

ECONOMY

LG plans to make India export hub

South Korean consumer electronics giant LG is looking at making India its export hub, banking on good ties between the two countries at a time when its overseas shipments from China are declining.

According to LG Electronics India Managing Director Ki Wan Kim, one of the main reasons for the company to look at making India an export hub is due to tension prevailing between South Korea and China.

LG, which has two manufacturing units in India, exports to the Middle East and countries in the eastern coast of African continent.

Read more at:

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/58240105.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Source: Economic Times, 18th April 2017.

'India's mango exports in FY18 may touch 50k tonne mark'

India's mango exports are likely to surpass last year's level and touch 50,000 tonne mark in the ongoing fiscal, buoyed by strong demand and supply of export quality fruit, government body APEDA said today.

The country had shipped 45,730 tonnes of mangoes. The export figures pertain to shipments undertaken by exporters registered with APEDA.

Read more at:

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/58278105.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Source: Economic Times, 20th April 2017.

TECHNOLOGY

Accenture collaborates with Akshaya Patra to improve efficiency by 20 per cent

Akshaya Patra, the world's largest NGO run mid-day meal program collaborated with Accenture to use technology to increase the number of meals served to school children.

The "Million Meals" project revolutionised Akshaya Patra's supply chain and operations, resulting in improved food quality and expanded service reach, said the company.

Read more at:

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/58277590.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Source: Economic Times, 20th April 2017.

Cisco eyes India as global export hub

Network equipment maker Cisco said it wants to make India a global export hub for its hardware products and is working with its global component making partners so that they too set up shop in the country to facilitate this plan.

The \$50-billion company, for whom India has been one of the best-performing countries globally over the past four-five quarters, launched its first Made-in India product last month, a router, one of the most popular products in its portfolio globally.

Read more at:

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/58234681.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Source: Economic Times, 18th April 2017.

JOBS

SAP Labs India likely to hire 2,500 engineers in next 2 years

SAP Labs India is likely to hire 2,500 employees over the next two years with the inauguration of a new facility in its Bengaluru campus with the capacity to hold as many people.

The company has hired around 1,500 employees in each of the past two years in India. The 5.15 lakh square feet new facility has been established with an investment of 50 million euros.

Read more at:

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/58293412.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Source: Economic Times, 21st April 2017.

Bosch to hire 3,000 people for its engineering operations this year

Auto components maker Bosch said it will hire 3,000 people for its engineering operations across the country and soon start work on the second phase expansion of its technology development centre in Bengaluru, its biggest engineering facility outside parent country Germany.

Most of the new recruits will be fresh graduates from engineering colleges in the fields of software, IT, analytics and other technologies, Soumitra Bhattacharya, managing director of Bosch, told TOI.

Read more at:

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/58279117.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Source: Economic Times, 20th April 2017.

SCIENCE

Another nearby planet found that may be just right for life

Astronomers have found yet another planet that seems to have just the right Goldilocks combination for life: Not so hot and not so cold. It's not so far away, either.

This new, big, dense planet is rocky, like Earth, and has the right temperatures for water, putting it in the habitable zone for life, according to a study published Wednesday in the journal Nature .

Read more at:

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/science/another-nearby-planet-found-that-may-be-just-right-for-life/articleshow/58270213.cms>

Source: Economic times, 20th April 2017.

Isro plans to mine energy from Moon by 2030 to help meet India needs

From launching 104 satellites at one go, enabling commercial roll out of lithium-ion batteries, to taking the lead in providing energy security, the Indian Space Research Organization (Isro) is firing on all cylinders.

Apart from planning for manned missions to Moon, Mars and even aircraft development, Isro is now working on a plan to help India meet its energy needs from the Moon by 2030.

Read more at:

<http://www.livemint.com/Science/W5WjCdqqxXYpHvrB2TTHP/Isro-plans-to-mine-energy-from-Moon-by-2030-to-help-meet-Ind.html>

Source: Livemint, 21st April 2017.

EDUCATION

Govt shifts focus from HRD inspection to self-disclosure for university accreditation

The Union government plans to reduce the importance of field inspection of colleges and universities and instead rely more on self-disclosures before granting accreditation.

The human resource development (HRD) ministry is trying to create an enabling environment where organized inspection by regulators will come down

Read more at:

<http://www.livemint.com/Politics/UwCBKzxf3s8vduPzkH6GCI/Govt-shifts-focus-from-HRD-inspection-to-selfdisclosure-for.html>

Source: Livemint, 21st April 2017.

AICTE: Technical colleges to focus on employability of students

From industry-prepared courses to mandatory shop floor training to imparting managerial and entrepreneurial knowledge, India's apex technical education regulator, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), is now ready with a set of must haves for technical colleges to improve their graduates' employability.

For years, the technical education sector in India has faced criticism for lack of quality training and for its graduates not having the required efficiency to become productive at work from day one.

Read more at:

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/education/aicte-technical-colleges-to-focus-on-employability-of-students/story-K1B4DSDh24tS599Jc7h5mJ.html>

Source: Hindustan times, 21st April 2017.