculated by the Dubai Statistics Centre at -2.35 per cent. The ECI is based on statistical indicators that are in accordance with international standards.

Mohammed Darwish, chief of KHDA's Regulations and Permits Commission, said: "The School Fees Framework prioritises the interests of students and parents and encourages investment in the education sector by allowing schools to develop long-term growth plans, as well as motivating existing schools to improve the quality of education they offer. The Education

Cost Index provides complete transparency to both families and investors and balances expectations."

Over the last seven years, 72 new schools have opened in Dubai and more than 70,000 additional students have enrolled, marking a 31pc increase in the number of students attending private schools. The KHDA School Fees Framework outlines guidelines for schools to increase fees depending on their inspection results and ECI. The ECI of -2.35pc means that fees will remain unchanged for the 2020-21 academic year. Some private schools may be eligible for an exceptional fee increase based on clear eligibility criteria as outlined in KHDA's exceptional fee framework guidelines. Enrollment at Dubai's private schools increased by 2.9pc last year.



A Canadian parliamentary delegation led by Speaker of Senate George Furey called on Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in New Delhi.

Indian couple gets jail in Singapore's first labour trafficking conviction

SINGAPORE: An Indian couple was sentenced to more than five years in jail in Singapore for exploiting migrant women, the first labour trafficking conviction in the affluent nation that is home to many foreign workers.

The two Indian nationals were given a prison term of five years and six months each after they were found guilty of exploiting three Bangladeshi women they recruited to dance at nightclubs they ran in Singapore. The pair was also given a fine, while the male owner of the nightclubs was ordered by the court to pay nearly S\$5,000 (\$3,600) in unpaid wages, according to a spokesman from Singapore's Manpower Ministry. "Both intend to appeal against their convictions and sentences. They are out on bail," the spokesman told a TV channel.

The Southeast Asian nation of 5.6 million depends on about one million migrant workers from countries like Indonesia, China and Myanmar to power its economy, working in sec-

tors from construction to manufacturing and domestic care. The case was the first conviction since Sin-

The couple was also found guilty of forcing one of the women into sex work.

The prosecution has



The convicts leaving the courts.

gapore introduced a law in 2015 in a bid to fight human trafficking, which labour rights groups say migrant workers are most vulnerable to. Offenders can face up to 10 years in jail, whipping and a fine under the law. There were two other labour trafficking cases pending in court.

Court documents showed the couple had subjected the women to verbal abuse, controlled their movement and confiscated their passports.

said the three Bangladeshi women had to work every day and the couple did not pay at least two of them their monthly salary of 60,000 taka (\$707). The government has warned employers that it would take strong action to prevent trafficking cases. Singapore was ranked "Tier 2" in the latest US Trafficking in Persons Report for not fully meeting minimum standards when it comes to eliminating human trafficking.

Gulf Air offers free baggage...

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in response to an increasing demand from scuba divers who fly to various beach destinations within the global Gulf Air network.

The airline operates direct flights to a number of seaside destinations such as the Maldives, Sharm El Sheikh, Alexandria, Muscat, Casablanca, Athens, Larnaca -- all from its Bahrain hub which is also known for its scuba diving facilities including the recently launched "Dive Bahrain" which is the largest underwater theme park. The new policy will enable divers to carry up to 15kg of scuba diving equipment on top of their tickets' baggage allowance.

Last year, Gulf Air increased the baggage allowance for athletes allowing them to travel with their golf bags or bicycles free of charge to promote a healthy lifestyle among its passengers. Moreover, the airline enhanced baggage allowance for all college and university students with an additional free of charge 23 kg bag applicable to all undergraduate and postgraduate students holding a valid college or university student ID card and flying between any points within the airline's global network. Back in 2018, Gulf Air launched a new and simplified baggage policy providing more choice and clarity to its passengers.

Corona infected NRI safe in UAE

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"All reported cases are in stable condition, except for one case, who is being put under close observation by a team of senior consultants at the Intensive Care Unit," added the ministry statement. The embassy official did not say the expat belongs to which state in India. The Indian expat is among eight cases of coronavirus detected in the UAE so far. Others include six Chinese nationals and one from Philippines. Earlier this week, the UAE also announced that one of the infected patients, a 73-year-old Chinese national, Liu Yujia, had recovered from the infection.

Kem Chho?, Ahmedabad...

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only problem is that last night we probably had 40 or 50,000 people... I'm not going to feel so good... There will be five to seven million people just from the airport to the new stadium (in Ahmedabad)," he joked.

Before the Gujarat event, the president, along with Modi, will participate in a roadshow along a 10 km decorated stretch from the Ahmedabad airport to the Sabarmati Ashram, where he will pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Tax authorities in India scan foreign assets of residents

DUBAI: Investment flows into Dubai property market from India and Pakistan could come under severe pressure as tax authorities back in Indian and Pakistan take a closer look at overseas purchases made by their citizens. In particular, on the sources of income for such purchases and whether this income has been declared or not.

News reports emerged from India saying that hundreds of resident Indians in Mumbai and Kerala have come under the scanner of the tax authority, after they could not properly reveal how they got the funds to buy property in Dubai. Real estate sources say the scope of the investigations on overseas asset purchases made by resident Indians could expand. Indian investors continue to be heavy hitters in Dubai/UAE real estate; in the first 11 months

of 2018, they pumped in Dh10 billion worth of funds. It is not known what's the split between resident and NRI purchases.

But sources say that a significant portion could have been from resident Indians, especially as the Indian property itself was going through a tough phase following the 2016 "demonetisation" move. India in recent months has been trying to get its tax receipts up, part of a series of moves to get the economy back on track. The latest budget, announced on Feb 1, made it tough on those Indians -- carrying non-resident status -- generating a significant portion of their wealth from within India to get away without paying taxes. The current move on people owning real estate abroad is part of that game plan. The rationale -- you just cannot escape paying taxes.

Keralite suffers severe burns trying to save wife in UAE

DUBAI: A 32-year-old Keralite man is fighting for his life after sustaining 90pc burn injuries while trying to save his wife from a fire at their home in the UAE.

Anil Ninan is in a very critical condition and has sustained 90pc burn injuries, his close relative was quoted as saying. "Doctors said his condition is very critical. We are all praying for him," said July, Anil's relative who is in the hospital.

However, the condition of his wife is stable. "She is doing okay. She has only 10pc burns and is recovering," the relative said.

The incident happened on Monday when Anil was trying to save his wife Neenu from the fire that was caused by a short circuit from the electric box placed in the corridor of their apartment in Umm Al Quwain city in the UAE. The couple, who has a four-year-old son, was rushed to the Sheikh Khalifa General Hospital in Umm Al Quwain and was later shifted to Mafraq hospital in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday for critical care. "We do not know the exact details. But Neenu first caught fire while she was in the corridor. Anil who was in the bedroom ran to his wife and was trying to save her when the flames spread to him," said a relative who knows the couple for more than a year.

Fashion designer Rodricks no more

PANAJI: Renowned fashion designer Wendell Rodricks died at his residence in Colvale village in Goa. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Mapusa, Gajanan Prabhudesai confirmed the death of Rodricks. "The cause of his death is being ascertained and a police team has rushed to his residence for investigation," he said.

A Padma Shri awardee, Rodricks was also an author, environmentalist and gay rights activist. Goa Health Minister Vishwajit Rane tweeted: "Deeply saddened to hear about the sudden demise of my very good friend and designer, Wendell Rodricks. His excellency in his work and

skills are irreplaceable and shall always be cherished. We will truly miss him. My heartfelt condolences to



Rodricks

his family and dear ones."

Recently, Rodricks was in the news for his comments on the gown Priyanka Chopra Jonas wore to this year's Grammy awards. "@priyankachopra

nailed it at the Grammys 2020. Truly the bold and beautiful in this @ralphan-drusso couture fringed gown where the neckline goes all the way from LA to Cuba. Love it," he posted on his Instagram page. He later clarified: "For all those that said some really nasty things about me body shaming, here is my retort. Did I say anything about her body? No. Many women did. I just said the dress was wrong for her despite it being couture. It was more dress shaming than body shaming. Stop this sermon from high and read the post before you speak." Condolences poured in following news of Rodricks' death.

Oman targets three-lakh cruise...

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practices and international standards and enhancing our facilities, to name a few", he said. Part of the ministry's initiatives is faster licence and permit application processes and approvals.

"This year, we are confident that we will surpass our previous accomplishments — thanks in part to the ministry's ongoing partnerships with relevant institutions to make Oman one of the world's popular cruise ship destinations", he said. By the end of 2019, Oman welcomed 283,844 cruise tourists. We expect the number to reach three lakh in 2020, he added. To be part of the cruise ship itinerary, many countries negotiate with cruise ship companies worldwide. The move reflects this segment's vital role and influence in boosting a country's tourism industry. Additionally, cruise ship tourists

are known to go back to a country they have visited before for an opportunity to explore longer its many beautiful places with their families. In 2019, the giant Marella Discovery made a stopover in Oman for the third time. A total of 1,400 passengers — 700 arriving and 700 departing tourists — were exchanged via Muscat International Airport and Sultan Qaboos Port. The cruise ship is slated to come back to Oman for the fourth time on April 16 and 17, carrying with it 1,800 passengers.

The passengers will be exchanged as well, with 900 arriving and 900 departing. This is also expected to promote winter tourism in Oman. The large ship will make 27 stopovers in the different ports of the Sultanate during the 2020-21 period as well. These are 16 visits to Sultan Qaboos Port; eight to Port of Khasab and three to Port of Salalah.

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Acidity isn't just an adult's concern What is box breathing?

Current lifestyle scenario is adversely impacting our health, irrespective of age. Excessive levels of stress in adults and children is making the situation worse, affecting kids with many health issues that were ear-

The entrance of the stomach has a valve which is a ring of muscle called the lower esophageal sphincter (LES). Usually, the LES closes as soon as food passes through it but if the LES doesn't close entirely or opens too often

esophageal reflux disease (GERD).
In infants, GERD is quite common as regurgitation of milk, while children and adolescents can experience heart burn and classical symptoms of GERD. Mostly in babies, acid reflux is a result of the poorly coordinated gastro-intestinal tract. While in older children, the causes are often the same as those in adults.

and can mostly be managed with certain precautions. However, if it is very frequent and not paid attention to then GERD can bring along some potential complications like respiratory problems, difficulty in gaining weight, inflammation of the esophagus, and other problems affecting the nerves, brain or muscles, especially in infants.
Treating acid reflux in older children
The child should remain upright for at least two hours after eating
Serving several small meals through the day, rather than three large meals, is recommended.
Make sure your child is not overeating.
Limit foods and beverages that could worsen the child's reflux such as high fat, fried or spicy foods, carbonation, and caffeine.
Encourage regular exercise

Box breathing is basically a breathing exercise that improves your nervous system and makes you calm. It is a relaxation technique that aims to bring our breathing back into a rhythm. It can also be seen as resetting your breath and is an effective technique for people who undergo stressful situations, those prone to panic attacks or students trying to improve their concentration.
How do you do box breathing?
It is easy to do and you don't need any setup for this breathing exercise. One can do it at the work desk or even in a cafe. Just sit with your back supported in a comfortable chair and place the feet on the floor.
• Close your eyes and breathe through the nose only.
• Feel the air entering

your lungs and count one to four slowly.
• After breathing in, hold your breath and count one to four again.
• Don't open your mouth and try to hold your breath for four seconds.
• Slowly exhale for four seconds.

autonomic nervous system which handles heartbeat or stomach digestion is regenerated with this breathing technique.
Benefits of box breathing:
• Increase mental clarity and get more focused energy.
• Reduce physical tension in your shoulders and back.
• Reduce stress in future.
• Bring more concentration in life.

lier limited to adults. Acidity is one health complaint that was always observed in adults. However, there has been a rise in the number of children suffering from hyperacidity symptoms nowadays.

then the acid produced by the stomach can move up into the oesophagus. If acid reflux causes distressing symptoms happens more frequently, then one may have acid reflux disease, also known as gastro-

Additionally, an older child is more at risk if he or she experienced GERD as a baby. GERD also has a hereditary factor to it.
Once in a while, these issues could be normal pertaining to our lifestyles

New affordable cancer screening test for early detection

A recent World Health Organisation (WHO) report said one in 10 Indians are likely to develop cancer during their lifetime, while one in 15 are likely to die because of it. Part of the problem lies in late detection of the disease, resulting in more number of deaths.
A new study has now presented clinical evidence for a test that can detect clusters of cancer cells in the blood of asymptomatic individuals. The study was conducted

by scientists from India, US and UK.
The test, to be commercially available soon, could potentially make cancer screening easier, efficient and affordable, claim researchers. The cancer screening techniques available now, like mammograms and low-dose CT scans (LDCT) are known to carry radiation risks. Blood-based markers are "non-specific" while tissue biopsies "have the same risks as general surgical procedures".
Researchers studied

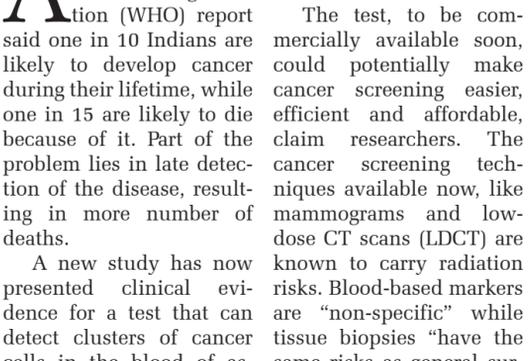
16,134 participants, including 5509 cancer patients and 10,625 people who showed no symp-

ptoms. The test showed an accuracy of more than 94 per cent.
"This is the first study

of its kind to investigate the prevalence of circulating tumor emboli or C-ETACs (Circulating Ensembles of Tumor Associated Cells) in over 16,000 participants, to establish the definitive new systemic hallmark of cancer. The technique we have used is a breakthrough innovation. When clusters of cells break off from an early stage tumor and enter the bloodstream, we can efficiently and accurately isolate a few hundred malignant cells from more than 100 million cells, using just 10 ml

of blood. While almost all cancer samples had these cell clusters, they were seen in very few of the samples which were apparently without cancer," Dr Dadasaheb Akolkar, study author and research director, Datar Cancer Genetics, was quoted as saying.
"Cancer is rapidly becoming a civilisational challenge. Importantly, cancer deaths are mainly because of late detection. We believe that this innovative blood-based test is a breakthrough in cancer screening and will impact

outcomes through easy, patient-friendly detection and diagnosis in apparently healthy people who may have a silent malignancy in their bodies! It has the potential to eliminate the need for invasive biopsies and the risks associated with it. In the near future, a simple, inexpensive blood test that could be all that is required to reliably detect and diagnose cancer, even before any symptoms are seen," added Rajan Datar, chairman and managing director, Datar Cancer Genetics.



GULF FAQs

Flirting with woman in UAE can land you in jail

I am a senior business executive based in the emirate of Dubai. Recently, I attended a meeting at an office and after it was over, I initiated a conversation with the woman receptionist there. I complimented her



about her beauty and invited her to accompany me for a coffee. Thereafter, the following day, the said receptionist was waiting downstairs with the police. I was confronted by the cops and made aware that the woman had filed a criminal complaint against me. Have I committed an offence? Will the complaint filed against me stand during a court trial?

Pursuant to the first part of your query, it should be noted that disrespecting women and any act against honour and dignity of women is not in accordance with the culture and tradition of the UAE. As per the provisions of Federal Law No. 3 of 1987 in issuance of the Penal Code of UAE (the "Penal Code"), it is an offence to obstruct a woman which shall result in the violation of her prudence by word, deed or by using IT or any other means. This is in accordance with Article 359 of the Penal Code, which states: "Any person who obstructs a female in such a manner as to violate her prudence by word, deed or by using information technology or any other means shall be punished by a jail term not exceeding one year and a fine not exceeding Dh10,000 or by either of these two penalties."

Further, if the evidence provided by the complainant is accepted by the public prosecutor and if you are convicted, the court may issue an order of deportation against you after serving the sentence issued by court. This is in accordance with Article 121 of the Penal Code, which states: "If a foreigner has been sentenced to a custodial penalty in a felony or misdemeanour, the court may call in its judgment for the deportation of the convicted foreigner from the state. Deportation orders shall also apply to felonies perpetrated on the honour."

The court may, in cases of misdemeanours, order the commutation of a custodial penalty stated for misdemeanour to deportation."

Visa cancellation

An employee resigns from his employment and thereafter, receives his residence visa cancellation form wherein his employer stipulates that he must leave the country or change the status of his visa within a specified period. However, if the said employee does not leave the UAE or does not change his visa status and overstays in the UAE, will his sponsor (employer) have a right to lodge an escape (absconding) report against him?

At the outset, it may be noted that the regulations pertaining to the immigration and residence of foreigners residing in the UAE are stipulated under Federal Law No. (6) of 1973 concerning immigration and residence as amended by virtue of Law No. (7) of 1985, Law No. (13) of 1996 and Federal Decree Law No. (17) of 2017 (the "Federal Residency Law"). In furtherance, it is presumed that the employer (the sponsor) and the employee are subject to the provisions of Ministerial Resolution No. (52) of 1989 on the rules and procedures to be adopted at the work permits sections with respect to the recruitment of non-national employees for the employment in UAE (the "Ministerial Resolution No. 52 of 1989") and Ministerial Resolution No. (721) of 2006 on Escape Reports Procedures (the "Ministerial Resolution No. 721 of 2006").

Pursuant to your query, note that an employee whose resident visa has been revoked or has expired must leave the UAE. This is in accordance with Article 19 of the Federal Residency Law, which states: "Foreigners who have obtained residence licence shall be subject to the provisions of Article (11) herein. They must leave the country upon the revocation of their residence permit or the expiration of its term." It may be further noted that an employer is under an obligation to repatriate an employee from where

the employee was recruited at the end of the employee's employment contract. This is in accordance with Article 6 (d) of Ministerial Resolution No. 52 of 1989, which states: "An undertaking from the employer to the effect that he shall send back the recruited employee to the country where he was recruited upon the completion of this job and upon the cancellation of his sponsorship and the handing back of the employee card provided same shall be valid."

Therefore, in the event the employee's employment contract is terminated, the employer is under an obligation to ensure that the terminated employee is repatriated to his home country. However, if the employee refuses to be repatriated to his home country by absconding and the employer fails to lodge a complaint against the employee for absconding, the employer may be penalised if the employee is found overstaying in the UAE despite the termination of his employment contract and the cancellation of his residence visa. This is in accordance with Article 34 (1) of the Federal Residency Law, which states: "A fine of Dh50,000 shall be imposed on anyone who has used or accommodated a foreigner in violation of the provisions of this law. The penalty shall be imprisonment and a fine of Dh50,000 in case of return to the same act."

Therefore, in pursuance of the aforementioned provisions, the employer is liable to report an absconding employee by lodging a complaint against the employee. Further, the lodging of the complaint may result in an escape report being issued against the employee. This is in accordance with Article 1 of Ministerial Resolution No. 721 of 2006, which states: "An escape report is applied on the case of the employee who has stopped working for more than seven consecutive days if the employer pledged that he does not know his whereabouts or has a legitimate reason for his absence in accordance with the provisions of this Ministerial Resolution."

It may be noted that an employer has the right to lodge an escape report against a terminated employee who refuses to be repatriated to his home country. The employer may lodge a complaint with the Ministry of HR and Emiratisation (Mohre). Thereafter, based on the instructions issued by the Mohre, the employer may submit the escape report issued by the Mohre to the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs in the emirate wherein the employee's residence visa was issued.

Unpaid salary

I am on my husband's visa and had a part-time job working at an agency. The company applied for my work permit but I didn't get a job offer or contract from them. I quit my job after three months and so far, they have not paid my last salary of Dh2,000. They said they won't pay as I didn't finish the contract, a contract I have never seen or signed. Do they have the right to do this?

The first point to establish is whether you were legally employed. You have not specified whether you have received confirmation that a work permit was issued. However, this is something you can check herself on the website of the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation, www.mohre.gov.ae, or by contacting the helpline on 800 60. All employees can check if their work permits and employment visas are valid and review the contract terms lodged with the ministry. This is important as only someone employed legally, who has an employment visa or work permit, is protected under UAE Labour Law. All employees should sign an employment contract that clarifies their salary and whether they are employed on an unlimited or limited basis. It is not wise to accept a job without these points confirmed in writing.

It is doubtful you were employed on a fixed-term contract, where there is a penalty for ending it early, because the penalty would be more than one month's salary. You must give 30 days' notice on resigning, although it is not uncommon for someone in a notice period to be asked to leave immediately, which is permitted. A company cannot simply decide not to pay someone their salary so payment is due for the time worked. You now need to establish whether you were employed legally. If you were, you can then file a complaint against the employer for non-payment of salary. If you were not legally employed, you have no rights under UAE law and the company has been acting illegally. While it is the employer's responsibility to arrange the proper visas and permits, individuals must obtain confirmation that this has been done to be protected in law.



Union Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik lighting the lamp at the national seminar on integrative approach for Management of Cancer Jivaneeyam 2020, organised by the All India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi.

Students exempted from UAE visa validity rule

DUBAI: Students can be exempted from the rule which states that residency visas stand to be cancelled if they stay more than six months out of the UAE, the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs (GDRFA) Dubai has said.

Maj Salem Bin Ali director of Amer Client Happiness Centre in GDRFA Dubai told a TV channel that despite the residency permit automatically getting cancelled if residents stay outside the country for six months, there are some

exceptions like students. "If a student has a valid residency and has stayed more than six months outside the country, they can be exempted. They need to prove that they had an exam which forced them to stay for more than six months in order to keep their residency," Maj Bin Ali said.

Maj Bin Ali advised residents to contact the Amer call centre on Toll-free number 8005111 from within the UAE and 0097143139999 from outside the UAE to get answers on any questions

concerning visa requirements and GDRFA services in the UAE. "If a resident is outside the UAE and the passport is stolen or lost, then he or she needs to go to the UAE embassy to get a letter to facilitate their entry to the UAE again," he clarified.

Meanwhile, GDRFA Dubai said that customers facing technical issues while applying online for entry permits, new residency, renewal of residency and other services can also contact the toll free number. "Any problems,

suggestions or complaints about our online services on GDRFA Dubai website or smart application can get addressed by phoning the Amer call centre which operates 24 hours all through the week," Maj Bin Ali added. Moreover, customers can send emails to gdrfa@dnrd.ae for any inquiries about GDRFA services.

"We have more than 50 employees answering public enquiries round the clock. Our employees are trained to settle problems over the phone," he added.

Indian conglomerate to set up second textile hub in Oman

MUSCAT: Having laid the foundations of the region's first-ever textile sector in Oman's Sohar Freezone, Indian textile conglomerate Shri Vallabh Pittie Group is preparing to invest in a major fabrics manufacturing complex in Salalah Free Zone in the south of the Sultanate.

The new investment in Salalah represents another building block in an integrated textile industry that the Indian-based global yarn manufacturing giant aspires to develop in the Sultanate. Together with upstream elements, encompassing large-scale cotton cultivation, as well investments in garmenting, apparels manufacturing and other value-add opportunities, the Salalah project will underpin the growth of a full-fledged textile industry in Oman reminiscent of the textile cities of the world, said a key official behind this ambitious endeavour.

"In addition to Sohar Freezone, where our yarn manufacturing complex has been in operation for over a year, we have identified Salalah Free Zone as our hub for the second phase of our

investments in Oman," said Vinod Pittie, Chairman - SV Pittie Group.

"The Salalah project will focus on the manufacture of home furnishings, such as bed sheets, curtains, drapes, towels, pillow covers and so on. Initial investment is planned at around \$200 million, but this will increase as we develop the Salalah complex into a fully integrated yarn manufacturing and textile hub over the long term."

The fabrics manufacturing complex will come up on an area covering 100 hectares, the lease for which was signed by SV Pittie Group with Salalah Free Zone recently.

Pittie said the new investment will leverage Salalah's importance as a major transshipment hub to access markets in the US - billed as the single biggest market for textiles globally.

"Firstly, the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Oman and the US will allow us duty free access for our finished goods into the US market; secondly, the port of Salalah, which adjoins the free zone, offers direct

connectivity by mainline vessels with the US. As most of our output from Salalah is destined for the US market, it makes good business sense to set up our operations here."

SV Pittie Sohar Textiles FZC, representing Phase-1 of the Group's investments in Sohar Freezone, already features two yarn manufacturing units in operation with a further two units under construction. Total investment in the Sohar project, which will include a fifth unit as well, is projected at \$450 million. "With the Sohar Freezone project now substantially in place, we wish to take on a bigger role in driving the development of a textile industry in Oman," said the Chairman. "After all, given the proven revenue earning and employing generating potential of any textile sector, a domestic industry can help the Omani government achieve its goal of growing the non-oil economy."

Historically, entire cities and economies have evolved around textile industries, as has been evident in India, the US, Britain etc.

NRI in Dubai faces murder charge

DUBAI: A Dubai expat killed his wife over suspicion that she was cheating on him, the Court of First Instance has heard. According to public prosecution records, the 44-year-old Indian man, who is standing trial on a premeditated murder charge, went to his wife's workplace in Al Quoz industrial area on Sept 9 last year.

In his confession during police interrogation and public prosecution investigation, he recounted how they (he and his wife) had a heated argument on that day. Prior to that, he asked the victim's boss at the office about the reason he had sent him a message when he was in India, telling him that his wife was cheating on him with another man.

When they went outside the office, his wife, who was then very upset, blamed him for his behavior telling him that he embarrassed her in



front of the manager. He then took out a knife stabbing her three times in different parts of her body killing her on the spot. A police lieutenant, who reported to the crime scene, said: "The woman looked in her 40s. She was lying lifeless between the cars in the parking lot. She had deep stab wounds in her

abdomen and left thigh. The crime weapon was found near her body."

An Indian manager, 32, told the prosecutor that he could not reach the victim on the incident day. "I could not reach her on her mobile phone or the office landline. I sent the company driver after her to tell her to call me as I wanted her to send a price list to a customer." According to the manager, the driver called him back few minutes later, telling him that the woman was lying outside the office in a pool of blood. "I went there and saw her badly injured. She was already dead." A driver said that he was on the job

around 10.30 am when he saw the victim's body lying down. He told his superior who called the police.

Public prosecution records show that the defendant had arrived to the UAE on a visit visa about one month prior to the incident. Right after the incident, he took the metro to Jebel Ali. After the murder was reported, authorities launched a wide manhunt across the emirates. Police patrols arrested him when they spotted him wandering in that area holding a bag. He remains in detention. The couple had two daughters in India. The victim had come to the UAE about one year earlier. She had been sharing accommodation with a female colleague while her husband was staying in Al Musaffah, Abu Dhabi.



BPCL supports 25 start-ups through its Project Ankur

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) has extended its support to 25 start-ups to become a successful venture under its scheme — Project Ankur. This scheme is an initiative to support start-ups through grants and was launched in 2016 to develop an ecosystem that nurtures entrepreneurship in the country by backing innovative ideas and concepts.

“The start-up ecosystem could not flourish without positive interventions by regulators, policymakers, investors, academic institutions, partners and corporations that are capable of bringing necessary support and opportunities for startups,” said Rahul Tandon, head corporate strategy, BPCL.

Project Ankur also offers collaboration and mentoring support for product development, and access



to test facilities, labs and business challenges to turn ideas into fine products and solutions, according to the oil and gas major.

Further, BPCL Ankur is going to launch Start-up

Grand Slam Season and invited entrepreneurs to have a look at a few of BPCL's business challenges and attempt to implement solutions. “Start-up grand slam includes cumulative prize money of Rs 3 crore, each winner will receive Rs 50 lakh. For making BPCL start-up grand challenge, BPCL can explore additional funding if needed,” added Tandon.

This could be an opportunity for start-ups to work and collaborate with BPCL to develop new products and solutions. Under this challenge, BPCL has publicized six problem statements across IoT, Analytics, AIMS, Asset Performance Management, Mobility Solutions, CRM etc.

The Cabinet has approved infusion of Rs 2,500 crore into three State-run general insurance companies, namely Oriental Insurance Company, National Insurance Co and United India Insurance Co. Officials said this would be the first tranche of re-capitalisation of insurance firms.

“We will start recapitalisation of general insurance companies in tranches... The government will infuse more capital as and when required,” Union minister Prakash Javadekar said after the Cabinet meeting.

Javadekar pointed out that the Centre had already infused some Rs3 lakh crore in State-run banks over the last three years, in several tranches. The capi-

tal infusion in the three State-run general insurers comes ahead of their proposed merger by the end of March 2020.

Earlier in January, the finance ministry had said



that the merger of PSU general insurers was at an advanced stage and that could happen soon as the matter was pending before the Cabinet. In 2018-19, former finance minister Arun Jaitley had proposed a merger of the three insurance companies, and listing of the single entity on domestic bourses.

“Three public sector

general insurance companies — National Insurance Company Ltd, United India Assurance Company Limited and Oriental India Insurance Company Limited — will be merged into a single insurance entity and will be subsequently listed,”

Jaitley had said in his Budget speech.

“The government is infusing capital into these (insurance) companies so that the solvency ratio becomes acceptable and it fulfils the criteria of IRDA (Insurance Regulatory Development Authority),” Javadekar said.

Officials said another Rs 6,950 crore may be in-

fused in these three companies next year. However, the three insurance giants had sought a higher outlay for infusion of funds and the department of financial services within the finance ministry, which oversees them, had suggested an infusion to the tune of Rs 12,000 crore. This apparently has been turned down by the finance ministry.

“The infusion of funds was requested so as to maintain IRDA's solvency margins. Given the many government fiat that we carry out by giving low-cost insurance covers to various sectors, our solvency margins are below IRDA's requirement of 1.5 per cent,” said the director of a State-run insurance company.

I-T Dept to share taxpayers' PAN with Sebi

The Income Tax Department will share all taxpayers' data like PAN information with Sebi in order to help the capital market regulator in its probe against various

138 (1) of the I-T Act.

The sharing of information will be under three broad heads: request-based exchange of data, suo moto and automatic.

The two organisations



entities, including those involved in ‘stock market manipulation’, an official order has said.

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), which frames policy for the tax department, had issued an order in this context on February 10 under section

are expected to ink a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) soon in order to implement the decision and chalk out modalities of exchange of data, maintenance of confidentiality, mechanism for safe preservation of data and weeding out after usage.

Star Health launches outpatient care policy

Star Health and Allied Insurance, an insurance company that specializes in providing health insurance products has now introduced a special product that can cover outpatient procedures. Generally called OPD or outpatient department, the terms refers to patients who go to a hospital to consult with the doctor or receive treatment without getting hospitalized.

None of these expenses incurred by are reimbursed within a normal health insurance policy. There are one or two companies in India which offer OPD as an add-on to the health insurance policies, but the amounts assigned for reimbursements are very limited. This brings to the fore; the significance of this new

OP policy being introduced by Star Health.

It's called the Star Outpatient Care policy. It covers doctor fees diagnostic tests, pharmacy bills, physiotherapy, non-allopathic treatments, dental treatments and other therapeutic procedures.

Customers in age group of 18-50 years are eligible to apply for this policy. In addition, dependent children upto 25 years of age, who are economically dependent on their parents, can be covered. The maximum family size is six members. It comes with a one-year duration, with options to cover an individual as well as the family. There are multiple variants also offered, like Platinum, Gold, and Silver; and OP sum insured options are available

up to Rs 1,00,000. Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani Sidha and Homeopathy systems of medicines can also be claimed within this policy. You will have to check with Star on the list of clinics and other institutions which are included as authorized by Star for receiving treatment and making claims.

This is the first such product in the Indian market and should come as a welcome relief to many people who are spending tidy sums on all these healthcare expenses. The costs of doctor consultation and diagnostic tests have gone up exponentially in the past few years and if this OP policy is structured correctly and if the premiums are reasonable, it must surely find many takers.

Infosys to acquire Simplus for \$250m

Bengaluru-based IT services major Infosys said that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire US-headquartered Simplus, a major Salesforce platinum partner, in a bid to strengthen its cloud business.

The acquisition, expect-



ed to be complete within a month, will incur a cost of up to \$250 million, Infosys said in a filing with stock exchanges. “\$200 million, including contingent consideration to be paid for the acquisition of shares, subject to closing adjustments. In addition, there are employee incentives and retention payments

amounting up to \$50 million on meeting certain performance conditions over three years,” Infosys said.

This is the second such acquisition of a cloud-based enterprise by Infosys, signalling that the latter is riding high on the digital transformation wave.

This acquisition, coupled with the acquisition of Fluidio announced in September 2018, further elevates Infosys' position as an end-to-

end Salesforce enterprise cloud solutions and services provider, offering clients unparalleled capabilities for cloud-first digital transformation, it said.

Dr Reddy's to acquire part of Wockhardt biz

Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL) said that it will acquire select business divisions of Wockhardt for Rs 1,850 crore. The deal, expected to be completed by May, will help DRL boost its domestic business, while for the debt-ridden Wockhardt, it gives the much-needed liquidity. Its debt as on December 2019 stood at Rs 2,300 crore.

As part of the transaction, Wockhardt will sell select divisions of its branded generics business including 62 products and their line extensions, along with related business assets and liabilities, contracts, permits, intellectual proper-

ties, employees and marketing, sales and distribution of the same in India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Maldives to DRL. Besides, Wockhardt's plant in Baddi,



Himachal Pradesh, is also being sold to DRL with its entire manpower.

Wockhardt's board of directors has approved the sale and the business is sold on a slump-sale basis. Since

the transaction involves Wockhardt's branded generics division comprising brands in therapy areas like respiratory, neurology, vitamins, minerals, dermatology, gastroenterology, pain and vaccines, the company believes it can focus on its niche antibiotics portfolio.

“The intended sale of business portfolio is in line with the company's strategic plan to shift from acute therapeutic areas to more chronic business like anti-diabetes and central nervous sys-

tem, and also to its niche antibiotic portfolio of new chemical entities. The divestment will also ensure adequate liquidity to bring in robust growth in the chronic domestic branded business, international operations, and investments in biosimilars for the US market, apart from the company's global clinical trials of breakthrough anti-infectives and R&D activities,” said Habil Khorakiwala, founder chairman, Wockhardt Group. Wockhardt will however continue with its global operations, which contributes about 72pc of the company's consolidated revenue, through its step-down subsidiaries.

Odisha Govt's GO SWIFT Portal bags award

The Government of Odisha announced that, in a major achievement for its Department of Industries, the state's Single Window Investor Facilitation & Tracking popularly known as GO SWIFT has bagged the National e-Governance Silver award for the year 2019-20 under the Category-1 ‘Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation’ by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances of the Government of India (e-Governance division). The award was presented during the 23rd National

ference on e-governance currently on in Mumbai.

The GO SWIFT portal goes beyond just the Single Window, One-stop Solution for approvals and clearances for Industrial projects, by providing the necessary support to the investors in the entire investment lifecycle.

One of the USPs of this portal is the GO-PLUS tool which is an online GIS based Industrial Land bank which helps investors, located anywhere around the globe, select suitable land parcels for their projects and GO SMILE, which ensures hassle free Synchronized Inspection of Industries

by different departments in the same time frame, saving time and resources for the investor companies. Odisha is the only state to have this solution which has been received very well by the Industries of the state.

The incentive administration is also online through this portal, so also the post allotment services by IDCO through GO-iPASS.

Odisha is one of the few states in the country which has extended the industrial facilitation to the CSR administration by the Industries, through the GO CARE portal which is part of the GO SWIFT.

WeWork extends benefits to LGBTQ employees' partners

Co-working major WeWork India has announced that it will extend medical insurance benefits to the same-sex partners of its LGBTQ employees. It is the first co-working company in India to offer health insurance cover to partners of all LGBTQ employees, it said. The step is a commitment towards embracing its LGBTQ staff and celebrate diversity and inclusion amongst its employees through its practice.

WeWork currently has

over 500 employee base in India and is offering space



as a platform to about 40,000 members, which

also includes enterprises at 34 locations across six

cities in the country. “WeWork as a brand believes

in leveraging the diversity of our people and is taking steps to celebrate the spirit of inclusion. Today we announce our insurance coverage policy to be LGBTQ friendly and all WeWork India employees, irrespective of gender or sexual orientation will now be able to add partners as dependents and gain the same benefits.

I would like to thank our partners Futurerisk

and The Oriental Insurance Company, which support us in providing health insurance benefits to our people,” said Priti Shetty, head of people, WeWork India “We become the best versions of ourselves when we can bring our whole and authentic selves to work. This helps us build deeper and meaningful connections with each other and our members. We have to respect each individual's diverse needs to foster a truly inclusive culture,” she said.

Titan acquires wearables start-up HUG Innovations

Titan Company Ltd, the Tata Group's watch and jewelry retailing arm, has announced the acquisition of smart devices manufacturer Hug Innovations Corp, as part of its strategy to focus on the fast-growing wearable market. The 23-member team of HUG Innovations, which joined Titan on January 1 this year, will form the Hyderabad Development

Centre and help with its expertise in hardware, firmware, software and cloud technology.

Titan also gets access to HUG Innovations' consumer platform and IP. Raj Neravati, founder, HUG Innovations, has been appointed as the AVP and head of technology for wearables, Titan Company. However, Titan declined to divulge the value of the acquisition.

Indians in quarantained cruise ship

“We are in tears and on the verge of breaking down. None of the Indians has been affected. We want to be taken back home,” said Anbalagan from Madurai district, one of the six Tamil crew on board Diamond Prin-

ship, others include Daniel from Chennai and Muthuswamy from Tiruchy. Binay Kumar Sarkar, a chef from north Bengal, had earlier posted a video on social media and appealed to the Union government for help.

up to 130, he said. “Some of the Indian crew are not keeping well too,” said Sarkar, adding that he was in touch with Carnival Support Services India, the recruitment agent of the ship. “Six to seven crew members

Sarkar also said the agent had promised him that the crew would be allowed to go home and both the Indian and Japanese governments were discussing the issue. The ship has more than 3,700 passengers and crew, when it arrived Japan last Monday. It was docked in Yokohama on Thursday to resupply for a quarantine that could last until Feb 19. According to an official from the Directorate General of Shipping, government intervention at this moment looks difficult considering they are under a mandatory quarantine period and under doctor's care. Manoj Joy, Community Development Manager at Sailors Society, told a TV channel that it is not possible to intervene now and that he was worried the sailors would be affected mentally. “Some mechanism should be adopted so that the passengers can be counselled,” said Joy.



Diamond Princess cruise ship, with around 3,600 people, quarantined at Yokohama port in Japan -- the cruise ship that has been quarantined after being hit by coronavirus at Yokohama port in Japan.

Apart from Anbalagan, special supervisor of the

He told the media over mobile that despite repeated requests to test the crew for the virus, none was tested yet. The number of affected passengers aboard had gone

had spiked a temperature, but they tested negative for the virus. If all goes well, we expect to reach India by Feb 20. Our tickets have been booked,” he said.

Hong Kong Airlines to lay off 400 as corona hits city

Hong Kong Airlines said it has been forced to slash hundreds of jobs and ask remaining staff to take unpaid leave as the coronavirus outbreak compounds problems at the already-struggling firm.

The announcement by the city's number two carrier comes days after Cathay Pacific said it had asked all its 27,000 workforce to take three weeks leave without salary between March and June because of collapsing demand caused by the health crisis. The virus, which has infected 24 people, one of whom died, comes just as the city was struggling to recover from months of sometimes violent protests that battered the economy and gutted the key tourism sector.

Hong Kong Airlines said

in a statement that strict entry and quarantine measures imposed by countries around the world have further impacted travel demand in the city and the firm had to take “vigorous measures” to mitigate the challenges. The company said it will lay off 400 employees, with the remainder asked to take a minimum of two weeks no-pay leave per month or work three days a week from Feb 17 until the end of June. “There has never been a more challenging time in Hong Kong Airlines’ history as of now,” the company said in an email statement. “As uncertainty looms with the evolving nature of this global issue, weak travel demand will likely continue into the summer season and we need to take further action to stay afloat.”

The airline is owned by struggling Chinese conglomerate HNA Group, which has been looking to lower its debt burden. In Nov, it announced it would delay salary payments to some staff as it struggled to find cash, triggering a warning from regulators. While it managed to keep flying thanks to an injection of funds, it continues to struggle. The coronavirus, which was first detected in the central Chinese city of Wuhan late last year, spread over the Lunar New Year holiday and has now killed more than 600 people in the country, with at least 31,000 infected. The crisis has seen a number of governments around the world and in Asia block flights to and from Hong Kong, including popular destinations Taiwan and the Philippines.

No stone replaced in Konark Sun Temple: ASI

The Archaeological Survey of India came up with a clarification that no engraving has been replaced with plain stones in Sun temple at Konark, Odisha's only World Heritage Site, after tweets on monument went viral.

An uproar on Twitter over ASI's negligence towards the upkeep of the Sun Temple began in the morning when a user posted two images of the temple, one showing the sculpted panel and the other with plain stones covering a portion of the



13th-century temple. The pictures were captioned “then and now”. The pic-

tures went viral and were shared by thousands of users on the micro-blogging

site forcing ASI to release a clarification.

“The tweet regarding the replacement of sculptures with plain stones is false and misleading. The plain stonework shown in the image was done in the mid-1980s. ASI used plain stone only wherein there was no evidence left and as per ASI's the then archaeological policy, only such portions were filled with plain stones. ASI would like to confirm that no sculpture has been replaced”, the heritage protection agency tweeted.

AirAsia India puts 1.4 lakh seats on sale, flight ticket prices from Rs 1,014

Budget carrier AirAsia India announced a four-day special Valentine's Day sale. The airline is offering flight tickets from as low as Rs 1,014 (all-inclusive) under this special Valentine's Day offer. Tickets can be booked till Feb 14 to avail this offer. The travel period for this sale is till Sept 30 2020. The airline has put 1,40,000 seats up for grab at Rs 1,014, and tickets have to be booked 15-days prior of departure. “Pick your Valentine's date and destination with 140,000+ seats on promotional fares!” the airline said in a tweet.

Ankur Garg, CCO, AirAsia India said: “AirAsia India is focused on providing delightful experience at budget-friendly fares to all its guests. We urge our guests to pick a

date and celebrate the season of love by gifting a journey to their loved ones to their favorite destination.”

Another airline IndiGo is also offering a four-day special Valentine sale on travel across its network within India with all-inclusive fares starting at Rs 999. The airline is offering one million seats on discounted fares from Feb 11 to Feb 14. The sale is valid for travel from March 1 to Sept 30, a company statement said.

The Tata Sons-AirAsia group joint venture airline currently flies only on domestic routes but awaiting a go-ahead from the government to fly international. Tata Sons owns 51pc the budget carrier, while Malaysian carrier AirAsia Berhad holds the rest 49pc.

Singapore Airshow hit by corona fears as 70 exhibitors pull out

More than 70 exhibitors including US aerospace giant, Lockheed Martin, have pulled out of the Singapore Airshow over concerns about the coronavirus outbreak, but organisers insisted that Asia's largest aviation event would still go ahead.

Precautionary measures, including a major reduction in public attendance and temperature screenings, have been imposed ahead of the opening of the event which opened on Tuesday in the city-state, which has reported 40 coronavirus infections. Organisers were also encouraging attendees to greet each other by bowing or waving instead of

shaking hands.

Leck Chet Lam, the managing director of organiser Experia Events, confirmed that more than 70 exhibitors have decided not to participate, but said there was “still strong presence” at the show. The leading names in aerospace participate in the Singapore Airshow, and often massive deals -- such as aircraft orders from major carriers -- are announced at the event.

The outbreak, which has killed more than 800 people and infected tens of thousands across China, has spread to nearly more than two dozen other countries and sparked global concern. Many nations, including Singapore, have barred the entry of travellers who had been to China recently from entering or transiting through its terri-

tory to counter the spread of the virus. Despite that ban, the Chinese air force will take part in the air show for the first time. The acrobatic team will participate in the flight displays - the highlight of the biennial event - but more than 10 Chinese companies have withdrawn.

Meanwhile, Singapore upgraded its disease alert to the second-highest level on its four-point system. Lockheed Martin, and plane maker De Havilland, pulled out after the alert level was raised. Canada's Bombardier had already withdrawn. The South Korean air force's aerobatics team had pulled out of the Singapore Airshow earlier this week because of the virus outbreak.

Air India Express to fly to Qatar

Indian budget airline Air India Express will add a new destination from India to Qatar in March 2020. The airline will start a direct flight from Tiruchirappalli airport in Tamil Nadu to Doha, effective from March 31, 2020. The direct flight will operate thrice a week -- Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The flight will depart Hamad International Airport at 4.40am and will land at 11.55am (local time) in Tiruchirappalli and the return flight from Tiruchirappalli will depart at 1.30am (local time) and arrive in Doha at 3.40am. Bookings for the new route has already started on the airline website. Air India Express allows two types of booking which are “Express Value” where you can make changes with a fee and “Express Flexi” which allows you to make changes with no fee applied. This is the first direct flight from Qatar to Tiruchirappalli International Airport.

US-Indian Mindy Kaling at the Oscars 2020

At the Oscars, Indian-American writer and actor Mindy Kaling graced the stage as a presenter for two categories -- best animated feature film and the best animated short film. Before announcing the winner of the best animated feature film, she shared her childhood memories as a “shy” young girl from an immigrant family who found comfort in animated films.

“I can't wait to introduce those worlds to my daughter now,” Kaling said before announcing that “Toy Story 4” was the winner. “Hair Love”, which shows how an African American father succeeds in styling his young daughter's hair, won the best animated short film award.

Indian-American actor-rapper Utkarsh Ambudkar had the diaspora flag flying high as well as one of the night's performers. He reprised the first-half of the night with an impromptu



Mindy Kaling

freestyle rap performance on stage.

Mobile Cong cancelled

Mobile World Congress, the premier mobile industry conference, was cancelled by its organisers over concerns about the spread of the coronavirus.

“With due regard to the safe and healthy environment in Barcelona and the host country today, the GSMA has cancelled MWC Barcelona 2020 because the global concern regarding the coronavirus outbreak, travel concern and other circumstances, make it impossible for the GSMA to hold the event” John Hoffman, the CEO of conference organizer GSMA said in a statement.

Intel Corp, MediaTek Inc, AT&T, Cisco Systems, and Sprint Corp joined Ericsson AB, Sony Corp and others earlier this week in cancelling plans to attend MWC Barcelona later this month. Intel said it's pulling out due to “an abundance of caution.” AT&T said “the most responsible decision” is to withdraw from the show to protect employees and customers.

Food festival

The Union government will organise an organic food festival for women entrepreneurs from Feb 21-23 in New Delhi to promote the segment which is projected to expand nearly three-fold to Rs 75,000 crore in market size in the next five years, Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal said.

The three-day festival will be organised jointly by Food Processing and Women & Child Development ministries at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium in the national capital. The theme of this festival is “Unleashing India's Organic Market Potential”.

EXCHANGE RATES

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Currency	Buying	Selling
Australian Dollar	46.50	49.50
Bahraini Dinar	184.00	196.00
British Pound	91.20	94.20
Canadian Dollar	52.40	55.40
Emirati Dirham	18.90	20.00
Euro	76.20	79.20
Kuwaiti Dinar	228.25	240.25
Omani Rial	180.00	192.00
Qatari Riyal	18.00	20.30
Saudi Riyal	18.50	19.65
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