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With the objective of nurturing the spirit of en-

trepreneurship among Indians as envisioned by

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, GAIL (In-

dia) Limited Chairman and Managing Director Shri

B CTripathi today launched a Start-up initiative titled

'Pankh' to identify and promote innovative ventures.

GAIL CMD launches Start-up

initiative 'Pankh'

Equity markets extend gains, Nifty trades above 10k

Indian equity markets traded at a fresh high during the mid-afternoon session on Wednesday on expectations of healthy quarterly results, coupled with broadly positive cues and intense buying activity witnessed in metal, automobile and capi-

tal goods stocks. However, some gains were capped as investors continued to book profits. Caution also prevailed in the global markets ahead of the outcome of the two-day US Federal Open Market Committee meet later in the evening.

The wider Nifty of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) traded above the 10,000-level and scaled an intra-day high of 10,010.80 points.

At 12.40 p.m., the Nifty rose by 43.45 points or 0.44 per cent to trade at 10,008

Prestellar

The 30-scrip Sensitive Index (Sensex) of the BSE, which opened at 32,255.99 points, traded at 32,348.93 points -- up 120.66 points or 0.37 per cent -- from its previous close at 32,228.27 points.

The Sensex has so far touched a high of 32,361.61 points and a low of 32,226.08 points during the intra-day trade.

The BSE market breadth was bullish with 1,466 advances and 1,004 declines.

"India's NSE Nifty index hit the 10,000-mark for the first time on Tuesday, further cementing its position as one of Asia's best performing stock market gauges. India's GDP growth to stay ahead of China, IMF retains forecast," Dhruv Desai, Director and Chief Operating Officer of Tradebulls, told

Prestellar Ventures launches

\$100 mn fund for entrepreneurs

ANS. "The advance-decline ratio on the NSE stood at 19 advances, 31 declines and 1 unchanged. Top gainers on NSE Infratel, were Indbulhsgfin and Vedanta, while top losers were Zeel, EicherMotors and Tata mo-

On Tuesday, the benchmark indices closed on a flat note with marginal losses as investors booked profits. However, both the NSE Nifty and the BSE Sensex scaled fresh highs during intra-day trade.

The Nifty fell by 1.85 points or 0.02 per cent to close at 9,964.55 points, after touching a fresh high of 10,011.30 points during intra-day trade.

The Sensex, too, touched a record high of 32,374.30 points during the intra-day trade, and closed at 32,228.27 points.

to over 100 brands, 14,000

employees, 150 hotels and

resorts across the world, a

publicly-listed bank, fast

moving consumer goods

products selling over a bil-

lion units per year, and a dis-

tribution network with di-

rect access to over 2.5 mil-

lion rural households across

India, the statement added.



(from left) Sureshbabu NV, Director, Cochin Shipyard, along with Madhu S Nair, CMD, and Rajesh Gopalakrishnan, GM, at a press conference to announce the firm's IPO in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

Ahmedabad,

State-run Cochin Shipthird, to facilitate the conyard (CSL), which is building struction of larger ships and the first entirely Indianunderwater repairs of rigs made aircraft carrier, will sell and semi-submersibles, shares through an IPO to Madhu S Nair, Chairman and raise as much as Rs. 1,470 crore to help fund a Rs. Managing Director of Cochin Shipyard, said at a 2,800-crore expansion plan for constructing larger so-phisticated ships and strengthen its ship repair conference in Mumbai on Tuesday. CSL, a debt-free com-pany, will be the first of business. India's five State-run ship-

The share-sale involves builders to be listed, allow-34.984 million equity shares of ?10 each, comprising a worth into share value. CSL, fresh issue of 2.2656 crore a profitable and dividendshares and the Central paying company, is cur-Government's stake of rently executing orders worth ?3,000 crore, com-1.1328 crore shares. The share-sale will open on Auprising four passengergust 1 and close on August 3, in a price band of Rs. 424-432 an equity share. Proceeds from the

ministration, one technolshare-sale will be utilised by for the DRDO and the bal-CSL to part-finance the setance 40 per cent work on ting up of an international ship repair facility at nearby Phase II of the aircraft car-

Cochin Port Trust as well as rier, apart from on-going a new dry dock, the firm's ship repairs.

Nair said that CSL has submitted bids for projects worth ?12,000 crore, three for the Indian Navy and one for the Ministry of Home Affairs. The expansion also involves expanding its ship repair capacity, a high-mar-

gin business in which the firm earned ?550 crore in the year ended March 2017, by undertaking repairs of sóme 80-100 ships. The new ing the firm to convert its ship repair facility will help Cochin Shipyard repair another 80 mid-sized ships a year, Nair said.

The firm, India's biggest State-owned shipbuilder by capacity, now has the capa-bility to build vessels of up to 1.1 lakh deadweight tonnes (DWT) and repair ships of up to 1.25 lakh DWT. Deadweight tonne is a measure for the total weight-carrying capacity of a ship.

ment of Posts takes action,

from time to time, to induct

technology and upgrade the system to cater to the

growing market require-

Shri Subir Purkayastha, Director (Finance), Shri P K Gupta, Director (Human Resources), Shri Gajendra Singh, Director (Marketing) along with senior officials of GAIL were present on the occasion.

To promote the initiative, GAIL has created a corpus of Rs 50 crores for investing in Start-ups and would also provide mentoring to them in core areas of the company, i.e., natural gas and its derivatives. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Tripathi said this would help Start-ups to realize their full potential at the earliest. He stressed upon the need to look at the initiative of Start-ups in the context of the economy cycle which is otherwise reversing and the need of the hour is innovation.

Tripathi also launched a Start-up Web Portal through which potential candidates can submit their proposals to GAIL. The Portal can be accessed through the GAIL website www.gailonline.com and will remain open till August 16, 2017.

Addressing the GAIL officials, Shri Tripathi said the creation of the corpus fund under 'Pankh' was only a small beginning to promote innovative ideas and this could be reviewed and improved upon depending upon the response of entrepreneurs and the concepts received under the initiative.

GST mitigated cascading impact of taxes on civil aviation sector: Minister

New Delhi,

New Delhi,

The government on Tuesday said GST (Goods and Services Tax) has mitigated "ill-effects of cascading taxes on prices across all sectors including civil aviation". According to Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha, GST was introduced with the intention to reduce the overall tax burden on the consumer. "The GST regime amalgamates a large number of central and state taxes into a single tax and allows set-off of prior stage taxes thereby mitigating the ill-effects of cascading taxes on prices across all sectors including civil aviation," Sinha informed the Rajya Sabha.

In his written reply to a question, Sinha elaborated that under the GST regime the applicable tax rate on economy class passenger tickets has been reduced from 6 to 5 per cent, while the same for business class has travel been increased from 9 to 12 per cent. "Petroleum products including ATF are presently outside the purview of GST," the minister said. --IANS

21 Australian students complete 'corporate internships' in Mumbai

Mumbai,

A batch of 21 undergraduates from an Australian university participated in a unique 21-day corporate internship programme with top companies based in Mumbai, an official said here on Wednesday

Hailing from the University of New South Wales' School of Business, the students worked with companies like TCS, Wespac, CitiBank, Flexiloans and the UNSW's India Team.

The corporate internship programme was implemented under the 'Colombo Plan', first proposed in 1949 by Indian diplomat K.M. Panikkar, through which developing countries could avail academic and training opportunities abroad.

Broken up in different teams, the 21 interns were given a problem that they had to intensively examine and provide a solution for.

"This was an extra-ordinary two-way win-win reionshin which not only pr

front of innovation is critical New Delhi, to keeping traditional busi-Singapore-based firm Ventures on nesses such as CG Corp Global relevant in the future," Wednesday said it has launched a \$100 million said Binod Chaudhary, Director of Prestellar Ventures venture capital fund to encourage entrepreneurs and and the Chairman of CG start-ups across India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Corp Global. The GPs companies of Prestellar Ventures provide

Nepal. According to the ven-ture capital firm, the funding has been backed by four general partners (GPs) --Nepalese enterprise CG Corp Global, Indian microfinance institution Satin Creditcare, the Mauritius-based private-equity firm Frontline Strategy, and Nepalese family conglomerate N.E. Group.

"The fund seeks to partner with passionate entrepreneurs and disruptive start-ups across South Asia and ASEAN in the hospitality, consumer, financial services, rural product and services sectors, typically in 'Pre-Series A' deals with a cheque size of approximately \$2-3 million," the firm said in a statement.

"Investing in the fore-

Twitter is reportedly mulling over closing down SnappyTV that it acquired in 2014 for quickly clipping, editing and sharing live video clips on its platform.

portfolio companies access

According to a report in TechCrunch on Tuesday, Twitter plans to bring several of SnappyTV's features into Media Studio -- a dashboard for businesses and power users.

"I'm not sure if you've heard but we are winding SnappyTV down and shifting key features to Media Studio so there is one desti-

nation to create, cut, share, and monetise video," the report quoted an employee from Twitter as saying. Twitter is also planning

to add SRT files (video caption files) to Media Studio.

for it in future, given the changes the micro-blogging site is bringing to its platform.

It is also hard to guess if Twitter will let users continue to create clips that can be posted elsewhere beyond Twitter.

A Hawaii woman who

was forced to hold her child

on lap during her flight has

decided to sue United Air-

The government plans to open 81 sub-post offices and 100 branch post offices during the current financial year under the "Rural Business & Access to Postal Network" scheme, parliament was informed on Wednes-

Communications Minister Manoj Sinha said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha that, under the scheme, the Department of Posts also plans to open 66 branch post offices during the current financial year by creation of new post offices in 32 worst affected Left

agency reported.

said.

"United said they would

change and I want to see

that happen. I don't want

Wing Extremism (LWE)-hit New Delhi, districts in the country. He said out of 25,350 post offices in the various states of the country, 25, 348 are computerised.

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ogy demonstration vessel

Government plans to open

new post offices in 2017-18

ments and to increase rev-Sinha said the Departenue earnings.

Huawei leader as Xiaomi pips Apple in China

Beijing, Domestic smartphone shipments have fallen by three per cent to 11 million in the second quarter of this year after six consecutive quarters of growth, with Huawei leading the market, shipping over 23 million

smartphones, new research said on Wednesday. According to a survey conducted by global market

research firm Canalys, Oppo had to settle for second place with just over 21 million, despite growing 37 per cent year on year. This was

ing network of 'experience stores' will pose a threat to Oppo's and Vivo's offline dominance, while showcasing the design and build quality of its devices," he added

The rest of the top ten, including Apple, Samsung and Meizu, all suffered an-nual shipment declines this

quarter. "China's smartphone market continues to consolidate. The top five brands accounted for almost three quarters of shipments, with the top four all growing and adding 10 per cent to their cumulative share compared with the same quarter a year ago," said Hattie He, Canalys Research Analyst.

Woman forced to carry child Large, distant comets more on lap to sue United Airlines common than previously thought Los Angeles, treatment, Xinhua news

Washington, said.

Large comets that take more than 200 years to many more long-period make one revolution comets than predicted suggests that more of them around the Sun are more



Though Media Studio is free to use, it is uncertain if Twitter might start charging

day.

common in the universe than previously thought, a new study conducted by the US space agency NASA has said.

Based on observations by the agency's WISE spacecraft, the study found that the number of long-period comets measuring at least one kilometer across was about seven times more than it had been predicted previously, reports Xinhua news agency.

"Because they spend most of their time far from our area of the solar system. many 'long-period comets' will never approach the Sun in a person's lifetime," NASA said in a statement.

"In fact, those that travel inward from the Oort Cloud -- a group of icy bodies beginning roughly 186 billion miles (300 billion km) away from the Sun -- can have periods of thousands or even millions of years," it

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ets, delivering icy materials from the outer reaches of the solar system, the study said. The new study also found that long-period comets have a mean nucleus size of 2.1 km in di-

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ameter, roughly twice as large as "Jupiter family comets", whose orbits are shaped by Jupiter's gravity and have periods of less than 20 years.

The results reinforced the idea that comets that pass by the Sun more often tend to be smaller than those spending much more time away from the Sun, NASA said.

That is because Jupiter the comet's surface as well.

TENDER NOTICE No. 8 OF 2017-18

Tender ID No. 268989

Executive Engineer, Public Health Works Division, GWSSB, Old

Collectorate Building, Right Wing, 1st Floor, Kanbivaga, Bharuch 392001 (Ph. 02642-265560) invites on-line tender through e-

tendering from registered contractor's by Govt. of Gujarat Road

& Building / Irrigation Department in appropriate class E1 and

above for The work Under Rejuvenation Programme SZBT-2 Reg.

W/S Scheme Tal. Hansot, Dist: Bharuch On line village Obha W/

S Scheme Estimated amount put to tender Rs 15.70 Lakhs. Time

limit of work is 3 months. For further details contact above address

for tender notice, scope of work and specification etc. please

visit web sites www.nprocure.com, Last date of submission of on-line tender is Dt. 11.08.2017 up to 18.00 Hrs.

TENDER NOTICE NO. 06 of 2017-2018

(I.D. No. 268847)

GUJARAT WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

Superintending Engineer, Public Health Circle, GWSSB, Surat (Ph. 9978406917) invites on-line

tenders through e-tendering in Single bid system for

Color Work of 32.00 MLD Filter Plant, NZBT ESR

&Pump House, Palej Zone ESR & Pump House, CZBT

Pump House & HGLR, Strengthening of existing road

with RCC & Garden Development & Maintenance @

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Tal. Bharuch, Vagra, Jambusar, Amod, Dist Bharuch,

for the cost Rs.48,43,939/- For further details of tender

notice, scope of work, tender fee, EMD and

specification etc. Please visit web sites http://

gwssb.nprocure.cm. The last date for submission of

on-line tender is Dt. 08.08.2017 upto to 18:00 hrs.

ines, the media reported on Wednesday. Shirley Yamauchi, who is working in Kapolei Middle

School of Hawaii, on Tuesday hoped her lawsuit would help protect other passengers from this type of

family comets get more heat exposure, which causes volatile substances like water to sublimate and drag away other material from

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Boston, despite paying nearly \$1,000 for the baby's CHANGE OF NAME seat. When they boarded the I have changed my minor flight after five hours layover son's old name from NAITIK JETHO VACHHETANI to New in Houston on June 29, an-Name NAITIK JETHO other passenger showed up, WACHHAITANI claiming the seat of the tod-Add. : C/401, Aatrey Orchid,





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On the fourth place, Yamauchi had to hold Xiaomi with a shipment of her two-year-old son on her under 15 million lap in an over three-hour smartphones overtook flight, the final leg of an 18-Apple. hour flight from Hawaii to "Xiaomi still offers the

best value in the Chinese market and it remains the preferred choice for priceconscious consumers. The online channel continues to be a key route to market for Xiaomi and this guarter saw it take the lead in the 618

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Next To Fitness World, L.B.S. Marg

Ghatkopar (W) Mumbai- 400086 fo

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Financial Results for the quarter endec

The Copy of notice is also available

on the website of the Company

(www.corallab.com) and that of the BSE

For Coral Laboratories Limited

Sd/

Directo

Sushma Chinchane

(DIN: 07791735)

imited at www.bseindia.com

30th June, 2017.

Place: Mumbai

Date: 26th July, 2017

The report pointed out that Huawei and Xiaomi have strong online brands, and are now rapidly growing their offline channels.

Oppo and Vivo face greater pressure on their mid-range from Redmi and Honor. The failure to establish online channels will slow the momentum of these rising stars.

Kolkata's handpulled rickshaws to get Durga Puja branding Kolkata,

Celebrated in Bimal Roy's "Do Bigha Zamin", the once ubiquitous hand-pulled rickshaws of Kolkata have found a special place in Durga Puja branding this year. An initiative of the 80-year-old Kashi Bose Durga Puja Committee, a score of these rickshaws have been decked up in cloth ruffles and tassels.

These human-powered transports, with rainbow-hued wheel spokes, are moving through the city re-minding one and all of the city's British legacy.

"We have decorated the rickshaws so that they look prominent. We are currently using 20 such vehicles for branding of our puja committee," Pradipta Nan from the north Kolkata-based puja committee told IANS.

"The idea is to connect the youth of Kolkata to the past and at the same time adver tise our celebrations. As we get more funding, we will add more to the fleet," Nan said.

Hand-pulled rickshaws were devised in Japan in the 1870s and they replaced palanquins.

insight into Mumbai with its wonderfully varied cultural heritage where tradition and modernity coexist in harmony but also to get an exposure into corporate thinking in the thriving financial capital of Mumbai," said a spokesperson.

Simultaneously, the Mumbai-based companies were able to engage intensively with the students coming from the Australian Business School.

'Made in India' Microsoft 'Kaizala' app to boost productivity

New Delhi,

To enable businesses become more productive, Microsoft India on Wednesday officially launched 'Kaizala -- a 'made in India' app that has been designed for large group communications and work management, even for remote locations with 2G optimisation.

Powered by Azure Cloud platform, 'Kaizala' would help organisations seamlessly communicate, collaborate and complete tasks and bring together desktop users and mobile-only users who may be within or outside their organisations.

The company also announced the launch of 'Kaizala Pro' -- an enterprise version that allows organisations to have full administrative control of their groups. 'Kaizala' is available in India as a free download on iOS and Android phones. 'Kaizala Pro' is available for purchase at a list price of Rs 130 per user per month. "'Kaizala' brings together the two disparate worlds of mobile only messaging apps and a digitally integrated modern workplace. The product will make it possible for organisations to interact with everyone both within and outside, seamlessly and with rich content," Anant Maheshwari, President, Microsoft India, told reporters here. "'Kaizala' has been optimised for 2G networks to enable connectivity in remote locations and offers features with offline support," he added.

The app users can simply get connected using their mobile phone numbers as their primary unique ID. Using 'Kaizala', organisations can connect with their employees and the extended value chain.

"The product offers a simple and familiar chat interface and goes beyond to make everyone more productive using Surveys, Polls, Jobs, Meetings and other actions, right in your chats," added Rajiv Kumar, Corporate Vice President, Office Product Group, Microsoft.

SURAT URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SUDA) SURAT ON LINE E-TENDERING NOTICE NO.: SUDA/CB/05/2017-18

Chief Executive Authority, Surat Urban Development Authority, "SUDA Bhavan", B/h. Old multi storied building, Nanpura, Surat-395001, Invites on-line e-tender for works mentioned below from the eligible contractors registered in appropriate Class with State PWD/CPWD/Western Railway, S.M.C. and SUDA. The details of these works are available on Website https://suda.nprocure.com and https:// www.nprocure.com up to Dt: 14.08.2017

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