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फर्स्ट कॉलम

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जहां हम दृढ़ होते हैं...

लोग दौड़ रहे हैं
अंधी दौड़ है
कहां जाना है पता नहीं
क्यों जाना है पता नहीं
सबको दौलत चाहिये,
किसी को शोहरत की,
किसी को ज़मीन की।
देखने की फुरसत
किसी के पास नहीं
केवल प्राप्ति की प्रत्याशा
जैसे प्राप्ति शाश्वत हो
अपनी प्राप्ति को, कौन साथ ला जा सका है?
कोई नहीं...।
समेटना सपना है
लुटाना अपना है
इसलिये लूटने वाले नहीं
लुटाने वाले बनों
लुटाओ प्रेम की दौलत
सहयोग की दौलत
अहिंसा की दौलत
विश्वास की दौलत
गीत की दौलत
संगीत की दौलत
ज्ञान की दौलत
विज्ञान की दौलत
समेटने वाला राजा राम हो सकता है
लुटाने वाला भगवान राम होता है
परिग्रही राजकुमार वर्धमान हो सकता है
अपरिग्रही महावीर स्वामी है
संग्रह राजनरेश सिद्धार्थ है
विग्रह गौतम बुद्ध
बुद्धत्व में दौड़ कहां...?
ठहराव है।
तनिक विश्राम है
चिंतन है, मनन है।
छोड़ने का सुख,
पाने से महान है।
तो नेत्रहीन मैराथन के
धावक मत बनो
हो सके तो ज्योतिर्मय
ज्योतिर्लिंग की मानिंद
एक जगह स्थापित हो जाओ
अडिग, अचल, अविचल
तुम्हारी सरलता और औषडपन
तुम्हारे लिये
स्वयं धाम बना देगी
ओंकारेश्वर, काशीनाथ की तरह।
पूजने वालों की कतारें
और महाकुंभ
वहीं भरते हैं, जहां हम दृढ़ होते हैं।

(प्रो. राजीव शर्मा की अन्य रचनाओं के लिये
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Canada, India back the start of talks on trade deal

NEW DELHI: Canada and India said they have endorsed the findings of a joint study calling for negotiations to begin on reaching a "substantive and ambitious" bilateral free trade agreement.

Canadian Trade Minister Peter Van Loan said a free trade agreement with India would help the two countries meet their goal of increasing bilateral trade to C\$15 billion (\$14.6 billion) annually within the next five years. Last year Canada-India trade was worth C\$4.2 billion. "The joint study shows that freer trade in goods and services (between Canada and India) could increase Canada's gross domestic product by between \$6 billion and \$15 billion on an



annual basis, and boost bilateral trade with India by 50 percent, directly benefiting Canadian sectors such as forestry, energy and manufacturing," Van Loan said.

The study said that a free trade

agreement would add \$6 billion to \$12 billion to India's GDP annually.

Van Loan was speaking to reporters after meeting with Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry Anand Sharma. The two said a date had not yet been set for formal negotiations to begin on a Canada-India free trade agreement.

The ministers said they agreed to the establishment of working groups to look at increasing trade in six priority areas: infrastructure, mining, energy, agri-foods, education, and the information technology sector. Van Loan and Sharma also said they believe Canada-based Research In Motion will be able to reach an agreement with India that gives police and security agencies access to encrypted BlackBerry communications. India has expressed concerns that encoded BlackBerry services could be used to stir political or social unrest. It had threatened RIM with a ban if it were denied access to data carried on the popular smartphones.

India-US partnership 'looms bright' before Obama visit

NEW YORK: The promise of India-US partnership 'looms bright and unmistakable' ahead of President Barack Obama's historic India visit, says a senior US official praising Prime Minister Manmohan Singh for his role in forging the relationship.

'As President Obama prepares for an historic state visit to India later this autumn, the promise of our partnership, built on strong bipartisan foundations in both our countries, looms

bright and unmistakable,' said Under Secretary of State William Burns here.

'More than anyone else, it is Prime Minister Singh who has led the way in building our partnership,' he said conveying the greetings of the US Government on the conferment of the 2010 World Statesman Award by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation on Manmohan Singh.

'History will also mark with special significance Prime Minister Singh's personal contributions to the emerging partnership between the world's oldest and largest democracies,

America and India,' Burns said.

'India's rise may be as consequential for international order, the future of the global economy and the promotion of human values as any other development in the new century unfolding before us, he said.

'Without any doubt, India's rise is deeply in the interests of the United States, and our stake in India's success grows more apparent as each day passes,' Burns said.

Lauding Manmohan Singh's role, the official said: 'He championed the historic civil nuclear agreement between us. His economic policies helped

produce India's rise within our new G-20 world, and helped produce a doubling of US-India bilateral trade in just a few years.

'His promotion of closer educational links between us has borne tangible fruit; today there are 100,000 Indian students in the United States, more than from any other country.

'And Prime Minister Singh's advocacy of cooperation in high technology and science led to the recent launch of India's first unmanned lunar probe, which carried a NASA payload and discovered the presence of water molecules on the moon,' he noted.

PM reviews jobs plan for Jammu & Kashmir

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has reviewed the progress of plans to increase jobs in Jammu and Kashmir and asked an expert panel to

drawn up a number of short and long-term measures for enhancing employment opportunities and improving employability prospects in the state.



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A press release issued said that the prime minister met the expert group, chaired by former Reserve Bank of India governor C. Rangarajan and was apprised about the progress of the plans.

'The prime minister desired that the group take into account all relevant aspects, like skill enhancement, education and appropriate involvement of civil society and industry, so that employment opportunities generated are sustainable,' said the press release.

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Manmohan Singh asked the expert group to also give regard to 'equity considerations, in terms of various regions of the state, sectors of the economy, levels of skill, and gender'.

The expert group, announced by the prime minister in August, assured Manmohan Singh that these aspects would be taken into account and that its report will be ready within three months, added the press release.

On Aug 10, the prime minister had proposed a panel of experts to formulate a job plan for the troubled state that has some 300,000 unemployed youth.



आदरणीय राजीव शुक्लाजी
को बी.सी.सी.आई. के
उपाध्यक्ष मनीनीत
होने पर
हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ.
- संतोष शुक्ला

माइंड स्केप

नारी का रूप हूँ

जीवन की आशा में घुलकर
आहों को जी लेती हूँ,
यादों के छोटे लम्हों में सदियों को
बांधे हर पल जी लेती हूँ।
मैं खुद ही जलकर कालेपन की
कालिख को धो लेती हूँ,
मुझमें मेरा मन छोटा सा फूलों
से भी कोमल है।
स्पर्शों की लहरों में हिलता-डुलता
सागर है

तूफानों के झोंके में सम्बल हिम
का पर्वत है।

मैं जीवन की फुलवारी में
पुष्पों का सुन्दर झुरमुट हूँ,
मैं हर पल एक संबोधन हूँ,
प्रेम निशा का भावुक आवेदन हूँ,
नवजीवन मुझसे मुखरित हो,
जग में कोलाहल करता।

ममता की धारा झरती झरनों सी
बहती मेरे नयनों से

सींचे रिशतों की क्यारी जन्मे
जिससे स्नेह भरा इन्द्रधनुष।

रसमय प्रेम तपित पग-पग पर
संवेदन हूँ, अभिनंदन हूँ।

मैं अखंड शिला इस धरती की,
मैं नीर भरी बदली बहती,

घुल मिल पवन हिडोलों में,
उड़ती रहती, चलती रहती।

मैं पीड़ा की सिलावट में,
स्नेहभरा प्रतिबिंब बनूँ।

छांव-छांव और धूप-धूप
जीवन में प्रतिपल रंग भरूँ।

फिर भी आंचल मैला सा गीला
आंखों में उमड़े गहरा सागर।

मैं प्रेम की प्रतिमा बोली जाती
फिर भी हर पल जोड़ी,

मोड़ी, तोड़ी जाती।
योग, वियोग, संजोग

क्रोध, स्नेह शक्ति में,
निहित मैं,

इस धरती पर
नारी का रूप हूँ।

अनेक में एक हूँ,
आदर के योग्य हूँ।



- स्तुति शुक्ला

अतरोलिया बिजनेस
को-आर्डिनेटर नियुक्त

इन्दौर। अल्मा ने अपनी विकास
यात्रा को नए आयाम देते हुए न केवल

राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर बल्कि
अन्तरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर

उज्ज्वल छवि बनाई है।
पिछले दिनों अल्मा ने

विकास और गति देते
हुए अल्मा परिवार में सुश्री मांडवी

अतरोलिया को बिजनेस को-आर्डिनेटर
नियुक्त किया। वे अल्मा के विकास की

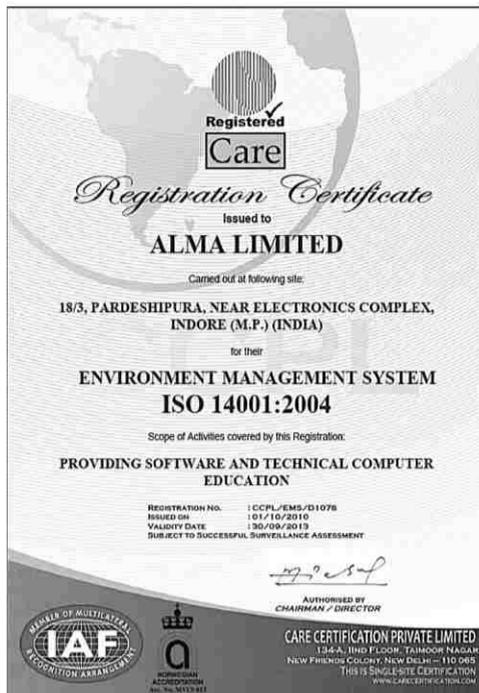
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परिवार के समस्त पदाधिकारियों ने
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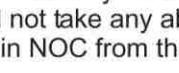
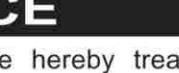
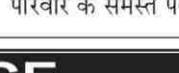
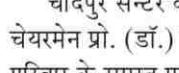
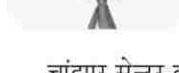
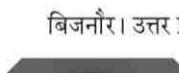
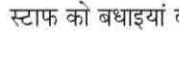
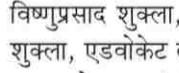
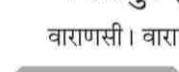
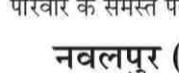
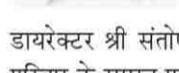
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बेहतर पर्यावरण प्रबंधन में अल्मा
को ISO 14001:2004

नई दिल्ली। कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अग्रणी अल्मा को पिछले दिनों साफ्टवेयर एवं तकनीकी कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा प्रदान करने की दिशा में बेहतर पर्यावरण प्रबंधन को लेकर ISO 14001 : 2004 से नवाजा गया। इस मौके पर अल्मा के चेयरमेन पं. विष्णु प्रसाद शक्ला, वाइस चेयरमेन प्रो. (डॉ.) राजीव शर्मा एवं डायरेक्टर श्री संतोष शक्ला ने हर्ष प्रकट करते हुए अल्मा परिवार के देशव्यापी सदस्यों को बधाइयां दीं। उल्लेखनीय है इसके पूर्व अल्मा को विभिन्न क्षमताओं के चलते ISO दर्जे मिलते रहे हैं।

बालाडीह (इलाहाबाद) में अल्मा सेन्टर का शुभारंभ

इलाहाबाद। उत्तर प्रदेश के बालाडीह क्षेत्र में अल्मा ने कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा का शंखनाद पिछले दिनों किया। न्यूनतम शुल्क पर युवाओं को कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा देने वाली अल्मा ने युवाओं को प्रोत्साहित करने की दिशा में कदम बढ़ाया। इस मौके पर यहां के सेन्टर हेड श्री अरुण कुमार सिंह ने बताया कि अल्मा के समस्त कोर्स कुशल फैकल्टी स्टाफ द्वारा संचालित किए जाते हैं एवं विद्यार्थियों को रोजगार की दिशा में मार्गदर्शन भी दिया जाता है।



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नवलपुर (वाराणसी) में अल्मा सेन्टर की शुरुआत

वाराणसी। वाराणसी जिले के नवलपुर क्षेत्र में पिछले दिनों कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में कार्यरत अल्मा ने अपने नए सेन्टर का शुभारंभ किया। इस अवसर पर यहां के सेन्टर हेड श्री विवेक कुमार सिंह ने बताया कि अल्मा की शुरुआत से यहां के युवाओं को आई.टी. शिक्षा की मुख्य धारा से जुड़ने का सुलभ अवसर प्राप्त हुआ है। अल्मा के समस्त कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा कोर्स न्यूनतम शुल्क पर संचालित किए जाते हैं और यहां के प्रशिक्षित स्टाफ द्वारा विद्यार्थियों को उनकी रुचि के अनुरूप कैरियर गाइडेंस दिया जाता है।

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चांदपुर (बिजनौर) में
अल्मा सेन्टर का शुभारंभ

बिजनौर। उत्तर प्रदेश में ही नहीं बल्कि देश में अपना ऐतिहासिक महत्व रखने वाले बिजनौर, कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अपनी प्रतिष्ठा कायम कर चुका है। पिछले दिनों कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा में कार्यरत अल्मा ने क्षेत्र के चांदपुर में नए सेन्टर की शुरुआत की। इस अवसर पर यहां के सेन्टर हेड श्री दीपक कुमार ने बताया कि अल्मा कोर्सों की शुरुआत से निश्चित ही यहां के युवाओं को आत्मविश्वास प्रदान करेगा, क्योंकि अल्मा के समस्त रोजगारोन्मुखी कम्प्यूटर कोर्स न्यूनतम शुल्क पर यहां के विद्यार्थियों को कुशल फैकल्टी स्टाफ द्वारा प्रशिक्षित भी किया जाता है।

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श्री शरद यादव का
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धानदरी कला (लुधियाना) में अल्मा टेक्नीकल
एज्यूकेशन का शुभारंभ

लुधियाना। पंजाब देश के उन राज्यों में अग्रणी है जिन्होंने विकास और समृद्धि में विश्वस्तर पर अपनी पहचान बनाई है। शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में इसका कोई सानी नहीं है। कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अब अल्मा ने पिछले दिनों लुधियाना के धानदरी कला में टेक्नीकल एज्यूकेशन सेन्टर की शुरुआत की। इस मौके पर श्रीमती सरोज शर्मा ने बताया कि अल्मा के समस्त टेक्नीकल एज्यूकेशन कोर्स न सिर्फ न्यूनतम शुल्क पर संचालित किए जाते हैं, बल्कि रोजगारोन्मुखी दृष्टि से युवाओं को प्रोत्साहित करने वाले हैं। इस सेन्टर की शुरुआत पर अल्मा के चेयरमेन पं. विष्णुप्रसाद शक्ला, वाइस चेयरमेन प्रो. (डॉ.) राजीव शर्मा, डायरेक्टर श्री संतोष शक्ला, एडवोकेट तथा अल्मा परिवार के समस्त पदाधिकारियों ने श्रीमती शर्मा एवं उनके स्टाफ को बधाइयां दीं।

रुस्तमपुर (गोरखपुर) में अल्मा
के नए सेन्टर की शुरुआत

गोरखपुर। उत्तर प्रदेश के सीमान्त क्षेत्र गोरखपुर, न केवल अपनी धार्मिक छवि को लेकर देश के मानचित्र में महत्व रखता है, बल्कि आई.टी. शिक्षा में भी अपनी पहचान बना चुका है। कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में अग्रणी अल्मा ने पिछले दिनों रुस्तमपुर में नए सेन्टर की शुरुआत की। इस अवसर पर सेन्टर हेड श्री गोपाल गुप्ता ने बताया कि अल्मा के समस्त कम्प्यूटर कोर्स न सिर्फ न्यूनतम शुल्क पर संचालित किए जाते हैं बल्कि वे रोजगारोन्मुखी भी हैं और कुशल फैकल्टी के द्वारा विद्यार्थियों को कैरियर गाइडेंस भी दिया जाता है।



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अत्यधिक आवश्यक सूचना

अल्मा प्रबंधन समिति की बैठक में प्रस्ताव पारित हुआ है कि जिन शाखा प्रबंधकों का रिन्यूवल अभी तक नहीं हुआ है उनकी प्रेन्चाइसी अक्टूबर में तत्काल प्रभाव से निरस्त की जाती है। प्रबंधन समिति ने इसे प्रेन्चाइसी का गैर-जिम्मेदाराना रवैया बताया है।

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सूचना

जिन सेंटर्स ने इस वर्ष हेतु नवीनीकरण नहीं कराया है, उन्हें क्लोजिंग में डालकर निरस्त कर दिया गया है। ऐसे सेंटर्स आपत्ति न लें व अल्मा मुख्यालय से अनापत्ति प्रमाण पत्र प्राप्त करें।

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BOOK TALK

Self-help author finds animals give twist on life

Heard the one about the pair of ducks who moved into a New Jersey home? Or the doe that stopped a woman in the woods as her fawn was stuck in a fence?

Author Jo Coudert, who built her writing career in self-help books, could not resist these heart-warming animal stories so found herself heading into a new chapter in her career.

Her latest and 10th book, "The Dog Who Healed A Family: And Other True Animal Stories That Warm the Heart and Touch the Soul,"

consists of 19 animal stories displaying hope, humor, loyalty, compassion, and love, that she gathered over the years. The title story is about what happens when a family of five adopts three siblings with a troubled past and they adopt a dog, Shaneen, who eventually brings the family together. Other stories focus on a goose, born without feet and destined for the Thanksgiving table, who is given new life via a pair of Nikes and the cygnet saved from drowning who becomes a pet. American Coudert, 77, who published her first book in 1963, spoke to Reuters about writing and animals:

How did you get into self help books in the

first place?

"My first book happened by accident to be a cookbook and the publisher then said he was looking for someone to write a really intelligent book about self help. I said I thought it was a terrible idea but I talked to a very intelligent friend about it and we started talking about how you live a life. I thought that was interesting so maybe you could write an intelligent book about self help. Having argued that I did not have the credentials to write the book, I wrote "Advice From A Failure"."

Did that become your theme?

"I read early on in my career that every writer has a theme that runs through their work. I suppose I do and that is how to live a life. The animal stories are a little by the way but I like animals and I like to read and write about them."

You went from self-help books like "Advice From A Failure," and "The Alcoholic in Your Life" to animals. Why?

"One writes what comes to one's attention and engages one. I'm working on a book now on ageing so that is self help. The animal books in some way were thrust upon me. People had good stories to tell me."

There are gaps of years between your books.

"I am not a particularly fast writer but I wrote the first four books of my 10 books and my publisher went bankrupt so I had no publisher. I then got very caught up in playwriting and was writing a lot of theatre but I could not make a

living out of it. Then one of these animal stories came up, the one about two ducks. I thought it was a lovely story (so I wrote it for a magazine). People loved it so much that I was asked if I knew any more. I started to ask around and one story after another began to emerge. It was something I much enjoyed doing."

So the 19 stories in the book were all written for magazines?

"These stories were written over about 15 years. I have been writing other things too. The publisher asked me for another one to make it 20 but I said you don't realise how hard it is to find these."

How did you find them?

"People would see my stories in magazines and then send me clippings from local papers as well about animals or contact me with a story about their own pig or swan. People love to tell those stories so I found it easy to do this."

Any from friends?

"Yes, the story about the fawn who stopped a woman in the woods and asked for help happened to a woman who I sat at dinner with and we were all so moved by this story. That afternoon a deer stood in her path in the woods even though she had a dog with her. It kept looking at her fixedly and also down the path and this woman had a funny feeling it was trying to communicate with her. She tied the dog up and followed the deer which led her to a house with a picket fence with the doe stuck. The deer jeopardised herself to get help for the fawn."

VIEW POINT



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Childhood and Education Must Be Pivotal Over All

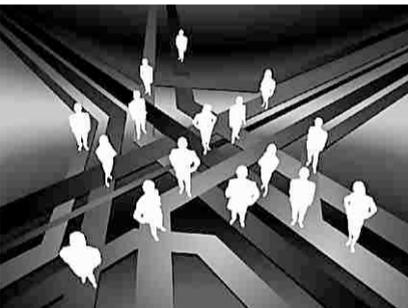
The statement of J&K Education Minister Peerzada Mohammad Sayeed made refreshing air in recent scenario of state affairs. According to him 80 percent of students attended schools in rural areas, whereas urban centers recorded 30 to 40 percent of attendance. Expressing the satisfaction over opening of educational institutions across the valley he said that we cannot afford to derive any political goings of opening of schools and resuming academic activities as the issue concerns career of lakhs of students, whose future has to be safeguard by one and all. It is really pivotal point for the cause of promoting education in valley.

It is again appreciating step the statement government had directed the staff at school to present in their establishments, a day after the centre asked J&K government to reopen schools as part of an eight-point peace package for the valley.

Education play vital role in the life of human beings. Kids of now-a-day would be youth of future and could nation's assets in doing mainstream development of the country. Their present and future must be safeguarded youth of valley have their own duty on shoulders to play for the development of the state. It's high time to understand and maintain the dignity of peace and co-operation. In every walk of life the need of youth and their creativity is imperative. They must ready to exercise their positive power and come forward in social services. It's the responsibility of government and the society that the life, education, health and childhood of kids must be safeguarded so that they could save it for new generations to come.

Social media can rule your life, college finds

Being perpetually connected through social media can increase stress, weaken personal relationships, and even cause sleep



loss, according to a U.S. university.

After imposing a week-long blackout in the use of Facebook, Twitter, instant messaging and other media, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology in central Pennsylvania found that the pervasive technology had hidden pitfalls.

"Students realized that social media, especially Facebook and instant messaging, if not managed

properly, can take over their lives," said Eric Darr, the college provost.

The 800-student college called for the ban to see how the technology affects the lives of students and faculty.

Most students complied with the week-long experiment earlier this month and some discovered that the technology could rule their lives. Darr cited one student who felt compelled to check Facebook 21 hours a day and blocked posts between 2 and 5 in the morning to get some sleep.

"It sounds like an addiction to me," said Darr, who initiated the blackout, which was implemented by blocking social media access to the college's IP address.

Darr acknowledged that students or faculty who felt forced to feed their social media addiction could do so via smartphones, but he said most complied, and some were pleasantly surprised by what they found.

Charminar monument replicated in chocolate

HYDERABAD: A master chef showcased his craft by making a chocolate replica of the Charminar monument in Andhra Pradesh's Hyderabad city.



Adelbert Bucher, master chef of Hotel Lindt in Dubai, took about three days to craft the replica of the Charminar, the mosque with four minarets, and used 50 kilograms of chocolate.

The chocolate is four feet in height, and the preparation for its creation, including the moulds, took nearly four weeks.

"I spent three weeks in making the calculation and the moulds. We have to make the moulds in order to finish it here in three days. So nearly altogether about four weeks," said Bucher.

The visitors here were pleased to see the replica and turned up in large numbers to take photographs of the edible monument.

"I think it's fantastic what they can do with it, to get and make it here. It's a great thing," said Scott Hunter, a visitor.

Bucher also said that his team is on a mission to find places and monuments that are of public interest.

He has been touring the world from past eight years and has created chocolate replicas of various monuments.

Amongst his most notable creations are Turkey's Blue Mosque and Dubai's Emirates Towers.

Neetu Singh was nervous to face camera after 25 years

NEW DELHI: Actress Neetu Chandra, who is making a comeback to the world of acting with "Do Dooni Chaar", says she felt nervous to face the camera after 25-years. "I was nervous when I was called for my first shot in the film.

I was facing camera after more than 25 years and was conscious on the sets," Neetu told. The yesteryear star of hits like "Kala Patthar", "Doosra Admi" and "Kabhi Kabhi" has been paired opposite her real-life husband Rishi Kapoor in the upcoming comedy. "I was wondering how I would be able to memorise my dialogues and deliver them well.

It was bound to happen though and I settled down after my initial nervous moments," says Neetu who decided to make a comeback after much persuasion. Directed by

Habib Faisal, who is making his debut with the film, "Do Dooni Chaar" will release all over on October 8.

Neetu debuted in Bollywood as a child star more than 40-years back in "Dus Lakh" in 1966 and acted in more than 50 films in next 15 odd years but quit acting after her marriage to Rishi. "Except for an odd still-shoot here and there, I have not done much for the camera over the years.

There were offers to act all this while but I wasn't too keen. I was happy looking at my family and home," she says.

One of the popular actresses of the 1970s and 1980s, Neetu featured in a string of hits like "Khel Khel Mein", "Priyatama", "Deewar", "Kala Patthar", "Doosra Admi" and "Kabhi Kabhi". Her last major film was "Yaarana" in 1981 with Amitabh Bachchan.

She also made a blink-and-miss appearance in Imtiaz Ali's "Love Aaj Kal" last year. However, "Do Dooni Chaar is the film that marks her proper comeback into the world of films.

When asked what prompted her

to return to acting, Neetu says, "My kids are doing good now and are settling down in life. Riddhima got married while Ranbir too is doing well.

Good roles are being written today. So I decided to give acting another shot.

"However, instead of making her comeback with a big budget movie, Neetu decided to give nod to a relatively small film where she is required to play a middle class Punjabi housewife from Lajpat Nagar, Delhi. "Do Dooni Chaar" is quite interesting.

It is a light hearted entertainer. Rishiji plays a Mathematics teacher while I play his wife and a mother of two grown up kids.

My clothes too have been designed on the lines of those that are typically worn by women in this part of the city," she says.



कुशलगढ़ (राजस्थान) के पलकपाड़ा में अल्मा स्कूल प्रोजेक्ट का शुभारंभ

आदिवासी अंचल में अल्मा की स्वर पहली गुंजायमान

कुशलगढ़ (राजस्थान)। राजस्थान में सीमान्त आदिवासी बहुल कुशलगढ़ का उल्लेख राजपूताना इतिहास में होता रहा है



और अब क्षेत्र कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा के विकास में अपनी नई छवि बनाता जा रहा है। वागड़ी जनसमूह से जुड़े संपूर्ण क्षेत्र के विभिन्न गांवों में अल्मा ने कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा की अलख जगाने का कार्य किया है अल्मा के सेन्टर हेड श्री राजेश डामोर ने। पिछले दिनों उन्होंने पलकपाड़ा के विद्यालय में अल्मा स्कूल प्रोजेक्ट की शुरुआत की, जिसका शुभारंभ अल्मा के जी.एम. श्री राकेश चोपड़ा, श्री राजेश शुक्ला एवं श्री दिलीप एन. पंडित ने किया। इस अवसर पर वागड़ी क्षेत्र के ख्यात भजन गायक एवं वरिष्ठ समाज सुधारक श्री नन्दू महाराज ने अतिथियों का पुष्पहार से स्वागत किया। श्री राजेश डामोर, श्री हुरतिंग खड़ीया (प्रधान कुशलगढ़), श्री सवलाल डिंडौर (प्रधान सज्जनगढ़) ने अतिथियों का स्वागत कर स्कूल की जानकारी प्रदान की।

कार्यक्रम का अगला पड़ाव था हनुमान मंदिर परिसर, जहां रंग-बिरंगे पांडाल में पांच सौ से ज्यादा की संख्या में स्कूली विद्यार्थियों का समूह अपने पालकगण के साथ कार्यक्रम को गतिशीलता प्रदान कर रहे थे। इस अवसर पर अल्मा कम्प्यूटर सेन्टर से 22 दिनों का कम्प्यूटर प्रशिक्षण लेने वाले विद्यार्थियों का प्रमाण पत्र वितरण अतिथियों द्वारा किया।

कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए श्री

चोपड़ा ने कहा कि अल्मा का प्रयास रहा है कि वह न्यूनतम शुल्क में ग्रामीण विद्यार्थियों को कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा प्रदान कर उनका आत्मविश्वास बढ़ाती रहे। इस दिशा में श्री डामोर ने प्रशंसनीय कार्य किया है। अल्मा आगे भी कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा के विकास के लिए इस क्षेत्र में नई योजनाओं को लाकर बच्चों को प्रेरित और प्रोत्साहित करेगी।

समारोह को संबोधित करते हुए श्री पंडित ने कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि अब वह समय दूर नहीं जब कुशलगढ़ क्षेत्र के बच्चे कम्प्यूटर इंजीनियरिंग में देश के बड़ों शहर के साथ विदेश में गौरव बढ़ाएंगे। अल्मा का इस दिशा में रचनात्मक योजनाएं प्रदान कर विद्यार्थियों को प्रेरित करेगी।

श्री खड़ीया ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि क्षेत्र का विकास ही हमारा पहला लक्ष्य है, इसमें शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य के साथ विकास योजनाओं को जन-जन तक पहुंचाना है। क्षेत्र की पंचायत शिक्षा के विकास में सदैव तत्पर रहेगी।

कार्यक्रम में सज्जनगढ़ के प्रधान श्री सवलालजी ने कहा कि क्षेत्र का समग्र विकास ही देश के विकास में सहायक होता है और हम अपनी पंचायत के माध्यम से कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा को गतिशीलता प्रदान करेंगे।

इस मौके पर दाहोद से पधारे श्री नन्दू महाराज ने वागड़ी बोली में जन समुदाय को कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा, विकास और राष्ट्रियता के बारे में प्रेरित किया तथा विद्यार्थियों का मनोबल बढ़ाया।

कार्यक्रम की अंतिम बेला में अतिथियों का प्रतीक चिन्ह के रूप में 'तीर कमान' प्रदान किए गए। समारोह का संचालन श्री दिनेश मकवाना ने किया एवं आभार श्री डामोर ने व्यक्त किया।

स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण शिविर में 150 बच्चों का हुआ उपचार

इन्दौर। सबसे बड़ी दौलत स्वास्थ्य है, जिसके पास यह संपदा है, वह दुनिया के खुशानसीब लोगों में शुमार है। अच्छा स्वास्थ्य अच्छे जीवन की गारण्टी है।



उक्त उद्गार सुप्रसिद्ध राष्ट्रीय कवि प्रो. राजीव शर्मा ने संस्था संजय स्पंदन द्वारा आयोजित स्वास्थ्य परीक्षण शिविर का उद्घाटन करते हुए व्यक्त किये। संस्था की संयोजक श्रीमती लिली डार ने बताया कि स्वास्थ्य शिविर में 150 बच्चों के स्वास्थ्य का निःशुल्क परीक्षण कर उन्हें आवश्यक औषधियां वितरित की गईं। उल्लेखनीय है कि संजय स्पंदन

प्रति माह एक सामाजिक-सांस्कृतिक-साहित्यिक गतिविधि इन्दौर में आयोजित करता है। इस अवसर पर रंगकर्मी सुशील गोयल, समाजसेवी अमरजीतसिंह सूदन,

एडवोकेट सुरेन्द्र पाठक, सुरेश अजनबी, श्रीमती छोटू शुक्ला सहित अनेक गणमान्य लोग उपस्थित थे। बैंगलोर से खासतौर पर इस आयोजन के लिए पधारे डॉ. आलोक त्रिपाठी ने निःशुल्क चिकित्सा सुविधायें देने का अपना वचन दोहराया। इस अवसर पर जरूरतमंद एवं प्रतिभाशाली विद्यार्थियों को उपहार भी बांटे गए।

युवाओं के आत्मविश्वास में अल्मा की भूमिका अहम् : जस्टिस शंभूसिंह

इन्दौर। वर्तमान युग में कम्प्यूटर की उपयोगिता और कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा का महत्व शहरी ही नहीं बल्कि ग्रामीण क्षेत्र के युवाओं में तेजी से बढ़ा है, क्योंकि यह रोजगारोन्मुखी शिक्षा के साथ-साथ आर्थिक आत्मनिर्भरता का मार्ग प्रशस्त करते हैं। इस दिशा में अल्मा के कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा के कोर्स युवाओं में आत्मविश्वास की उमंग बढ़ा रहे हैं। उक्त ओजस्वी विचार वरिष्ठ समाजसेवी तथा पूर्व न्यायाधीश शंभूसिंह ने अल्मा के विवरणिका के विमोचन के अवसर पर व्यक्त किए।

इस अवसर पर जस्टिस सिंह ने इन्टरनेट युग में कम्प्यूटर साक्षरता पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि आज के युवाओं का पहला विकल्प कम्प्यूटर शिक्षा ग्रहण करना होता जा रहा है। यही कारण कि शहरी और ग्रामीण युवाओं के लिए विविध रोजगारोन्मुखी कम्प्यूटर कोर्सों का संचालन देश के विभिन्न ख्याति प्राप्त संगठनों द्वारा किया जा रहा है और अल्मा उनमें से एक अपनी छवि के



अनुरूप कार्य कर रही है।

समारोह को संबोधित करते हुए अल्मा के डायरेक्टर श्री संतोष शुक्ला ने कहा कि अल्मा का उद्देश्य न्यूनतम शुल्क पर कम्प्यूटर कोर्स उपलब्ध कराकर युवाओं का आत्मविश्वास बढ़ाना है और वह इस दिशा में कार्य कर रही है। इस अवसर पर सर्वश्री सुरेश वर्मा, राकेश

चोपड़ा (जी.एम.), सुमीत मेहता, राजीव बिस्नैया, दिलीप रघुवंशी, दिलीप एन. पंडित, राजेश शुक्ला, सुरेश कुमावत तथा श्रीमती सुचिता शुक्ला, संगीता प्रसाद एवं नेहा बाहेती उपस्थित थीं। कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री राजेश शुक्ला ने किया तथा आभार श्री बिस्नैया ने व्यक्त किया।

समाज सेवा में शिक्षा का प्रसार-प्रचार श्रेष्ठ : सुचिता शुक्ला



इन्दौर। समाज सेवा निःसंदेह जीवन का सर्वश्रेष्ठ मूल्यों में से एक है। समाज सेवा के माध्यम से यदि शिक्षा, तकनीकी शिक्षा तथा नैतिक शिक्षा का प्रसार-प्रचार किया जाए तो यह समाज हित और देश के विकास के लिए सर्वोत्तम कार्य है। उक्त वक्तव्य श्रीमती सुचिता शुक्ला ने भी नित्यानंद समाज सेवा समिति ग्राम तिरला (जिला धार) द्वारा आयोजित एक

समारोह में व्यक्त किए। समिति ने अपनी गतिविधियों का एक वर्ष पूर्ण किया।

श्रीमती शुक्ला ने समिति की कार्यशैली और उद्देश्यों पर संतोष व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि यह निश्चित ही प्रशंसनीय कृत्य है।

इस मौके पर समिति के अध्यक्ष श्री आशीष पाण्डेय ने संक्षिप्त जानकारी देते हुए उसके विकास कार्यों पर प्रकाश

डाला। कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्री कमल पाटीदार ने किया एवं अतिथियों का आभार श्री पाण्डेय ने व्यक्त किया। इस अवसर पर समिति के सचिव श्रीराम पाटीदार, कोषाध्यक्ष श्री कमल पाटीदार, उपाध्यक्ष श्री अतुल जैन विशेष रूप से उपस्थित थे। समिति के सदस्यों ने एक वर्ष पूर्ण होने पर सहयोगी एवं मित्रों का आभार व्यक्त किया।

खूब जमा अ.भा. कवि सम्मेलन

‘दंगों के मगरमच्छों की खैर नहीं है’

इन्दौर। श्री दिगंबर जैन शांतिनाथ जिनालय ट्रस्ट एवं गोयल नगर जैन समाज के तत्वावधान में गोयल नगर में आयोजित विराट अ.भा. कवि सम्मेलन में देर रात तक ठहाके लगाते रहे तथा तालियां बजाकर कवियों की हौसला अफजाई करते रहे।

कवि सम्मेलन में राष्ट्रीय कवि प्रो. राजीव शर्मा (इन्दौर), शायर जलाल मयकश (कानपुर), गीतकार हेमन्त निशंक (झांसी), व्यंग्यकार अजय अहिंसा (जबलपुर), सी.एस. विराट (भोपाल), स्वप्निल पारदर्शी (भुसावल) ने अपनी कविताओं का पाठ कर श्रोताओं को अपनी

रचनाओं से बांधे रखा। प्रो. राजीव शर्मा (इन्दौर) की साम्प्रदायिक सौहार्द एवं एकता पर पढ़ी गई इन पंक्तियों पर श्रोताओं ने जोरदार तालियों की बौछार कर दाद दी।

गीता के लिये कुरान गैर नहीं है, राम और रहीम में बैर नहीं है।

नानक, गौतम, महावीर के देश में दंगों के मगरमच्छ तेरी खैर नहीं है। हमको गुजरे वक्त का बतलाता इतिहास, जब रहीम घायल हुए रोए तुलसीदास।।

शायर जलाल मयकश (कानपुर) ने अपनी शायरी के माध्यम से कवि सम्मेलन को नई ऊंचाइयां दी। गीताकर हेमंत

निशंक (झांसी) ने शृंगार रस के गीत पढ़े। व्यंग्यकार अजय अहिंसा (जबलपुर) के तीखे व्यंग्यों ने श्रोताओं की सांच को झिंझोड़ दिया। स्वप्निल पारदर्शी (भुसावल) व सी.एस. विराट (भोपाल) की कविताएं माहौल को गर्माने में कामयाब रही।

कवि सम्मेलन में विमल जैन समाज के वरिष्ठ प्रदीप कासलीवाल, अजमेरा विशेष रूप से उपस्थित थे। आयोजन समिति के एम.एम. पाटनी, सुदीप जैन एवं दिलीप पाटनी ने अतिथियों एवं कवियों का स्वागत किया। आभार माना मनमोहन पाटनी ने।

FACE TO FACE

Deepak Adhikari, Alma Gangtok

Be Hard Worker to Achieve the Success

Sikkim is one of the most beautiful states of the country is nestled in the Himalayas. It's long been known as the land of mystic splendour.

Kanchenjunga, the world's third highest peak, is located on the border of Sikkim with Nepal. It is popular tourist destination because of its culture, scenic beauty and

providing well established institutions from schools to colleges.

Shri Adhikari enthuses about Alma's courses because it provides various job-oriented courses in very nominal fee structure. Even, those who do not have proper education, they could able to get job-oriented



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biodiversity. Now-a-day Sikkim is getting known for its expertise in IT education and computer literacy awareness. Alma made fresh wave to introduce its whole range of computer courses. Recently, Alma opened a centre in Gangtok and shouldered the responsibility to youth Shri Deepak Adhikari, who is highly educated in computer education and technology. To promote the cause of computer education over there, Shri Adhikari has a fine vision and dedicated mission. According to him the literacy rate is about 82.6 percent and state government is supported education system by

computer courses and get employed. He is having proficient faculty staff to teach students along with career guidance. He feels that the future of computer education is bright enough and for getting employment. He is very much sure about the impact of computer revolution. It's the dream of Shri Adhikari that the whole state should become computer literate and his own way of promoting the cause would be sure carved a niche on that way. The message he wants to convey the youth is that be positive and do hard work to achieve success.

Anil Ambani to buy stake in India commodity bourse : Report

India's market regulator has approved a proposal by billionaire Anil Ambani's group to buy a 26 percent stake in a local commodities exchange, the Economic Times newspaper reported on Saturday.

The Reliance Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group will buy the stake from Indiabulls Financial Services in the Indian Commodity Exchange (ICEX), jointly founded by Indiabulls and trading giant MMTC.

"The sale of 26 percent by



Forwards Markets Commission, was quoted by the paper as saying.

"While both ADAG (Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group) and MMTC will jointly perform an

Indiabulls was approved by the ministry of consumer affairs on Thursday," B.C. Khatua, chairman,

anchor investor's role, MMTC could exercise the right of first refusal in case Indiabulls wants to sell the rest of its stake to ADAG," he told the paper.

As an anchor investor ADAG's stake will have a three-year lock-in period from Thursday," Khatua said.

The Anil Ambani group controls India's No.2 telecom firm Reliance Communications and financial services firm Reliance Capital.

बरली ग्रामीण महिला विकास संस्थान में अंतरराष्ट्रीय साक्षरता दिवस

इन्दौर। बरली ग्रामीण महिला विकास संस्थान में अंतरराष्ट्रीय साक्षरता दिवस मनाया गया तथा तीन दिवसीय कार्यशाला का समापन किया गया। कार्यशाला का मुख्य विषय 'महिलाओं की साक्षरता की शक्ति' था। कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत प्रार्थना से की गई और

अपनी मूल संस्कृति को बनाए रखते हुए विकास की ओर बढ़ रही हैं। संस्थान बहाई धर्म के सिद्धान्तों पर चल रहा है जो महिला, पुरुष समानता पर आधारित है। जब महिलाएं सशक्त होंगी तो ही समाज और देश का विकास होगा।

अध्यक्षीय उद्बोधन में श्री प्रभु

विशेष अतिथि श्री राजेन्द्र गोयल, चार्टर्ड एकाउंटेंट ने बताया 'हमारा देश ज्ञान के लिए जाना जाता है। आज हमारा देश विकास कर रहा है। इसी तरह हम सभी को भी शिक्षित होकर अपना विकास करना चाहिए। संस्थान जो काम कर रहा है, वह बहुत महान काम है।'

स्वागत उद्बोधन में डॉ. (श्रीमती) जनक पलटा मगिलिगन ने संस्थान का परिचय दिया और बताया 'बरली ग्रामीण महिला विकास संस्थान का उद्देश्य ग्रामीण विकास के माध्यम से मानव संसाधन तैयार करना है। 'बरली' धार, झाबुआ के गांवों में लड़कियों का जाना-पहचाना नाम है, जिसका मतलब है, घर के बीच का खंभा, जिस पर पूरा घर टिका रहता है। उसी तरह महिला समाज की बरली है, जिस पर पूरा समाज टिका है। जब महिला सशक्त हो जाएगी तो पूरा समाज सशक्त हो जाएगा।'

इस मौके पर संस्थान के प्रबंधक श्री जिम्मी मगिलिगन, इंडोनेशिया की स्वयंसेविका सुश्री वाहिदा सिजाया और फिनलैंड की मिरांका लेपानेन उपस्थित थे। कार्यक्रम का संचालन और आभार प्रदर्शन कार्यक्रम अधिकारी सुश्री विजयश्री ने किया।



प्रशिक्षणार्थियों ने मुख्य अतिथि, अध्यक्ष और विशेष अतिथि का स्वागत संस्थान में बनी कलाकृतियों से किया।

इस अवसर पर कार्यक्रम के मुख्य अतिथि शिक्षाविद एवं कवि प्रो. सरोज कुमार ने कहा 'बरली संस्थान गांव की महिलाओं को साक्षर कर भारत की आत्मा को साक्षर कर रहा है। यहां पर महिलाएं

जोशी, कार्यक्रम पालक, दूरदर्शन ने कहा 'पढ़ने- लिखने के बाद सोचने- समझने की स्वतंत्रता आ जाती है। हम तय कर सकते हैं कि हमारे लिए क्या अच्छा है और क्या बुरा है। बरली संस्थान के लिपट के समान हैं जहां से प्रशिक्षित होकर आप सीधे विकास की ओर जाते हैं।'

झलकियाँ ...



संतोष शुक्ला से फ्रेन्चाइसी सर्टिफिकेट लेते हुए गंगटोक के दीपक अधिकारी।



संतोष शुक्ला व नेहा बाहेती से सर्टिफिकेट लेते हुए आरा के विपिन पाण्डे।



प्रो. राकेश चोपड़ा से प्रमाण पत्र लेते हुए कोल्हापुर के श्री गायकवाड़।



अल्मा अजमेर के शाखा प्रबंधक को प्रमाण पत्र देते हुए अल्मा पदाधिकारीगण।



बांसवाड़ा में एक कार्यक्रम के दौरान श्री डामोर एवं अल्मा परिवार के सदस्य।

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW BY ALMA'S EDITOR OF MARINKA LEPPANEN (FINLAND) & WAHIDAH SIJAYA (INDONESIA)

East or West, Positive Thinking Is the Best



with the rough situation. Youth are the centre strage of global affairs and they must be shouldered the responsibility to save the earth. Marinka feels that some one who has

positive thinking mindset naturally thinks positive and always foresee happiness, good health, success and positive outcome to just about every situation and event that takes

place. According to her a youth must be fair to his/her own dealing irrespective to their own parents. They must be candid in every respect that only gives them positive energy and self-confidence. Ms. Wahidah thinks that the religious persuasion counts a lot in positive thinking and makes the entire personality of an individual in the society. The basic virtues of humanity are inspired by the very faith on the God. Devotion and dedication over the God made us more strong with positive thinking, no matter where we live, what language we speak or what we eat. There is only one way to understand individuals that is through positive thinking. Ms. Marinka and Ms. Wahidah arrived India for doing social work and they think it is creative work with positive thinking. It is kind of the grace given by the God and give them very much satisfaction. They teach here tribal girls of remote places despite lack of vernacular language but human gestures and feeling are that common in among them which dilute the exotic nature of xenophobia. That's what here works positive thinking, admitted both the social workers.

Google chief sees Bing as main threat

Google chief executive Eric Schmidt has said that Microsoft's Bing search engine was the company's main threat, not Facebook or Apple.

"While it's true Web search is not the only game in town,

searching information is what it is all about," Schmidt said in 'Wall Street Journal' interview video posted online.

He described Apple as a well-respected competitor and Facebook as a "company of consequence doing an excellent job in social networking," but said that Microsoft's latest-generation search engine was Google's main competition.

"We consider neither to be a competitive threat," Schmidt said, referring to Facebook and Apple. "Absolutely, our competitor is Bing.

Bing is a well-run, highly competitive search engine."

Microsoft's Bing and other Internet search services overtook Yahoo! for the first time to become the No 2 search engine in the United States in August, according to The Nielsen Co.

Microsoft's Bing, MSN and Windows Live had a 13.9 per cent share of US search volume in August, up 0.25 per cent from July, while Yahoo! had a 13.1 per cent share of US Internet searches, down from 14.6 per cent in July, Nielsen said.

Google continued to dominate the lucrative search and advertising market with a 65.1 per cent of all Internet searches in August, Nielsen said.

Year-over-year, Microsoft sites have increased their search share from 10.7 per cent in August 2009 to 13.9 per cent in August 2010 while Yahoo! has fallen from 16.0 per cent a year ago to its current 13.1 per cent, Nielsen said.

Google held steady at 65 per cent.

Russian-US space crew lands in Kazakhstan

A Soyuz capsule carrying two Russian cosmonauts and a U.S. astronaut back to Earth from the International Space Station landed safely in Kazakhstan.

"The TMA module has landed," an announcer at Mission Control outside Moscow said to applause from officials and relatives, relieved after an initial attempt to return from the orbital outpost was foiled by an equipment problem.

Space officials said the capsule landed upright, on time and on target near Arkalyk on the central Kazakh steppe.

NASA TV showed technicians crouching over the hatch of the gumdrop-shaped capsule and helping Soyuz commander Alexander Skvortsov out in his spacesuit.

NASA astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson was next out, smiling as she was carried to an armchair at the landing site and covered with a blue blanket.

As cosmonaut Mikhail Korniyenko was extracted from the hatch in the top of the cramped capsule, Dyson chatted on a satellite

phone.

Skvortsov, Dyson and Korniyenko spent nearly six months aboard the International Space Station.

They were to have returned on Friday, but the descent was aborted after latches holding their Soyuz TMA-18 craft to the orbital station failed to open, sending puzzled engineers scrambling for answers.

NASA later said crew members rigged up a solution, attaching jumper cables to bypass a failed hatch sensor that was blocking commands, enabling the latches on the Russian-made Poisk module to open.

"Space station crew members installed a series of jumpers, bypassing a failed component that had prevented commands from being received by the Russian Poisk module's docking mechanism," the U.S. space agency said on its website.

Dyson, Skvortsov and Korniyenko boarded the space station on April 4 after a flight up together in the same Soyuz that took them back to Earth.

Mobile phones 'to be recharged wirelessly from 2012'

LONDON: Cell phone users may soon be able to recharge their devices wirelessly.

Japanese technology company Fujitsu has developed a system capable of simultaneously charging multiple portable electronic devices such as mobile phones, digital cameras and laptop computers without the need for cable connections.



Electric cars users may also eventually be able to charge their vehicles wirelessly using the same technology according to Fujitsu, which unveiled a prototype system at an Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers conference at Osaka Prefecture University.

Claiming to be the world's first of its kind, the technology works on the basis of the transmission of electricity using magnetic fields between the charger and the electronic device.

The system enables wireless charging at distances of up to several metres, with the ultimate aim of installing public "charging spots" on the streets in order to enable easy charging around the clock.

Scientists at Fujitsu Laboratories are planning to commercially sell products incorporating the new wireless charging system as early as 2012 but did not disclose how much they would cost.

"This technology paves the way to integrating compact wireless charging functions into mobile phones and enabling multiple portable devices to be charged simultaneously without any restrictions on their position with respect to the charger," the Telegraph quoted the company as saying in a statement.

Oracle unveils new hardware for managing cloud computing

Oracle Corp, the world's No. 3 software maker, unveiled a new all-in-one product to help companies manage so-called "cloud" computing.

Chief Executive Larry Ellison opened Oracle's annual technology and user conference by revealing Exalogic, which combines server, storage and networking technology

with Oracle's software, that companies will use to run their business applications.

Oracle competes with European software giant SAP AG and International Business Machines (IBM) in the business software and database products markets.

It also vies with hardware vendors such as Hewlett-Packard after a multi-billion dollar purchase of Sun Microsystems earlier this year.

Ellison attempted to wrest control of the term "cloud," a word that's meaning is the subject of much debate, as he described

Exalogic as a "cloud in a box."

"The whole idea of cloud computing is to have a pool of resources that is shared amongst



lots of different applications inside your company," he said.

He said Exalogic takes advantage of virtualization technologies and is elastic enough to meet surges in demand for computing power within companies.

Ellison hopes to double the size

of Oracle's hardware business, taking share from IBM and others.

The OpenWorld conference -- which attracts more than 40,000

people -- is expected to feature more drama than in years past because of Mark Hurd, the recently ousted CEO of Hewlett-Packard, who Ellison has just hired as president.

The move prompted HP to sue Hurd,

and Ellison to fire some harsh words HP's way. The two companies have been partners for more than two decades -- with more than 140,000 joint customers -- but the relationship has appeared strained.

The spat did not prevent HP from making a high-profile

appearance at the Oracle conference, although Ellison did not appear on stage with any HP executives.

Ann Livermore, who runs HP's enterprise business, had been scheduled to speak at OpenWorld long before the Hurd controversy erupted.

Livermore noted how connected the two companies' businesses are. HP has roughly 12,000 IT services employees who do nothing but work on Oracle systems, she said.

Oracle's software runs on HP servers and storage products, but the companies are now competing more directly, as Oracle pushes into the server market.

Oracle reported better-than-expected net profit and sales, helped by strong demand for its new business software and faster-than-expected growth of its new hardware business.

Hurd was named co-president of Oracle on Sept. 6, replacing Charles Phillips. Oracle shares surged when his hiring was announced.

US losing competitive edge to India, China, fears Obama

WASHINGTON: With countries like India, China and Brazil focusing hard on education, research and development and

'You've got countries like China and India and Brazil that are really moving. They're educating their kids much more

energy,' Obama said.

'And if we're not the ones who get there first in terms of figuring this stuff out, then they're the ones who are going to get the jobs of the future. And I don't want them to get those jobs. I want us to have those jobs right here in the United States.'

People were anxious about the future of the country, he said, 'because if you don't have confidence that the country can pull together and you know that the problems are hard to solve and you know that we've got competition from China and India and Brazil and Europe, then you start thinking, well, maybe we're not going to be the same land of opportunity 20 years from now or 30 years from now as we were.'

Earlier, making a similar pitch at a public meeting in Iowa, Obama said: 'You saw countries like China, India and Brazil investing heavily in their education systems and in infrastructure...And where we used to be ranked number one, for example, in the proportion of college graduates, we now rank number 12.'

'So slowly all the things that had made us the most productive country on earth were starting to slip away. And we were losing that competitive position,' he said.

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'And obviously the crisis just made things worse. And this is all at a time when we've got increased global competition,' he said.

aggressively than they ever were. They are exporting much more than they ever were,' Obama said.

'And so we're having to compete at levels that we didn't have to compete before,' he said seeking more investment in research and development on clean energy lest the US is overtaken by others.

'Sooner or later, the world passes you by. China, India, Japan - all these countries are all thinking about new ways to find clean

India, RIM working on glitches in email access

India and Research in Motion have hit technical glitches in their talks on access to corporate email, but access to the messenger services is satisfactory, a government source said.

"Messenger service is working fine, so far. We are getting manual reports, we are satisfied," the source said.

"Some technical glitches have come up, more than what we evaluated, on enterprise mail. Efforts (are) underway to solve it," the source said.

India, which along with several other countries has expressed concerns that BlackBerry services could be used to stir political or social instability, had threatened RIM with a ban if it were denied access to data.

Facebook CEO Zuckerberg announces USD 100 mln grant to schools

CHICAGO : Facebook founder and its CEO Mark Zuckerberg has joined the group of philanthropic billionaires by announcing USD

100 million grant to a troubled public school system in

New Jersey. Zuckerberg, a 26-year-old billionaire, announced the creation of Startup: Education Foundation aimed at helping schools throughout America.

"I've committed to starting the Startup: Education foundation, whose first project will be a USD 100 million challenge grant to Newark's public school district," he said. "I've had a lot of opportunities in my life, and a lot of that comes from having gone to really good schools," he told Oprah on the "The Oprah Winfrey Show", accompanied by Newark Mayor Cory Booker and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, who committed themselves to work for the city's schools and to turn them in a national model of excellence.

Oprah also took her camera into Zuckerberg's Palo Alto, California, home which he shares with girlfriend Priscilla Chan. He was shown kissing his girlfriend Chan and learning Chinese. Zuckerberg announced that Chan and he were going to vacation in China at the end of the

year. Facebook is the world's most popular social networking site with about 500 million users.

Valued at an estimated USD 23 billion, Facebook derives much of its revenues from online ads. Coincidentally, the movie on Zuckerberg's life "The Social Network" premieres today at the New York Film Festival and it depicts the founder's life story about going to Harvard and dropping out.

"It's a movie. It's fun," Zuckerberg told Oprah.

"I mean a lot of it is fiction, but even the filmmakers will say that they're trying to build a good story. You know, I'm going to promise you this is my life so I know it's not that dramatic," he added.

"The last six years have been a lot of coding and focus and hard work, but maybe it would be fun to remember it as partying and all this crazy drama," Zuckerberg added. However, on the show, Oprah stated that Zuckerberg had initially considered making his donation anonymously.

"You're such a shy person and you've been talking about this for months and months and months," she said. "You wanted to remain anonymous and we talked you into coming on here."

"She also said that Facebook's CEO had wanted to appear on her show earlier in September, but that her season had not yet started.

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India one of the powerhouses of world economy says German Minister

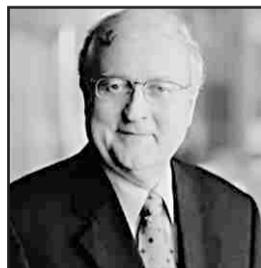
MUMBAI : German Minister of Economics and Technology Rainer Brudeler, presently on a two-day visit to India said that India is one of the powerhouses of the world economy.

He said while addressing a group of Industry captains and other leading personalities from the corporate world here. "India is one of the powerhouses of the world economy and so we are very eager to improve our already very successful co-operation. I am very happy to get a lot of ideas. That's a feeling both sides are willing to want more and do more," said Brudeler.

He further said that his delegation to India had fruitful discussions and they are looking forward for an expansion of 20 billion Euros investment in India as per the wishes of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

"Had a very fruitful discussion, lot of exchange of ideas with the CEOs of very successful Indian companies working

abroad, working in lot of states. We wanted to collect ideas to improve the very



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successful co-operation between India and Germany. It's up to 13 billion Euro... volume per year, we want to expand it to 20. It was the ambition of your Prime Minister Singh and our Chancellor Merkel," said Brudeler.

On liberalising norms for Visa, he said both the countries should lessen the red tape and they are willing to have an exchange of experts in their respective countries.

"Yeah for those directions, we have to

make less red tape coming to Germany but coming to India too.

We are both willing to speed it up and we get some ideas and take it home and leave some here to improve it. Of course we want more Indian experts to work for us in Germany and India wants more German experts over here. So the will in both the sides is very strong," said Brudeler.

Earlier, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee, while addressing the 17th Session of Indo-German Joint Commission Meeting on Industrial and Economic Cooperation at New Delhi, had said that India and Germany hold tremendous potential for cooperation between them in various sectors including bio-technology, infrastructure development, telecom and health care among others.

EDITOR'S CHOICE



DILIP N. PANDIT

Video games may prepare your kids' brains for bigger tasks

The next time you see your son hooked on to a video game, tell him to spend an hour extra with the joystick, for it might just turn him into a laparoscopic surgeon some day, says a new study.

Reorganisation of the brain's cortical network in young men with significant experience playing video games gives them an advantage not only in playing the games but also in performing other tasks requiring visuomotor skills.

Researchers from the Centre for Vision Research at York University in Canada compared a group of 13 young men in their twenties, who had played video games at least four hours a week for the previous three years, to a group of 13 young men without that experience.

The subjects were placed in a functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) machine and asked to complete a series of increasingly difficult visuomotor tasks, such as using a joystick or looking one way while reaching another way.

"By using high resolution brain imaging (fMRI), we were able to actually measure which brain areas were activated at a given time during the experiment," said Lauren Sergio, associate professor in the Faculty of Health at York University.

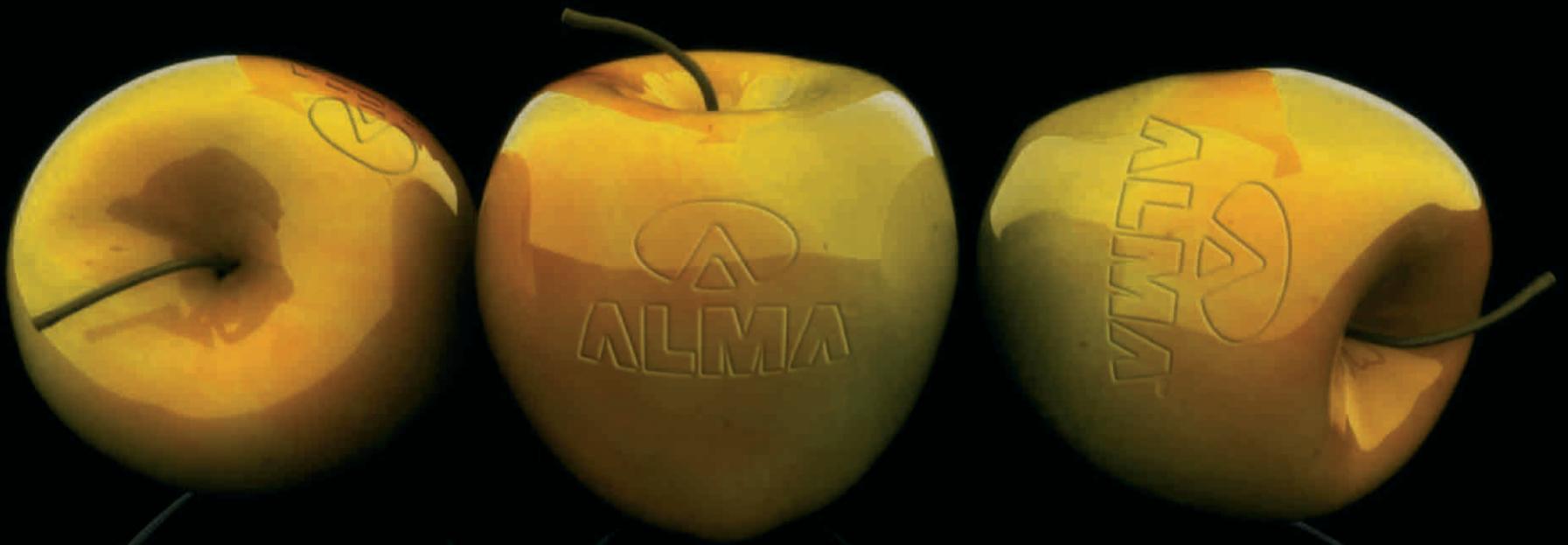
"We tested how the skills learned from video game experience can transfer over to new tasks, rather than just looking at brain activity while the subject plays a video game," he added.

The study found that during the tasks the less experienced gamers were relying most on the parietal cortex (the brain area typically involved in hand-eye coordination), whereas the experienced gamers showed increased activity in the prefrontal cortex at the front of the brain.

The finding that using visuomotor skills can reorganize how the brain works offers hope for future research into the problems experienced by Alzheimer's patients, who struggle to complete the simplest visuomotor tasks.

Lead author Joshua Granek added that, in future, it would be interesting to study if the brain pattern changes are affected by the type of video games a player has used and the actual total number or hours he has played, and to study female video gamers, whose brain patterns in earlier studies were different than those of males.

The findings are published in the latest issue of Elsevier's Cortex.



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