

SARTHAK INDUSTRIES LIMITED
CIN: L99999MH1982PLC136834
Regd. Office: Room No. 4, Anna Bhuvan,
3rd Floor, 87C Devji Ratansi Marg,
Dana Bunder, Mumbai. (Maharashtra) 400009,
Contact No.: 022-23480110, Fax: 022-2374718,
Email: sarthakinidustries@yahoo.in,
website: www.sarthakinidustries.com

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on 14th February, 2017, inter alia, to consider and to take on record the Un-audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended on 31st December, 2016.

Sarthak Industries Ltd.
Amit Jain
Date: 03.02.2017 Company Secretary

COMTECH TECHNOLOGY LIMITED
CIN: L72900MH2006PLC123796
Regd. Office: Dev Plaza, 708/709, S.V. Road,
Anandhi (West), Mumbai - 400 058

NOTICE
Pursuant to Regulation 29, 47(1)(a) and 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation And Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on **Monday, 13th February, 2017 at 2.30 p.m.** at the registered office of the Company to consider, approve and take on record the Un-audited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and Nine Months ended on 31st December, 2016 along with any other business with the permission of Chair. The said notice may be accessed on the Company's website at www.comtechtechnology.com and also on the website of the stock exchange at www.bseindia.com and www.mse.in.

By Order of the Board
Sd/-
Jayanti Mitra
Date: 3rd February, 2017 Managing Director

ID INFO BUSINESS SERVICES LIMITED
(Formerly known as HEMAKUTA INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT CO. LTD.)
Registered Office: 104, Mahinder Chambers,
Opp. Dukes Factory,
W.T. Pali Marg, Chembur, Mumbai-400071
CIN No.: L72900KA1968PLC001768,
Web: www.hemakuta.com

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in compliance with Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held at 11.30 A.M on 11th February, 2017 to consider, approve and take on record the un-audited financial results of the company for the Quarter ended December, 31, 2016.

The said notice may be accessed on the Company's website and also on the Stock Exchange website BSE LTD.

By order of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
KRISHNAN KANNAN
Date: 31.01.2017 MANAGING DIRECTOR

Syncom Formulations (I) Ltd.
Regd. Off: 7, Niraj Industrial Estate, Off Mahakali
Caves Road, Andheri (E), MUMBAI - 400 993
E-mail: info@syncom.in - www.syncom.in - CIN: L24230MH1989PLC047939

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29(1) read with Regulation 47(1) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Monday, 13th February, 2017, at 3.30 P.M.** inter-alia to consider and approve the Standalone Un-audited Financial Results for the Quarter/Nine Months ended on 31st December, 2016 and other routine businesses.

The said Notice may be accessed on the Company's Website at: www.syncom.in and also on the Stock Exchange website http://www.bseindia.com/stock-share-price/syncom-formulations-(india)-ltd/indcomf24470 where the shares of the company are listed.

FOR SYNCOM FORMULATIONS (INDIA) LIMITED
Sd/-
Ms. Nafisa Vakil
Date: 01/02/2017 Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

KUMAR WIRE CLOTH MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED
D-23, MIDC Talaja, Taluka Panvel, Dist- Raigad, Pincode-410, Maharashtra.

NOTICE
Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (Listing Regulations), Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Friday, 10th February, 2017** inter alia, to consider and approve the stand-alone and consolidated un-audited financial results of the Company for the third quarter/nine months ended 31st December, 2016.

The said Notice may be accessed on the Company's website at: www.kumarwirecloth.com and may also be accessed on the Stock Exchange website at www.listing.bseindia.com.

Pursuant to this, the Company has decided that the close period (i.e. closure of trading window) under the 'Kumar Wire Solutions Code to Regulate, Monitor and Report, Trading by Insider' would commence from 6.00 p.m. on February, 3rd 2017 and end 48 hours after the results are made public on February 10th 2017.

By Order of the Board
For Kumar Wire
Cloth Manufacturing Company Limited
Place: Navi Mumbai
Date: 03/02/2017
Director
DIN No: 00342706
Rameshwar Media

KANDLA PORT TRUST
RE-INVITATION
SHORT TENDER
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. HD- 24/16

Superintending Engineer (H), New Kandla Ph. (02836) 270325 re-invites online e-Tender in three stages for the work of "Beautification of cargo jetty area at Kandla-Providing Toilet block and rest shelter inside cargo jetty area" at an estimate cost of Rs.1,77,63,001/- excluding credit item of Rs. 1,04,750.00. Last date & time of downloading and submission of e-tender upto 12:00 hrs. on 20.02.2017. Date and time for opening of E-Tender: 12:30 hrs. on 20.02.2017 (Preliminary & Technical Bid only). The date & time of opening of Price Bid shall be intimated after scrutiny & evaluation of Technical bid. Detailed NIT & Tender documents can be viewed from websites <https://kpt.mprocare.com>, <http://www.eprocure.com> and <http://www.kandlaport.gov.in>. Any modification/corrigendum/addendum for the tender will be hosted on websites only. Bidders may visit the website regularly till date of submission of bid.

Superintending Engineer (Harbour) Delivering Maritime Excellence

HINDUSTAN ORGANIC CHEMICALS LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Regd. Office : P.O.Rasayani, Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra - 410 207.
CIN : L99999MH1960G01011895

NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 & other Regulations of LODRs with the Stock Exchanges, that the Meetings of the Audit Committee & Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Wednesday, the 8th February, 2017 to consider important Agenda items Viz. (i) Sale of HOCL-Rasayani land to BPCL (442 acres), (ii) Sale of HOCL, Rasayani land (20 acres) along with CNA /N2O4 Plant & Machinery (as is where is basis) to ISRO, (iii) HOCL disinvestment of its equity share holding (56.43%) in HFLs (subsidiary) Equity, (iv) Postal Ballot Procedures and some other relevant matters.

For Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.,
Sd/-
(Mrs. Susheela S. Kulkarni)
Company Secretary
Place : Rasayani,
Date : 01-02-2017

CAMPHOR & ALLIED PRODUCTS LIMITED
Regd. Office: 133, Jehangir Building, 2nd
Floor, M.G. Road, Mumbai-400001

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to regulation 47(1) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the Board Meeting of the Company is scheduled to be held on Monday, the 13th February, 2017, at Registered Office, 133, Jehangir Building, 2nd Floor, M.G. Road, Mumbai-400001 to consider, approve and take on record, inter alia, the Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2016. The said information is also available on the Company's website at www.camphor.allied.com and may also be available on the website of the stock exchange at www.bseindia.com.

For Camphor & Allied Products Ltd.
Sd/-
Shyamal A. Bodani
Executive Director
Place: Mumbai
Date: 2nd February 2017

WALL STREET FINANCE LTD.
CIN: L99999MH1989PLC030950
Registered office: Spice Tower, CTS - R 10, Phase II,
Anand Nagar, New Link Road,
Jogeshwari (West), Mumbai 400102.
Phone: 022-4911 9500
Website: www.wallstreetfinanceindia.com

NOTICE
This is to inform that the Registered Office of Wall Street Finance Limited will be changed from presently situated at Spice Towers, CTS R-10, Anand Nagar, New Link Road, Jogeshwari (West), Mumbai - 400 102 to 201-A, Chintamani Avenue, 2nd Floor, CTS No.62-B, Off Western Express Highway, Village Dindoshi, Opposite Virwani Industries, Goregaon (East), Mumbai - 400 063 with effect from 6th February, 2017.

For WALL STREET FINANCE LIMITED
Sd/-
Chaitali Desai
Company Secretary
Place: Mumbai
Date : 3rd February, 2017

SHIVA SUITINGS LIMITED
CIN: L17110MH1985PLC038265
Registered Office: 384 M Daholkar Wadi,
Kalbadevi Road, Mumbai - 400 002
Email Id: r.sharma02@rediffmail.com
Tel. No.: 022-22004849/022-22087170

NOTICE
Pursuant to Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, notice is hereby given that the Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on **Friday, 10th February, 2017 at 4.00 p.m.** at the Registered Office of the Company to consider, approve and take on record the Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended 31st December, 2016.

For SHIVA SUITINGS LTD
Sd/-
Sharad Kumar Sureka
Director
Place: Mumbai
Date: February 2, 2017
For more information please visit: www.bseindia.com

ADVANCED ENZYME TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED
(CIN: L24200MH1989PLC051018)
Regd. Off.: 5th Floor, 'A' wing, Sun
Magnetical LIC Service Road, Louiswadi,
Thane, Maharashtra - 400604.
Email: investor.grievances@advancedenzymes.com
Website: www.advancedenzymes.com
Phone: 022-4170 3200, Fax: 022-2583 5159

NOTICE
Pursuant to the provision of Regulation 47 read with Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015, notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, February 14, 2017** inter alia to consider and approve the Un-audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended on December 31, 2016.

Further details are also available on website of Company i.e. www.advancedenzymes.com as well as website of the Stock Exchange i.e. www.bseindia.com and www.mse.in.

For Advanced Enzyme Technologies Ltd.,
Sd/-
Prabal Bordiya
Company Secretary and
Compliance Officer
Place : Thane
Date : 02.02.2017

IN THE 5TH FAMILY COURT AT BANDRA MUMBAI
Petition No. A-2677/2014

Exh. No. 15
P.J. 652/16
Dt. 30.11.16
(P. J. No. 571/16)
(Date : 15.10.16)

Mr. Sandeep Laxman Loke
R/at, B-108, Ajit Park, Somwar
Bazar, Malad (West),
Mumbai-400 064.

.....Petitioner

Versus

Mrs. Prachi Sandeep Loke
@Pinkii Manohar Mhamunkar
R/at : 7/A, Sahavvas Building,
R. C. Road, Chembur,
Mumbai-400 070.

.....Respondent

Take Notice that the petitioner has filed petition in the matter of u/s 13(1), (ib) and (ib) of Hindu Marriage Act. The petition is fixed on the day of 9th day of February, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. sharp in the 5th Family Court, Mumbai or before any other Family Court which is assigned charges of that Court when you are required to appear in person and file your written statement and in default of your doing so, the Hon'ble Court will proceed to hear the said petition against you ex parte and pronounce judgement thereon.

This Notice is ordered by the Judge Smt. S. P. Savaskar presiding in Court No. 5, on day of 19th day of May, 2016 in the above petition.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court.

Date : 29th day of August, 2016.

Sd/-
I/C Dy. Registrar
Family Court Mumbai
at Bandra.

U-turns in budget, says Digvijay

● FROM OUR BUREAU NEW DELHI

Senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh on Thursday pointed out two important U-turns taken by the Modi Government in the Union Budget. One U-turn is on Aadhaar and another on the rural employment guarantee scheme, both brought by the previous Dr Manmohan Singh-led UPA government. Digvijaya tweeted to draw attention.

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CIN: L99999MH1985PLC136835
Regd. Office: 706, Tulsiyani Chambers,
Nariman Point, Mumbai-MH-400021,
Fax: 022-22242865, Contact No.: 022-22824851,
Email: sg@dsarthakglobal.com,
website: www.sarthakglobal.com

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on 10th February, 2017, inter alia, to consider and to take on record the Un-audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended on 31st December, 2016.

For Sarthak Global Limited
Sitaram Rathii
Place: Mumbai
Date: 03.02.2017
Whole-time Director
DIN: 00276239

RESURGERE MINES & MINERALS INDIA LIMITED
Registered Office: 15, Movi House, 28/30
Goa Street, Ballard Estate, Mumbai - 400038
CIN: L71400MH1987PLC172412,
Phone: 022 66582500, Fax: 022 66582511
Email: info@resurgere.in, coseo@resurgere.in,
Website: www.resurgere.in

NOTICE
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 15, Movi House, 1st Floor, 28/30, Goa Street, Ballard Estate, Mumbai - 400038, inter-alia, to consider and approve the un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and nine month ended December 31, 2016 and any other business with the permission of the chair.

The information contained in this Notice is also available on the website of the Company at www.resurgere.in and on the website of the Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com.

Resurgere Mines & Minerals India Ltd.
Sd/-
Rakesh Gupta
Company Secretary
Place : Mumbai
Date : 02.02.2017

NIRAJ CEMENT STRUCTURALS LIMITED
Regd. Off. Niraj House, Sunder Baug,
Near Deonar Bus Depot, Chembur (East),
Mumbai - 400 088
Email Id- info@niraj.co.in
Phone No. : +91 22 2551 3541

NOTICE
Pursuant to Regulation 29 and 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is convened to be held on Friday, February 10, 2017 at the registered office of the Company, inter-alia, to consider and approve the Un-audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 and any other matters, if any.

The information contained in this notice is available on the Company's website viz. www.niraj.co.in and also on the website of the Stock Exchange viz. www.bseindia.com.

For Niraj Cement Structurals Limited
Sd/-
Gulshan Chopra
Managing Director
DIN: 01068051
Place: Mumbai
Date: February 2, 2017

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Tough contest in the offing in Dharampur

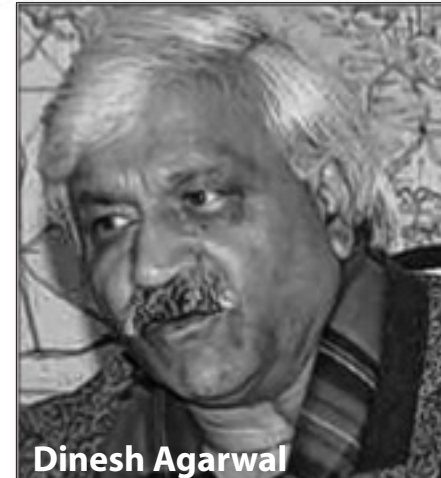
● MANOJ POKHRIYAL
Dehradun

It will not be a cakewalk for three-time Congress MLA and Uttarakhand Sports and Forest Minister Dinesh Agarwal to win Dharampur constituency in Dehradun this poll season with BJP fielding two-time mayor Vinod Chamoli from the seat.

The BJP ticket to Chamoli has not gone down well with the supporters of his own party leader Umesh Aggarwal, who was viewed as a strong contender for Dharampur constituency, a Congress bastion.

Chamoli, however, is seen campaigning hard to garner votes and if he succeeds in coaxing Umesh's supporters, who had allegedly vandalised the party state office after ticket distribution, it would pose a big challenge to Congress leader Dinesh Agarwal.

Agarwal on his part has trashed the candidature of Chamoli, saying he does not have a "single achievement" to his credit. Chamoli is the mayor of Dehradun Municipality since 2008. "There is no challenge from Chamoli. I wonder on what basis he got the ticket to fight against me. I chal-



Dinesh Agarwal

enge him to give his one achievement in Dehradun as a two-time mayor. "I want to put across to him only one question. What is his achievement?"

What has he given to Dehradun as a mayor and as Municipality chairman? I think he has given the tag of

TIGHT CONTEST

the dirtiest city in India to Dehradun. He has no policy, no programme and no vision," he said. Hitting back at Dinesh, Chamoli said, "Let him say that it is easy for him to win the election. Let the election gets over, everything will be

out. There is a huge anti-incumbency in the state as well as in Dharampur constituency.

"As a mayor, I have a long list of achievements, including establishment of bus shelters, flyovers, widening of roads and increasing sewerage connection to 80 per cent of the area from just 20 per cent," he said.

He said the election outcome would be in favour of BJP as "aam admi stands with the Modi government" and the people want "change" as Congress government in the state is "engulfed in corruption". —PTI

Sweet justice for Goan teacher

Appointment in minority institution open to judicial review, rules SC

● FROM OUR BUREAU NEW DELHI

A Goan economics teacher has won a 12-year long legal battle for fair play against the Diocesan Society denying her the post of principal and invoking Article 30 that gives protection to the minority institutions.

The Bench of Justices Adarsh Kumar Goel and Uday Umesh Lalit answered this question early this week, allowing appeal by Ivy C. DA. Conceicao by holding that autonomy of a minority institution does not dispense with the requirement to act fairly and in a transparent manner.

It held that a minority institution is free to select and appoint a principal and not bound by the seniority principle alone, but whether an individual eligible candidate's right has been violated by not adopting fair procedure is liable to be tested in exercise of power of judicial review under Article 226 of the Constitution since right of choice of the institution has to be fair, non-discriminatory and rational.

Since this aspect was not examined by the Goa Bench of the Bombay High Court in its judgment on August 14, 2012, the Apex Court set aside the ruling and remitted back the case to the Goa Bench for "a fresh decision in accordance with law," directing all parties to appear before it for further proceedings on February 15.

A teacher of economics for 21 years in Rosary Higher Secondary School at

The question as framed by the Supreme Court was: "Whether the process of appointment of a principal in minority institution is open to judicial review and on what grounds?"

Navelim run by the Diocesan Society, Conceicao felt unfair treatment meted out to her by the society not considering her case while filling the vacancies of the principal in its various schools and despite the fact that she was the senior-most and she has no adverse remark in the confidential reports.

The society took the stand that she was duly considered and in exercise of its right under Article 30, it selected someone else as the most suitable candidate. It claimed the autonomy as a minority institution in selecting a principal and asserted that seniority is not the only criteria.

The Apex Court held that Article 226 allows judicial review of an educational institution, even a minority institution, as to whether it is transparent and fair. Despite the autonomy under Article 30, exercise of power by a minority institution in discharging public functions is open to judicial review, it added.

Army refuses to handover two jawans wanted in recruitment scam

Patna: Bihar Regimental Centre, Danapur has declined to handover two of its havildars, Devle and Shekhar, both from Maharashtra to Patna police telling a team of police led by additional SP, Rakesh Kumar Dubey that they would be first questioned by the senior army officers and only after their approval, they can be handed over to police which obtained arrest warrant from chief judicial magistrate court of Danapur on Wednesday. The two havildars are wanted in the recruitment scam for the general duty soldiers' recruitment examination.

Over 1300 candidates were selected for written test held on Sunday. It was alleged the question papers were leaked out. Physical test was held in November last year. Senior SP of Patna police Manu Maharaj said Brigadier of Danapur cantonment of BRC has informed him that the two havildars were being questioned. Patna police had arrested five persons and they had named the two havildars against whom Patna police obtained arrest warrant from the court. When Patna police went to Danapur cantonment, army authorities refused to hand

the two havildars over to them. The five arrested people had alleged they used to pay to the Col Rs one lakh each from the aspirants through the two havildars. They have also named officer's wife as beneficiary in the scam and claimed they had paid Rs 12 lakhs to the wife of the officer. Those arrested in the scam were Mouna Kumar Singh of Bhojpur, Rahul Kumar and Vicky Kumar of Vaishali, Satish Kumar Sharma of Danapur and Nitish Kumar Singh of Rohtas. Mouna Kumar Singh was arrested in 2004 also in a similar scam.

Booked for seeking help from ULFA-I

Guwahati

A suo-motu case has been registered against Assamese filmmaker Himangshu Prasad Das on charges of waging war against the country by allegedly seeking help from ULFA(I), through an open letter, to run his film in theatres across the state.

"We had registered a suo-motu case a few days back against Das for trying to contact sources or persons inimical to the interest of India," Guwahati Police Commissioner Hiren Chandra Nath told PTI here.

The police had issued a notice asking Das to appear before it, but he has not come yet, Nath said.

Asked if Das will be arrested, he said, "We will at first interrogate him and then decide."

Guwahati Police registered the case under various IPC sections including 121 (waging or attempting to

On January 24, Das, a graduate of National School of Drama, had allegedly written an open letter in his Facebook page to ULFA(I) chief Paresh Barua seeking help for continuation of his first film "Shakira Aahibo Bokultolor Bihuloi" (Shakira will come to Bokultol's Bihu) in theatres across the state.

wage war or abetting waging of war against the Government), 121(A) (conspiracy to overthrow by means of criminal force or), 153(A) (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, etc) at Panbazar police station and issued a notice to Das for appearing before them.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (Cyber Unit) Suleman Ali registered the case on January 28.

The director had written the letter following hall owners' decision to withdraw his

film, which was released on January 20, to accommodate Shah Rukh Khan starrer "Raees" and "Kaabil" starring Hrithik Roshan that hit the screens on January 25, police said.

Responding to the letter, Barua allegedly called up local TV channels and asked the hall owners to run Das's film if people wanted to watch it, or else ULFA(I) would oppose it.

Assam Police Director General Mukesh Sahay had earlier said that police would look into the issue.

—PTI

Travel portals go ga-ga over new budget

New Delhi

The push for digital payment platforms and removal of service tax on IRCTC bookings online in the latest Union Budget have enthused the travel industry, who believe the initiatives will make travel easier and cheaper across the country. The industry, which was endorsed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley as a sector of economic importance, has welcomed the proposed decisions, saying that the steps will make travel more "accessible and reduce friction between the user and service provider".

According to online travel portal Skyscanner, that recently took on board a direct booking application, the travel industry has already seen a hike in the number of transactions made via smart phones over the past one year, and the trend is only going to catch up with the recommendations under the budget. "We recently added low cost carrier 'Scoot' to make booking and payments online and on app seamless and easy. Similarly, with a 30 per cent jump in searches witnessed between January 2016 and 2017 through smart phones,



we know that there is an impetus in online transactions. "Online travel companies are embracing this development with the singular aim to make travel easy and simple," says Reshmi Roy, Growth Manager, Skyscanner India. The budget noted that "a mission" would be set up with a "target of 2,500 crore digital transactions" for the upcoming fiscal year, besides strengthening the digital payment infrastructure and grievance handling system. Sharat Dhall of Yatra.com said that the newer policies to promote the digital economy would contribute immensely towards developing a

"truly cashless India" with citizens having an easy access to a wide choice of options at their convenience. He also appreciated the announcement to waive off service tax on train tickets booked via IRCTC website, saying it was another indicator of the government's agenda of promoting digital transactions, particularly in the aftermath of demonetisation. "The move will further encourage cashless transactions in the wake of the demonetisation exercise," says Dhall.

Noting that technology is one of the major elements driving the tourism industry, Arvind Bhatia from Indian Routes, a travel agency, feels the move will not only make travel cheaper for the public, but also benefit agencies. "From the tourism point of view we consider it a great move as going forward we see technology playing a great part today and paving our way for the upcoming future. It will allow agents like us to make use of this platform more and also enable offer competitive rates for the overall package for group tours," says Bhatia. Alok Bajpai, who has co-founded ixigo.com, says that the budget has laid out some "big investments" for the industry, both in terms of infrastructure and technology. "Kicking off on a good note, this year's budget brought happiness to many with the removal of service charges on bookings made through IRCTC - indicating the government's focus to drive more digital transactions," he says. He also lauded some of the announcements in the Railway budget like 'Rakshak coach', 'clean my coach services', 'coach mitra' facility for registering complaints and installation of bio-toilets, which he feels would "attract

'New budget makes travel EASIER and CHEAPER'

back travellers by improving cleanliness, safety and passenger comfort". Another important development was the introduction of the special tourism zones anchored on SPV (Special purpose vehicle) that will be established in partnership with the state governments. However, Kapil Goswamy of BigBreaks.com feels disappointed with the industry's concerns about high tax rates being "ignored" by the government, and feels that waiving off service tax on IRCTC online bookings would "not help the industry directly". "Even if you consider the indirect benefit, the saving that travelers will make the withdrawal of service tax on online train bookings is too small (minimum Rs 46 and maximum Rs 138) to encourage travel and tourism and make a difference to the fortunes of the travel industry. "Of course, we will be passing the benefit to our customers, but it is too minuscule and inconsequential for us," says Goswamy. —PTI