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\$13.6-bn Abu Dhabi project to boost business

Three-year development accelerator programme to enhance competitiveness

Our Abu Dhabi Correspondent

ABU Dhabi has announced a Dhs 50-billion (\$13.61 billion; ₹ 98,543 crore) three-year development accelerator programme.

The programme, dubbed Ghadan 21 (Arabic for Tomorrow), was approved by the Abu Dhabi Executive Committee.

The announcement was made on Twitter by Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE's Armed Forces.

"We have approved a three-year, Dhs 50-billion budget for the Abu Dhabi Government Accelerators Programme Ghadan 21. Dhs

20 billion will be allocated to the 2019 development package," Mr Al-Nahyan tweeted.

The aim of Ghadan 21 is to enhance the competitiveness of Abu Dhabi, based on four main tenets: business & investment, society, knowledge & innovation, and lifestyle. The first phase includes over 50 initiatives that reflect the priorities of citizens, residents and investors, he said.

The first tenet's objective is to stimulate business and investment and promote economic development in Abu Dhabi by creating an attractive and conducive environment for enterprise growth, competitive work environments, developing the private sector and SME growth, as well as stimulating in-

dustry projects, including the renewable energy sector.

Society, the second tenet of Ghadan 21, aims to develop the UAE community by ensuring the employment of its citizens, launch housing projects, offer quality education at reasonable costs, and establish social welfare and other development initiatives that ensure that UAE citizens are well provided for.

The third theme focusses on developing the knowledge and innovative systems in the emirate by encouraging emerging companies in the field of technology, attracting talent to Abu Dhabi, supporting research & development centres, and training and developing talent & expertise.

Building a knowledge-based society and economy will contribute to Abu Dhabi's progress in global innovation indicators and knowledge-based economic indicators which, in turn, ensures the sustainability of the emirate's growth.

As for lifestyle, the objective is to enhance the quality of life in Abu Dhabi by ensuring the participation of individuals in recreational, cultural, sporting and active initiatives, as well as developing infrastructure, including transportation, communication and urban development.

"We are confident in the success of Ghadan 21 and of our partnerships with the community and business sector," Mr Al-Nahyan tweeted.



Saudi Arabia not to impose fees on expatriate remittance



Our Saudi Correspondent

SAUDI Arabia has dismissed reports saying it plans to impose fees on expatriate remittance. In a statement carried on the state-run Saudi Press Agency, the ministry said that it "categorically denies (the rumours) and affirms its commitment to support the free movement of capital through official channels in accordance with best international

standards and practices."

Not imposing remittance fees, the ministry added, forms part of its larger effort to boost investor confidence and enhance the competitiveness of the Saudi economy to attract foreign investment.

The ministry added that this will also enhance foreign investors' confidence in the Kingdom's economy and financial systems. Such approach comes in line with the Saudi 'Vision

2030' to diversify the economy and attract foreign investments.

The ministry clarified that the statement was issued in response to "baseless and unfounded" media reports. The ministry also dismissed in 2017 similar reports.

In January 2017, the ministry was forced to deny similar rumours about an impending move to impose fees on foreign remittances.

According to Saudi figures,

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the over 10-million foreign workers living in the Kingdom sent approximately \$38 billion in remittances to their home countries in 2017.

In neighbouring Kuwait, the country's Parliamentary Financial and Economic Affairs Committee in April approved bills stipulating fees on expat remittances which are expected to bring in over \$230 million to Kuwaiti coffers.

IndiGo airlines to launch Amritsar-Dubai service from October 28 this year



Our Dubai Correspondent

LOW-cost carrier IndiGo will start its first international daily flight from Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport, Amritsar to Dubai from October 28, 2018.

"The low-cost carrier now

operates 13 daily flights between India and Dubai," the airline said in a statement.

"In addition, the airline will also operate flights between Kolkata-Kochi and Bengaluru-Pune. Both services will commence from October 2018."

"The launch of these new

services is in line with our growth strategy outlined for both domestic and international markets," said an official.

IndiGo has a fleet of 183 Airbus A320 and 11 ATR aircraft and operates 1,200 daily flights to 49 domestic destinations and 9 international destinations.

These job categories can get 10-yr visa in the UAE

Our UAE Correspondent

TECHNOLOGY entrepreneurs, influencers, high-end individual investors and specialists in certain fields such as science, space and medicine would be eligible for the 10-year visa slated to be implemented by the end of this year by the UAE.

The UAE government recently announced that it would issue 10-year visas for professionals and investors and will also allow 100 per cent foreign ownership in mainland companies as part of reforms to attract the best talent available in the world and also to attract foreign direct investment into the country. It is expected that the new reforms will be focussed on those professions and industries that meet the UAE's strategic needs.

Speaking at a seminar recently, Raed Safadi, Chief Economic Adviser at the Department of Economic Development in Dubai, said the key criteria of this new law is to attract investors and would be very generous to bring in all kinds of talent as the Emirate seeks a transition towards a knowledge-based economy.

"We have to wait and see the specific directions as to



what will include. But from what we have seen is that the initial wave will include technology entrepreneurs, influencers and high-end individual investors in certain areas that the country needs. I think it will not be a blanket for everyone to benefit from this system immediately," Habib Al Mulla, Executive Chairman of Baker & McKenzie Habib Al Mulla.

"Maybe during the time, some new groups will be involved. But for now, I think technology entrepreneurs, influ-

encers, high-tech investors and so on," added Mr Al Mulla.

Replying to a query about eligibility of doctors, engineers and architects to be part of the 10-year programme, Mr Al Mulla said he didn't expect all these categories will be eligible. "However, some specialists could be included in certain fields like medicine and so on, but I don't think it will be overall for everyone," he added.


On a question whether PhD degree holders will also be given 10-year visas, Mr Al Mulla

said, "I hope it will not be a requirement. I think they are not looking for academic degree holders, but those with some exceptional expertise that the country may need."

Saad Maniar, Senior Partner at Crowe and Vice-Chairman of the Member Advisory Committee of the Association of Chartered Accountants in the UAE, believes chartered accountants, lawyers, doctors and scientists could potentially be included in the 10-year visa list. Moreover, professionals holding a master's degree or equivalent, a certain minimum salary bracket and certain designation – directors etc – could also be considered.

Naveen Sharma, Chairman of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India – Dubai Chapter, said the exhaustive list is yet to be released but it seems like various categories such as scientists, investors, entrepreneurs, doctors, engineers and innovators will be covered under this rule.

Mr Sharma feels people with higher qualifications and having a master's degree, PhD, doctoral degree or any other reputed recognised degree in the profession approved under this criterion will be eligible for a 10-year visa.



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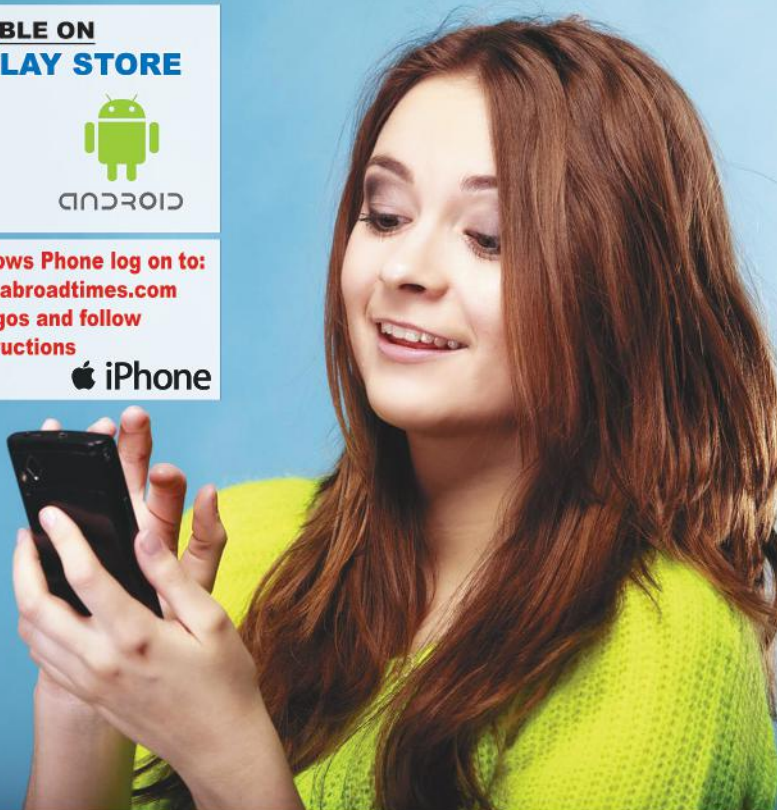
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The Ambassador of Estonia to India, Riho Kruuv with the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Kiren Rijiju, in New Delhi

DST, FICCI launch two schemes for young researchers in ASEAN

AAT News Service

In a bid to take the ASEAN-India Space & Technology co-operation to the next level, the Department of Science & Technology (DST) in partnership with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) launched the ASEAN-India Research Training Fellowship (AIRTF) Scheme and ASEAN-India Innovation Platform (AIIP).

The AIRTF Scheme will support young researchers from ASEAN countries to work at any of the Indian research or academic institution. The fellowship aims at capacity building of young researchers and strengthens the bonds between India and ASEAN member states. This fully-funded fellowship is for a period of six months.

Under this scheme, ASEAN scholars will be able

to nurture their research ideas under the guidance and mentorship of leading Indian scientists and academicians and benefit from access to advanced scientific facilities in premier educational institutes and research laboratories in India.

Fifty-five R&D institutions and 235 Indian scientists across 22 Indian states have been earmarked by the DST and FICCI for providing the fellowship.

The AIIP on the other hand is a unique platform to support the young ASEAN researchers in collaborating with Indian scientists for developing innovative technologies.

The platform aims at bringing the innovators and researchers from ASEAN countries together so as to mutually share their technology for better societal solutions.

Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST who launched the twin programmes, said the fellowship scheme and innovation platform will facilitate sharing and learning of best practices for rapid progress based on the common strengths of India and ASEAN countries.

In order to forge and nurture lifelong S&T bonds between the two regions, the ASEAN-India S&T Fund will support the participation of 50 school students and teachers in the upcoming Children's Science Congress, he said.

Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI said the on-going multifaceted S&T co-operation between India and ASEAN will receive an impetus from AIRTF Scheme and AIIP as also boost commercialisation of collaborative technologies developed in the two regions.

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- ♦ ASSISTANT RESTAURANT MANAGER
- ♦ FLOOR MANAGER
- ♦ RESTAURANT SUPERVISOR
- ♦ SR. CHEF DE PARTIE ♦ CHEF DE PARTIE
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WALK IN FOR SHORTLISTING ON 26th SEPT. 2018
CLIENT INTERVIEW ON 27th & 28th SEPT. 2018

- ♦ ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
- ♦ MECHANICAL ENGINEER
- ♦ MECHANICAL PLANNER
- ♦ QC INSPECTOR
- ♦ HVAC SPECIALISTS
- ♦ SCHEDULER
- ♦ TIG & ARC WELDER (CS/SS)
- ♦ SUPERVISOR (Electrical / Instrument / Mechanical)
- ♦ SPARE PARTS PLANNER (Electrical / Instrument / Mechanical)
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All above should have min. 5 yrs. exp. in Plant Maintenance. (Conveyors / Crane / Pumps / Crushers / Gear Box / Belts etc.)
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WALK-IN INTERVIEWS - 26TH, 27TH, 28TH, 29TH SEPT. 1ST & 2ND OCT 2018
SAUDI Top Biz Companies - Groups Need Urgently

- ♦ 08 Light Drivers (Saudi / GCC Lic) EGNR ♦ 05 Camp Cooks (Indian) EGNR
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- ♦ 05 AutoCad 3D Draftsman (3+ yrs exp.) ♦ 06 Windows & Linux System Admin
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- ♦ 06 Microsoft System Center Configuration Manager (SCCM) Administrators

SAUDI Reputed Business Group Needs Urgently

- ♦ 45 Traller / Truck Drivers (Saudi Heavy Lic. Xerox OK/ Expired Lic OK)
- ♦ 09 Sales Engineers (Dog-Mech. 3 yrs exp in Sheet Purlins, Sandwich Panels)
- ♦ 03 Diesel Mechanics (Across Trucks, Gulf Exp. Speak Arabic / English)
- ♦ 08 Stone Crusher Plant Operators/ Mechanics ♦ 05 Secretaries (Males)
- ♦ 05 Excavator Operators (Positin with chain, Caterpillar machine, Rock breaker)
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- ♦ COMMIS I ♦ COMMIS II

Final Client Interviews in Mumbai on September 28th 2018
SHORTLISTING IN PROGRESS/ REQUIREMENT IN LARGE NOS
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Client Interview at Mumbai on 28 Sept 2018 (FRI)
Candidates With 2-3 Years Indian Experience Can Apply
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***HEAVY EQPT. DRIVERS** (Loader, Pocklin, Grader)
***UTILITY PLANT OPTR.** (STP) ***CAMP BOSS**
***LIGHT DRIVER** (Snake Wire Crew) ***CRANE OPTR.**
***AMBULANCE DRIVER** (Bus)
***HVAC TECH.**
***MAINTENANCE PLANNER - HYDRO JET OPTR.**
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WALK IN FOR SHORTLISTING ON 26th, 27th & 28th SEPT. 2018
CLIENT INTERVIEW THIS WEEK
***GRROUTING ENGINEER**
***ENGINEERING SUPERVISOR - Tunnel**
***CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR - Tunnel**
***CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR - Tunnel** (Boring / Coring)
***GEOLOGIST** (Tunnel Mapping / Slope Mapping)
***SURVEYOR - Tunnel**
***TUNNEL FOREMAN**
***GRROUTING FOREMAN**
***CORING FOREMAN**
***CONCRETE FOREMAN**
***JUMBO DRILL OPERATORS**
***GRROUTING PUMP OPERATORS**
***MAI PUMP OPERATORS**
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***Stock Yard Foreman**
ALL ABOVE MUST HAVE PRECAST EXPERIENCE
***Stock Yard Team Leaders / Leadman**
***Batching Plant Foreman / Operators**
***Overhead Crane Operators**
***Rebar: Team Leaders / Leadman / Foreman Supervisors** ***Machine Operators**
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KUWAIT Client Interview (FRI), 28th SEPT.
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***PLANNING ENGINEER**: Any Engineering Degree, Primavera Required, MS Project + MS Office, SAP Experience preferred
***QUALITY ENGINEER**: Mechanical Engineer, API / ASME Code Certified / Knowledge, NDT Level II Test Certifications, MS Office 4 Year Gulf + Saudi, Same Experience in Petrochemical in India can be preferred
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***DIESEL MECHANIC** ***INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICIAN**
***AUTO ELECTRICIAN** ***INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN**
To be able to work with Pumps, Diesel Engines and other Industrial Equipment, To do overhauling / Service maintenance of equipment's, To work on day to day basis as per job cards as assigned by supervisor, 5 Years Gulf Experience Preferred, ITI Degree Required
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Salary - 1600 + 200 SAR / Duty hours - 8 hours.
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MR SHAFI 8291898011

URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR ONE OF THE LEADING COMPANY IN SAUDI ARABIA
WALK-IN INTERVIEW ON 27th SEPTEMBER 2018
Minimum 6-10 years of relevant experience in Beneficiation Plant OR Phosphoric/Sulphuric Acid Manufacturing Plant. Should have Diploma/ITI. Good English Communication skills
***ELECTRICAL TECHNICIANS**
***INSTRUMENT TECHNICIANS**
***SPARE PARTS PLANNERS (MECH. / INST. / ELEC.)**
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***LAB TECHNICIAN**: Dip / ITI 8 - 10 yrs exp in Indian or Gulf.
***DESIGN COORDINATOR**: BE Civil 8-10 yrs exp. 4 yrs in the Gulf
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***QUANTITY SURVEYOR**: POST TENDER BE / B.Tech. GCC exp., Omani License or GCC Valid Driving License Holder.
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CLIENT INTERVIEW FOR UAE
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Agri Minister launches Dairy Processing & Infra Development Fund with outlay of ₹ 10,881 crore



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VAST opportunities exist today for dairy entrepreneurs and in order to concretise these opportunities and help double the income of dairy farmers, ₹ 51,077 crore is needed to operationalise the National Action Plan (Vision-2024), said the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Radha Mohan Singh. He was inaugurating the Dairy Processing & Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF) in New Delhi.

As a result of the announcement of Union Budget 2017-18, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF) started DIDF with an outlay of ₹ 10,881 crore. Under this, the first installment of ₹ 440 crore is being given to the National Dairy Development Board

(NDDB), said Mr Singh.

With this scheme, 95,00,000 farmers in about 50,000 villages will be benefitted. In addition to this, many skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers will get employment, directly and indirectly. Additional milk processing capacity of 126 lakh litre per day, milk drying capacity of 210 MT per day, milk chilling capacity of 140 lakh litre per day shall be created.

Under this scheme, milk co-operatives will be provided financial assistance of ₹ 8,004 crore in the form of a loan at 6.5 per cent interest, which will be reimbursed over a period of 10 years. The government has also given a provision of interest subsidy on loans.

Till now, 15 sub-projects with total approved outlay of ₹ 1,148.61 crore pertaining to

states namely, Karnataka (₹ 776.39 crore – five sub-projects), Punjab (₹ 318.01 crore – four sub-projects) and Haryana (₹ 54.21 crore – six sub-projects) have been sanctioned so far, said the minister.

Implementation of the World Bank-funded National Dairy Plan Phase-I scheme is also being done by NDDB through the state government's co-operative milk organisations/milk federations. The government is now implementing this scheme in 18 states from the earlier 14 states.

On the other hand, the implementation of National Programme for Dairy Development (NPDD) is being done by the state's co-operative/milk federations. Under this scheme, an assistance of ₹ 560.46 crore in 2014-18 was given for the development of cooperative milk

committees, incentives to increase the number of milk producers and increase processing and refrigeration capacity.

In order to increase production, under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission, 10 semen centres have been identified for the production of sex sorted semen for the production of more female animals. Also, 20 embryo transfer technology (ETT) centres are being set up for the production of high genetic merit bulls of indigenous bovine breeds.

The fund will benefit 95,00,000 farmers in about 50,000 villages. In addition to this, many skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers will get employment, directly and indirectly

Besides, INDUSCHIP has been developed for genomic selection of indigenous breeds and 6,000 dairy animals have been genetically evaluated using INDUSCHIP.

Mr Singh also informed that under the flagship scheme Rashtriya Gokul Mission, the government till March 2018 has approved projects worth ₹ 1,600 crore in 29 states out of which ₹ 686 crore has been released. 20 Gokul Grams are also being established under this scheme.

Apart from this, for the conservation of indigenous breeds, two National Kamdhenu Breeding Centres, one in Andhra Pradesh at Chintaladevi and other in Madhya Pradesh at Itarsi are being established.

The minister also asserted that the e-Pashuhaat portal is a landmark initiative, launched in 2016. It is playing an important role in connecting breeders and farmers. The minister appealed to the members present to speed up efforts to achieve the goal by 2022.



Interest rates revised for small savings schemes

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ON the basis of the decision of the Government of India, the interest rates for small savings schemes are to be notified on quarterly basis with the approval of the Union Finance Minister.

Accordingly, the rates of interest on various small savings schemes for the third quarter of the current financial year 2018-19 starting October 1, 2018, and ending on December 31, 2018 have been announced. The rates of interest on the basis of the interest compounding/payment built-in in the schemes, shall be as under:

Instrument	Rate of interest w.r.t. 01.07.2018 to 30.09.2018	Rate of interest w.r.t. 01.10.2018 to 31.12.2018	Compounding frequency*
Savings deposit	4.0	4.0	Annually
1 year time deposit	6.6	6.9	Quarterly
2 year time deposit	6.7	7.0	Quarterly
3 year time deposit	6.9	7.2	Quarterly
5 year time deposit	7.4	7.8	Quarterly
5 year recurring deposit	6.9	7.3	Quarterly
5 year senior citizen savings scheme	8.3	8.7	Quarterly and paid
5 year monthly income account	7.3	7.7	Monthly and paid
5 year national savings certificate	7.6	8.0	Annually
Public Provident Fund scheme	7.6	8.0	Annually
Kisan Vikas Patra	7.3 (will mature in 118 months)	7.7 (will mature in 112 months)	Annually
Sukanya Samriddhi Account scheme	8.1	8.5	Annually
* No Change			

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THE Jute Corporation of India (JCI) procured a total of 3.46 lakh bales of jute worth ₹ 190 crore during the last two years benefitting around 39,000 farmers. About ₹ 100 crore have been approved for 2018-19 and 2019-20 for procurement operations by JCI.

The Government of India

and Prices (CACP) from jute growers to safeguard their interest, said the Union Minister of State for Textiles, Ajay Tamta.

The government imposed definitive anti-dumping duty in January, 2017 on jute goods originating from Bangladesh and Nepal. Based on the current level of imports, the industry has estimated that this has created

for Acquisition of Plants and Machinery (ISAPM) for jute industry and jute diversified products manufacturing units. The basic aim of this scheme is to facilitate modernisation in existing and new jute mills and upgradation of technology in existing jute mills and to provide assistance to a large number of entrepreneurs to manufacture value added bio-degradable jute di-

launched in 2015 is aimed at addressing the difficulties faced by jute cultivators by providing them certified seeds at subsidised rates, seed drills to facilitate line sowing, nail weeders to carry out periodic weeding and by popularising several newly developed retting technologies under water limiting conditions, he said.

This has resulted in in-



An amount of ₹ 37.40 crore has been disbursed to jute mills during last four years for modernising the machinery. Jute-ICARE (Jute: Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise), a pilot project launched in 2015 is aimed at addressing the difficulties faced by jute cultivators by providing them certified seeds at subsidised rates

specifies the commodities and the extent to which they are mandatorily required to be packed in jute packaging materials.

At present, a minimum of 90 per cent of food grains and a minimum of 20 per cent of sugar are to be compulsorily packed in jute sacking. On an average, the annual government procurement of jute bags is 7.5 lakh metric tonnes and an expenditure of ₹ 6,500 crore is incurred by the government for the purpose of JPM Act, added the minister.

Thirty-nine thousand farmers benefit from JUTE PROCUREMENT



had sanctioned ₹ 204 crore for four years starting 2014-15 to enable JCI to be in readiness for minimum support price (MSP) operations. Whenever the market price of raw jute falls below a certain level, the JCI procures raw jute at MSP, fixed on the basis of recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Cost

scope for up to 2 lakh MT of additional demand for jute goods to be met by the Indian jute industry and has helped in re-opening of 10 closed jute mills in Andhra Pradesh resulting in employment to about 25,000 workers, said Mr Tamta.

Government of India is implementing Incentive Scheme

versified products (JDP) as well as for modernisation and upgradation of technology.

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Jute-ICARE (Jute: Improved Cultivation and Advanced Retting Exercise), a pilot project

created returns to jute farmers. An amount of ₹ 22.75 crore has been incurred during last three years which has benefitted around 1.83 lakh farmers. To ensure consistent demand for jute mills, under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) [JPM Act], 1987, government



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At this juncture when India is once again emerging as the fastest-growing economy in the world, the country is now witnessing the disturbing phenomenon of increasing uneasiness on the external front of its economy. It is a matter of concern that the ongoing widening of trade deficit caused by rising imports and sluggish export growth, which in turn is ballooning the Current Account Deficit (CAD) thereby putting pressure on the country's foreign exchange reserves.

The government on the other hand is trying to put up a brave face claiming that India's foreign exchange reserves are comfortable, going by global standards and sufficient to mitigate any undue volatility in the foreign exchange market.

Experts say the government maybe partially right as the country's reserves are better than many other emerging economies. But given the changing global liquidity conditions and their impact on the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPI) flows into the country, it will be too naive to feel complacent about the country's foreign exchange reserves.

Analysts say given the structural issues in India's external account – widening trade deficit, sluggish export growth and growing imports – country's foreign exchange arsenal is likely to be under further threat in the coming quarters. It is being increasingly felt that if one is serious about the stability of the basic foundation that will help India to sustain growth momentum of the economy, it would be better to acknowledge the emerging challenges on the external front and think about corrective action rather than remain in a state of denial.

As the latest data show the country's foreign exchange reserves have declined by \$25.147 billion between April 13 and August 10, 2018, with the rupee on a downward spiral since the beginning of the year forcing the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to sell dollars to defend India's currency.

The foreign exchange reserves had touched a record high of \$426.028 billion in the week to April 13, 2018 and plunged to a low of \$400.88 billion in the week to August 10, losing a whopping \$1.822 billion within a week, according to the latest RBI data. It attributed the drop to a steep fall in the foreign currency assets.

Though officially the RBI does not maintain the rupee at a determined level, the massive fall in the reserves clearly shows that the central bank has been selling the greenback to prop up the domestic currency.

The rupee has already touched a historic low, making

it one of the worst performing emerging market currencies, losing over nine per cent since January this year.

The other disturbing scenario emerging at India's external economy front is that its CAD has widened sharply to \$13 billion in the fourth quarter of 2017-18, or 1.9 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), from \$2.6 billion, or 0.4 per cent of GDP, in the same period of the previous fiscal year. The goods deficit increased to \$41.6

It's not just that the current account deficit is widening – the means of financing it also became more risky in 2017-18. On the one hand, higher oil prices are raising the CAD and on the other, FDI – the most stable source of financing the deficit – has come down. This has led to greater reliance on foreign portfolio inflows, particularly volatile debt inflows and also on short-term credit.

This is a problem because the US Federal Reserve has

widen sharply in the current fiscal year. A Kotak Securities Research paper says that even with an average price for Brent crude at \$67.5 a barrel in financial year 2018-19, an optimistic assumption given current levels, the current account deficit will be 2.6 per cent of GDP, up from 1.9 per cent in FY 2017-18.

Assuming Brent at an average of \$72.5, which too is lower than the current level, results in the CAD going up to 2.9 per cent of GDP. And with Brent at

Experts warn that reliance on portfolio flows to finance this deficit will expose the country to the vagaries of fickle international capital flows, making funding difficult particularly during risk-off episodes. Experts warn the balance of payments (BOP) surplus may disappear in FY 2018-19.

Within portfolio flows, the increased reliance on debt inflows carries more risks, as unlike equity, debt has to be repaid. NRI flows too have proved to be

in Q1 of FY 2018-19 with the rupee depreciating four per cent; the RBI had to intervene to stem the depreciation."

The cushion provided by Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) inflows is also likely to reduce. Foreign institutional investors have withdrawn ₹ 15,771 crore from the equity market for far in FY 2018-19 while the outflows from debt segment has been ₹ 35,449 crore. This is contrary to the copious inflows of ₹ 1,44,682 crore in equity and debt markets in FY 2017-18 when a rallying stock market and appreciating rupee had attracted foreign investors to Indian markets.

While the reduction in foreign inflows makes it difficult for the RBI to mop up reserves, it has also had to sell dollars to stave off a sharp depreciation in rupee. It is now increasingly getting apparent that the world is moving

from multilateral agencies has been coming down over the years – from 46 per cent in 1991 to 20 per cent in 2008 to nine per cent in 2018.

The worrying factor is that short-term debt on a residual maturity basis that include long-term debt falling due over the next 12 months and short-term debt by original maturity, account for 42 per cent of total external debt towards the end of March 2018 and stood at 52.3 per cent of foreign exchange reserves.

With central banks including the federal reserve and the Bank of England hiking rates, the cost of refinancing these loans is going to become difficult, leading to repayment of some of these loans, causing foreign exchange outgo.

Experts say there are, however, no short-term fixes to this problem. While the measures

EXTERNAL FRONT of Indian eco faces growing challenges



billion from \$29.7 billion a year earlier, and the primary income gap went up to \$7.8 billion from \$5.6 billion. Meanwhile, the services surplus rose to \$20.2 billion from \$18.5 billion a year ago and the secondary income surplus went up to \$16.2 billion from \$14.2 billion. For the full fiscal year, the current account deficit widened to \$48.7 billion, or 1.9 per cent of GDP, from \$14.4 billion, or 0.6 per cent of GDP, in the corresponding period of 2016-17 fiscal year.

been raising interest rates and has signalled more rate hikes to come. As RBI Governor Urjit Patel says the US Fed's programme of shrinking its balance sheet, coupled with increased US treasury issuance to fund a larger government deficit, has already led to dollar liquidity shrinking in international markets, particularly in the debt markets. This is behind the outflows from emerging market debt.

There is now growing concern that India's CAD is likely to

\$80 a barrel, the Kotak researchers say the current account deficit will be 3.3 per cent of GDP.

The rapid deterioration in the trade environment as a result of protectionist policies is also likely to affect export growth, while rising investment demand will result in more imports. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has in its recent World Investment Report pointed to a slowdown in global FDI flows.

volatile, especially if the rupee depreciates.

Earlier this month, credit rating agency Moody's Indian affiliate, ICRA, said high global crude oil prices are likely to widen India's CAD and pointed to slowing FPIs as an area of concern.

The higher current account deficit will put downward pressure on the rupee and it may also raise the cost of Indian borrowing abroad. A note from Edelweiss Securities points out, "The stress on BOP is already visible

from a period of easy money to one where liquidity becomes tighter and funds become more expensive. India's burgeoning external debt is also emerging as a matter of serious concern.

Due to the excessive liquidity in global markets after 2008, the country's external debt has doubled from \$224 billion in 2008 to \$529 billion now. Indian companies have made the most of the easy liquidity conditions overseas, increasing the non-government portion of external debt to almost 80 per cent. External commercial borrowings account for over one-third of the country's debt.

The cover provided by forex reserves to external debt has deteriorated significantly in this period from 138 per cent in 2008 to 80 per cent now. Another factor that is worth noting is that the share of concessional debt

taken to improve the ease of doing business and the implementation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) will improve FDI flows in the long term and foreign investment flows will improve once the global liquidity conditions improve, addressing the structural trade imbalance will take longer.

Analysts suggest the BJP-led NDA government needs to renew the efforts initiated in the initial period of its term to boost exports and reduce dependence on imports in order to ensure a sustained improvement in the country's foreign exchange reserves. The government has to step up more radical and innovative reforms in wide spectrum of the economy to woo FDI. Enhanced flow of FDI coupled with growth in export could help India in keeping the CAD in check.

– PTI Feature

Children have key role to eradicate illiteracy from India

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– Prakash Javadekar



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It is very sad to see a large number of illiterate people in the country even after 70 years of independence. To eradicate illiteracy from India, literacy mission must be a social movement across the country, said the Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Prakash Javadekar. He was speaking at a national level function to celebrate 52nd International Literacy Day in New Delhi.

The government is committed to make New India and New India will be literate India (Saakshar Bharat). A new nationwide programme like Swachh Bharat mission will also be launched to achieve the target timely.

Children have key role to eradicate illiteracy from the country. The minister urged all students to come forward and teach their illiterate family members so that they also can read and write.

"If we want to achieve target

of complete literacy in coming years then we need to work together in the education sector. To increase the pace of learning in illiterate people we should simplify the material and teaching method so that they can learn easily," said Mr Javadekar. "We see education sector as a whole therefore we recently launched Samagra Siksha which is an integrated scheme for school education extending support to states from pre-school to senior secondary levels for

the first time. Under this scheme, about one million schools will get library grant of ₹ 5,000 to ₹ 20,000 to strengthen the libraries to ensure that Padhega Bharat Badhega Bharat. Every school will get sports equipment under the Samagra Shiksha, at the cost of ₹ 5,000 for primary, ₹ 10,000 for upper primary and up to ₹ 25,000 for SSC & HSC schools to inculcate & emphasize relevance of sports to realise the dream of *Khelega India Khilega India*.

"Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) will be expanded from Class 6-8 to Class 6-12 to fulfil Prime Minister, Narendra Modi's commitment to *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao*," said Mr Javadekar.

The message of Director General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was also read by UNESCO representative on the occasion. Secretary, School Education & Literacy, Rina Ray, was also present during the event.



World-class convention centre to come up in National Capital

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THE India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC) will reflect India's economic progress, rich cultural heritage and its consciousness towards protection of the environment, said the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi while laying the foundation stone at Dwarka, New Delhi.

It is a part of the government's vision to give importance to world-class infrastructure, and ease of doing business. Smaller countries have world-class conference facilities due to which they have become conference tourist hubs, added Mr Modi.

With the construction of IICC, India is moving in the direction of developing ecosystem of conference tourism in the country. This convention centre will be a mini city within Delhi with expo, meetings, markets, offices and recreation centres at a single place.

The IICC will give a new

identity to India in the sphere of meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE), which is a multi-billion business.

The country has witnessed all-round development during



The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi laying the foundation stone of India International Convention and Expo Centre

the last 4 years as the government kept the national interest as the top priority. A country develops only when decisions are taken at the right time and they are implemented without any delay, said the PM.

The NDA government took tough decisions during last 50 months in the national interest and this trend will continue. The government is moving ahead with a target to make India a

India, but also do it better than anywhere else in the world, said Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation.

The proposed exhibition centre, convention centre and multi-performance arena developments are estimated to generate over five-lakh employment opportunities for the people. This job creation will not be limited to core IICC facilities, but it will have a multiplier effect of direct and indirect spending and entail opportunities for regular formal employment in supporting IICC land uses like retail, office and hospitality, added Mr Prabhu.

The Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri; Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, C R Chaudhary; Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ramesh Abhishek; senior officials, industry leaders and diplomats were also present on the occasion.

State-of-the-art integrated control room for emergency response to be set up in MHA

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THE Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Department of Space signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up of an state-of-the-art Integrated Control Room for Emergency Response (ICR-ER) in MHA.

The MoU was signed by Joint Secretary (Disaster Manage-

ment), Sanjeev Kumar Jindal on behalf of MHA and PVN Rao, Deputy Director, NRSC, ISRO.

ISRO will render its technical expertise for setting up of proposed ICR-ER, whereas the project will be executed under overall supervision of MHA. The proposed control room is expected to be established in next one-and-a-half year.

The ICR-ER will cater to the requirement of disaster management as well as internal se-

curity. ICR-ER will address the requirement of receipt of information on near real-time basis, strategic-level monitoring, situation awareness, command and control, preparedness and response in the diverse internal security situation and disaster-related emergencies.

Resultantly, it will increase the operational effectiveness and will be helpful in rendering timely response/assistance during various emergency situations.



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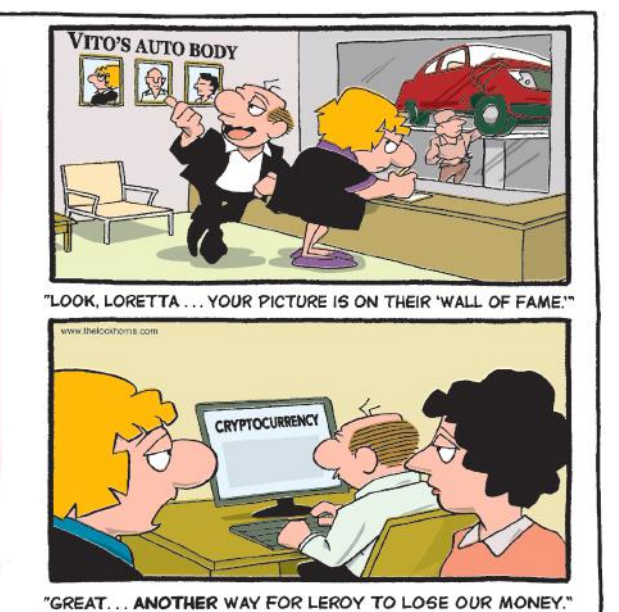
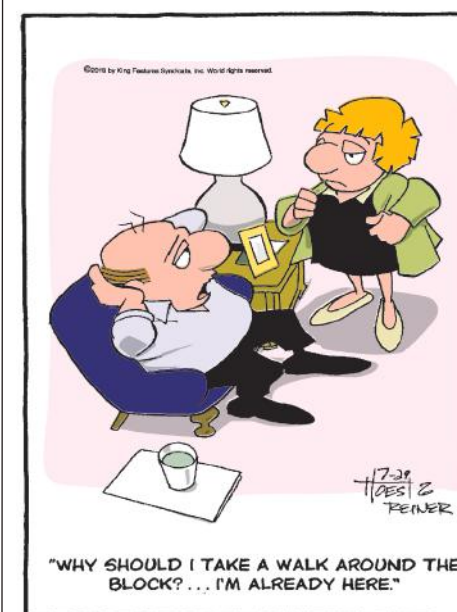


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Tourism Ministry organises Swachhata Hi Seva activities across the country

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THE Ministry of Tourism is organising the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign at various important tourist sites across the country. The campaign which began on September 15 will continue till October 2, 2018, Gandhi Jayanti day.

On these days, cleanliness and awareness activities are being conducted through regional offices of the ministry with active



participation from local communities, institutes of the ministry,

state governments and stakeholders. The campaigns are being popularised at 47 tourism sites in the country, including all tourism iconic sites.

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THE recent BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit in Kathmandu will go a long way in promoting regional co-operation at a time when fora like SAARC are ineffective. So much so, that the regional grouping can fill SAARC's space. The BIMSTEC meet saw a significant show of strength from member countries whose top leaders were in attendance.

Describing terrorism as a 'great threat' to international peace and security, India and six other BIMSTEC nations called for identifying and holding accountable states and non-state entities that encourage, support or finance terrorism, provide sanctuaries to terrorists and falsely extol their virtues.

The Kathmandu Declaration issued at the end of the 4th BIMSTEC Summit, which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi among others, deplored terror attacks in all parts of the world including in BIMSTEC countries, and stressed that there can be no justification whatsoever for any act of terrorism.

Bound by common hopes and universal aspirations, the leaders gathered to address the challenges towards attaining prosperity for the region. Besides terrorism, some of the broad contours that were discussed and debated during the summit were poverty alleviation, elimination and better management of natural disasters that almost all member nations have been through in recent times and increasing connectivity for mutually-beneficial trade, transport and digital initiatives.

India has made a strong pitch for enhanced connectivity between the seven-member BIMSTEC. This should include connectivity in trade, economics, transport, digital networks and people-to-people. This fits in well with two key policies of the dispensation in New Delhi - 'Neighbourhood First' and 'Act East' - considering that BIMSTEC member states account for 22 per cent of the world's population

and have a combined GDP of nearly \$2.7 trillion, said Mr Modi.

For the other members, BIMSTEC holds the potential of gaining access to India's vast market, while New Delhi sees the grouping as a bridge between South Asia and South-east Asia. Indeed, the seven-nation grouping

priorities which has made the South Asian regional grouping pretty ineffective and escalated bilateral tensions, promoting BIMSTEC makes a lot of strategic sense for India.

There is significant overlap, to be sure, between other regional groupings and BIMSTEC,

BIMSTEC has come a long way in two DECADES



of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar and Nepal has come a long way from being just a low-profile regional bloc of five nations established in 1997 to a grouping that member countries increasingly view as a viable platform to take forward their regional, strategic and economic interests.

Given the many contentious issues, inherent politics and stagnation of a forum such as SAARC mainly due to an incorrigible Pakistan with its terrorism, radical Islamism and Kashmir

five of whose members are also part of SAARC, two of Association of Southeast Asian Nations and six of the South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation.

It is clear that India is looking to the two decade-old BIMSTEC to get around SAARC, which has become dysfunctional because of differences between New Delhi and Islamabad, and to counter China's creeping influence in countries around the Bay of Bengal due to the spread of its 'Belt and Road Initiative'.

Though BIMSTEC cannot act as an alternative to these

regional groupings, but as a vital, supplementary sub-regional organisation it can help its members leverage their interests in a larger fora. The breakthrough for BIMSTEC came by way of a mini summit held in Goa on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in 2016, where some top priority areas like terrorism, disaster management, climate change, energy and agriculture were flagged for closer and more meaningful co-operation.

At the Kathmandu BIMSTEC Summit, Mr Modi reiterated India's commitment "to further strengthen multilateral co-operation in diverse areas. Terrorism and transnational-organised crimes continue to pose a great threat to international peace and security including in the BIMSTEC countries," the Kathmandu declaration said, as it strongly

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condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations wherever and by whosoever committed.

The declaration, which was unanimously adopted by all the member states, said the "fight against terrorism should target not only terrorists, terror organisations and networks but also identify and hold accountable states and non-state entities that encourage, support or finance terrorism, provide sanctuaries to terrorists and terror groups and falsely extol their virtues."

The declaration did not name any specific country, but Pakistan is often accused by its neighbours, including India, of providing safe havens to terrorists.

It asked all nations to devise a comprehensive approach, which should include preventing financing of terrorists and terrorist actions from territories under their control, blocking recruitment

and cross-border movement of terrorists, countering radicalisation, countering misuse of internet for purposes of terrorism and dismantling terrorist safe havens.

It said that combating terrorism and transnational-organised crimes require sustained efforts and co-operation and comprehensive approach involving active participation and collaboration of the member state.

The declaration called for strengthening co-operation and co-ordination among the law enforcement, intelligence and security agencies of the member states.

India's renewed push for BIMSTEC, which has held only four summits since it was founded in 1997, has coincided with a sharp decline in relations with Pakistan.

This is largely because policymakers in New Delhi believe it will be easier for India to work through a grouping not affected by the continuous tensions with Pakistan. Hopes were pinned on the leaders agreeing to make the BIMSTEC Summit an annual affair. If the grouping succeeds in holding its next summit in 2019, it will be seen as a healthy sign.

Next year, will therefore, be crucial in further development of the Bay of Bengal region. At the end of the summit, Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli handed over the chairmanship of the grouping to Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena.

The BIMSTEC is a regional grouping comprising India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal. The grouping accounts for 22 per cent of the global population, and has a combined GDP of \$2.8 trillion.

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