

**DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION SOUGHT FOR SMOOTH LABOUR MOBILITY****IPEPCIL president calls for more emphasis on secured and ethical migration****By Our Bureau**

MUMBAI: "International workforce mobility has assumed greater significance in the present global environment. Across international forums, including the ILO, IOM, expatriate associations and government-led platforms, there is increasing emphasis on orderly, legal, safe, secure and ethical migration, in accordance with the

spirit of bilateral MoUs and international labour standards", remarked VS Abdulkareem, president of Indian Personnel Export Promotion (IPEPCIL), addressing its 47th AGM here.

Diplomatic intervention needed

The recruitment fraternity is facing serious challenges on different fronts. Despite repeated

**IPEPCIL President VS Abdulkareem presenting his presidential address at the AGM in Mumbai**

representations by the recruitment fraternity, several operational and regulatory difficulties remain unresolved, he regretted. There are 2500 registered

recruitment agents in India. Excessive and repetitive compliances relating to professional competency, medical fitness and other pre-departure requirements, together with lengthy procedures and high costs, are creating hardship for emigrants and affecting the smooth flow of manpower mobility. In several instances, compliance-related

(Cont. on page - 2)**GLIMPSES ON PAGE 7****IPEPCIL president VS Abdulkareem and other office-bearers felicitating Pasha Patel, Chairman (with cabinet minister's rank), Executive Committee, Maharashtra Chief Minister's Task force for Environment & Sustainable Development, chairman of Agricultural Prices Commission and environmentalist at the AGM in Mumbai****IPEPCIL seeks stronger Maharashtra government collaboration for global workforce mobility****By Our Bureau**

MUMBAI: The Indian Personnel Export Promotion Council (IPEPCIL) has called for stronger collaboration between the government of Maharashtra and the authorised overseas recruitment fraternity to position the state's skilled workforce in the growing international employment market.

The call was made during an interactive session held alongside the 47th IPEPCIL Annual General Meeting and felicitation programme, which brought together leading professionals and stakeholders from the international human resource mobility sector.

Pasha Patel, Chairman, Executive Committee, Chief Minister's Task force for Environment & Sustainable Development, Government of Maharashtra, assures collaboration on skill development, PDOT and overseas employment opportunities for Maharashtra's youth.



Pasha Patel, Chairman, Executive Committee, Chief Minister's Task force for Environment & Sustainable Development, Government of Maharashtra, called for greater engagement with IPEPCIL and its member fraternity in the areas of skill development, Pre-Departure Orientation and Training (PDOT), counselling and structured overseas employment mobilisation.

Patel highlighted the vision of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis to expand employment and skill-development opportunities for Maharashtra's youth and referred to the proposed university initiatives and specialised verticals being developed to support this objective. He expressed his willingness to work with IPEPCIL to connect these initiatives with genuine international

employment opportunities.

The IPEPCIL fraternity had an extensive interaction with Patel and placed before him the major challenges currently affecting the overseas recruitment and international workforce mobility sector.

These included excessive and sometimes disproportionate compliance requirements, pre-employment medical procedures for GCC-bound workers, SVP-related requirements, GHC medical issues and difficulties relating to Emigration Clearance (EC).

The fraternity emphasized that worker protection and regulatory compliance are essential, but procedures should be

transparent, practical, proportionate and relevant to the category of employment, so that genuine workers are not subjected to unnecessary delays, additional costs or avoidable hardship.

Particular concern was raised over the continuing difficulties faced by GCC-bound emigrants in the medical examination process and the additional SVP requirements. IPEPCIL sought appropriate diplomatic intervention and engagement with the concerned GCC authorities to resolve the issues relating to SVP and GHC procedures.

On the Emigration Clear- (Cont. on page - 2)

IPEPCIL president calls for more emphasis on secured and ethical migration

(**Cont. from page - 1**) expenses are effectively being borne by workers, while international labour principles envisage that recruitment and employment-related costs should not be unfairly transferred to migrant workers. He felt that these issues merit serious review and appropriate diplomatic and institutional intervention.

Rather than becoming an impediment to genuine employment opportunities, regulation must facilitate safe and ethical mobility. A co-ordinated review of existing procedures, in consultation with the authorised recruitment fraternity and other stakeholders, is essential to eliminate unnecessary duplication, reduce hardship and strengthen transparency and accountability.

"International workforce mobility is not merely a recruitment activity, it is an important contributor to India's socio-economic development.

It creates employment opportunities, supports substantial inward remittances, facilitates skill development and provides economic stability to millions of families dependent upon overseas employment. The contribution of returning workers in bringing back skills, experience, technology and global exposure further adds value to the national economy", Abdulkareem said.

The president said at this important juncture, IPEPCIL looks forward to continued support and constructive intervention from the Union government in addressing these

challenges and creating a more efficient, transparent, worker-centric and globally competitive framework for international workforce mobility, in keeping with the vision of the Prime Minister and the government.

" I take this opportunity to thank the Ministry of External Affairs, Indian missions abroad, diplomatic Missions in India, Protector

General of Emigrants, Protector of Emigrants offices, our international partners, industry stakeholders and most importantly, all IPEPCIL members for their continued co-operation" said Abdulkareem.

He called upon all stakeholders to collectively work towards making India a trusted and responsible global source of skilled and productive human re-

sources, while ensuring that the interests, dignity, safety and welfare of our emigrants remain at the centre of our efforts. Earlier, Secretary Fahad Haroon Memon welcomed the participants and guests. Executive Secretary Qureshi Athar Salim spoke about the working of IPEPCIL and different rules and regulations brought about by the government.

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(**Cont. from page - 1**) ance mechanism, IPEPCIL urged MEA-OE to review the operational difficulties and rectify the system on priority, particularly where genuine recruitment and deployment opportunities are being affected by

procedural delays. A comprehensive memorandum covering these and other issues confronting the overseas recruitment fraternity was handed over by IPEPCIL President VS Abdulkareem for taking up the matters with the Chief Minister of Maharashtra and the concerned central ministers and authorities.

Assuring his support, Pasha Patel said that the experience and nationwide network of IPEPCIL's authorized recruitment fraternity could play an important role in preparing Maharashtra's workforce for international opportunities. He welcomed collaboration with the sector for upskilling prospective emigrants, strengthening PDOT and creating awareness about safe, legal and structured migration pathways. IPEPCIL President Abdulkareem said that the Council would be pleased

to work closely with the government of Maharashtra in translating the state's international workforce vision into a practical employment ecosystem. He emphasized that the State's skill-development initiatives, combined with the expertise of MEA-approved recruitment agencies and their international employer networks, could create a stronger bridge between Maharashtra's talent and global workforce demand.

The interaction concluded with a shared understanding that closer co-operation among the state government, central government, skill-development institutions and authorized overseas recruitment agencies would be essential to expand safe, orderly, ethical and sustainable international employment opportunities for Maharashtra's youth.

Oman to get 700 new hotel rooms by year-end: Maxwell

MUSCAT: The Sultanate of Oman is set to deliver 700 new hotel rooms between now and the end of 2026, taking total inventory to 40,800 keys, according to leading real estate advisory and hospitality property consultancy, Cavendish Maxwell.

Oman opened 400 new rooms in H1 2026 – all in Q1 – amid reduced hospitality sector activity as regional travel disruptions affected international connectivity and tourism trade.



Oman welcomed 992,000 guests at 3-5 star hotels in H1, down 13pc on the same period last year. Airport passenger traffic declined 9.3pc to 6.3 million, according to Cavendish Maxwell's latest research released in the run up to the 2026 edition of Future Hospitality. (**Cont. on page - 6**)

Germany has 6.5 lakh jobs for skilled professionals

BERLIN: Germany has plenty of opportunities for skilled professionals, with 6.5 lakh jobs available in the country, making it a strong option for those thinking of careers abroad and eventually settling, said Clint Khan, Director of Y-Axis.

"If you look at the opportunities in the European Union (EU) at the moment, there are about three mil-

lion jobs that need to be filled. Of those, around 6.5 lakh jobs are available in Germany – that's about 25pc of the EU's requirement, which shows the scale of demand for skilled professionals in Germany," Khan said.

One of the routes available to skilled professionals is Germany's Opportunity Card or Chancenkarte. The job-search residence



Clint Khan, Director of Y-Axis permit allows non-EU nationals to enter Germany for up to 12 months to look

for qualified employment without having to secure an employment contract before travelling.

"The Opportunity Card gives you the opportunity to move to Germany and look for work. You can initially work part-time, and if you find a full-time job and an employer is ready to sponsor you, you can then move on to the appropriate work permit,"

Khan said.

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Applicants can qualify for the Opportunity Card through a points-based system or as skilled workers whose foreign qualifications have been fully recognised in Germany. Under the points route, applicants need a recognised academic or vocational qualification, (**Cont. on page - 6**)

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India's net FDI jumped to \$7.3bn in July

NEW DELHI: India's foreign investment story has taken a notable turn. Net FDI rose to \$7.3 billion in July 2026, marking the highest monthly inflow in five years and giving investors another signal that overseas capital is returning to key parts of the Indian economy.

The sharp jump came as gross FDI inflows reached \$14.6 billion compared with net FDI of just \$1.3 billion in June. The latest RBI data therefore points to a substantial month-on-month improvement in foreign investment flows. The source of foreign capital also provides an important clue. Mauritius, the UAE and the US accounted for about 70pc of equity inflows during July. The broad-based participation suggests that India continues to attract capital from several major investment centres.

For investors, sustained inflows could remain an important factor for sectors that depend heavily on foreign capital and business

expansion.

Nevertheless, one strong month does not necessarily establish a long-term trend. Traders will watch whether elevated FDI inflows continue through the coming months. India's net

foreign direct investment (FDI) jumped to \$7.3 billion in July 2026, marking the highest monthly level in five years. The increase came alongside a sharp rise in gross FDI inflows, which reached \$14.6 bil-

lion during the month.

This represents a significant improvement from June. RBI-linked reporting says net FDI increased 64pc from \$4.5 billion in July 2025, while gross inflows were more than

31pc higher than a year earlier. RBI's latest State of the Economy assessment said FDI flows strengthened further in July, while the broader financial and external sectors continued to draw support from do-

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Mandatory health, safety standards for employers

The Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation of the UAR has reaffirmed five key conditions that companies must meet to comply with occupational health and safety standards in the UAE. The ministry has said that establishments covered by the regulations must ensure the provision of medical care at the employer's expense, in accordance with applicable legislation, and guarantee a safe and enabling working environment. Can you please explain?

*These are the 12 permits MoHRE says you must have:

Among the key requirements is the obligation to provide appropriate accommodation licensed by the relevant authorities and compliant with approved national standards. Employers may alternatively offer a housing allowance or include hous-

ing within the worker's wage package.

Companies are also required to provide the necessary protective equipment to shield workers from occupational injuries and diseases that may arise in the course of their duties. This must be accompanied by clear guidance and awareness materials, as well as suitable training to help employees avoid workplace hazards. The ministry further stressed the importance of

conducting periodic evaluations to ensure that all parties in the employment relationship continue to meet health and safety obligations.

In parallel, the ministry outlined the mechanism for registering companies in the labour accommodation system. Establishments employing 50 or more workers earning Dh1,500 or less per month are required to register worker housing details through the designated electronic

platform. Accommodation must meet approved standards designed to safeguard workers' comfort and wellbeing.

Registration: The ministry said, reflects compliance with national laws and regulations, enhances a company's professional standing and supports a stable working environment. Employers must register worker accommodation whether the premises are company-owned or leased, via the ministry's

official website.

The ministry also detailed an 11-step electronic process, available through the "Tas'heel" system, for obtaining a permit to transfer and employ a worker from one establishment to another. The process includes logging into the platform, selecting the transfer request service, entering the establishment number and job offer reference number, verifying the electronic signature card, inputting personal data, reviewing contract details and entering passport information, which must remain valid for at least six months.

Applicants must also provide personal contact details, upload the required supporting documents in accordance with minimum page requirements, review the application before submission, complete payment through the designated portal and obtain a transaction receipt upon completion.



UAE annual leave pay: Are you entitled to your full salary, including allowances?

According to UAE Labour Law, what salary and benefits is an employee entitled to receive during annual leave? My company pays only my basic salary and housing allowance (HRA) while I am on leave and excludes my other regular allowances. Is this compliant with UAE Labour Law or should employees receive their full salary, including all applicable allowances, during annual leave?

"A common misconception among employees in the UAE is that annual leave pay consists only of the basic salary or basic salary plus housing allowance. Under UAE

Labour Law, this practice is non-compliant," says Salam Pappinissery, CEO of YAB Legal Services. Under Article 29 of Federal Decree-Law No. 33 of 2021 (the UAE Labour Law), an employee taking annual leave is entitled to receive his/her full salary (full wage) during the leave period. According to the law, "wage" is defined as the basic wage plus all allowances (such as housing, transport and other regular allowances) and contractual benefits.

"Therefore, while an employee is actively taking his/her statutory annual leave (30 calendar days per year), the employer must pay the employee their full salary, includ-

ing all regular allowances that they normally receive during a regular working month. Paying only the basic salary and housing allowance (HRA) while excluding other regular allowances during leave violates statutory requirements," Pappinissery said.

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leave pay consists only of the basic salary or basic salary plus housing allowance. Under UAE Labour Law, this practice is non-compliant.

It is vital to distinguish between taking leave during employment and encashing unused leave at termination: While on annual leave: The employee receives his/her

full salary (basic salary plus all regular allowances). Cash in lieu upon termination: Encashment for accrued, unused annual leave days at the end of employment is calculated strictly on the basic salary only, unless the employment contract provides more favourable terms.

"If an employer excludes regular allowances from monthly pay while an employee is on annual leave, the employee may raise the issue internally with HR by referencing Article 29 of Federal Decree-Law No. 33 of 2021, or lodge a formal inquiry with the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation (MoHRE)," he advised.



Aviation academy opened in Andhra

KURNOOL: Andhra Pradesh took a significant step toward developing a comprehensive aviation ecosystem with the launch of the state’s first Flight Training Organisation (FTO) at Kurnool Airport.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu, who inaugurated Orient Flights Aviation Academy, said developing Andhra Pradesh into an aviation hub was the vision of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Kurnool is being developed as a key centre for aviation and drones. He termed the launch of the FTO a “historic development” for AP and stressed the need to expand flight training facilities beyond major cities to rural and remote areas. The Centre had taken measures to increase the number of FTOs across the country, he said.

India - Russia air traffic rises 29pc in 2026

DELHI: Passenger air traffic between India and Russia has recorded strong growth in 2026, with Russian carrier Aeroflot carrying more than 1.85 lakh passengers between January and August, a 29pc year-on-year increase. The growth marks the airline’s strongest expansion on the India-Russia corridor in three years.

movement and business exchanges. Tourist flows between the two countries increased by eight per cent during the first-half of 2026, with about 50,000 Russians visiting India and more than 25,000 Indians travelling to Russia.

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ity Summit World.

Khalil al Zadjali, head of Oman at Cavendish Maxwell, said: “Oman’s hospitality sector entered H2 in a challenging environment. While the outlook remains sensitive to prevailing travel conditions, the July to December period typically accounts for a significant share of tourism activity, contributing 52pc in hotel revenue and guest volumes last year.

“The recent Khareef season – Salalah’s peak tourism period – coupled with the upcoming winter months will indicate how

effectively seasonal demand supports the wider market following the H1 disruption, which was most pronounced in the second quarter. Government and tourism sector initiatives – such as international promotions and partnerships with airlines and travel trade partners. Oman’s 3-5 star hotels generated RO124.2 million (\$322.7 million) in total revenue in H1, down around 12pc against H1 2025. Revenue growth was strong at the beginning of the year, increasing nearly 27pc year-on-year in Jan and almost nine per

cent in Feb, before declining from March. Following the sharpest contraction in April, when revenues fell 64.5pc compared with the previous April, the pace of decline moderated in May and June, at around 28pc and 15.5pc respectively.

Room revenue was down 11pc to RO74 million (\$192 million), with other revenue declining by 13pc to RO50.2 million (\$130.4 million). The decline in “other” revenue is partly because domestic and regional travellers typically spend less per stay than long-haul visitors, Cavendish Maxwell said.

The Moscow-Delhi route remained the main contributor, handling around 131,000 passengers during the first eight months, up 22pc from the corresponding period last year. Aeroflot currently operates services between Moscow and Delhi, along with seasonal flights to Goa from Moscow, Yekaterinburg and Novosibirsk, taking its winter schedule to around 15 flights a week.

Travel demand is also being supported by growing tourism, student

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suffthemselves and the required number of points, based on factors including qualifications, professional experience, age and language skills. “For professionals who secure qualifying employment, the EU Blue Card provides another route to remain in Germany.

It is designed for highly qualified workers with a recognised qualification and a qualifying job offer that meets the applicable salary requirements,” Khan pointed out.

Who is Venu Srinivasan?

CHENNAI: All about Venu Srinivasan, the 73-yr-old TVS scion at the centre of Tata boardroom showdown. Now, fresh filings showing business ties between TVS Motor and a company linked to Chandrasekaran’s family have added another layer of scrutiny. So who is Venu Srinivasan, how did the TVS scion become such a pivotal figure in the Tata boardroom and why does his vote matter so much?

For years, Venu Srinivasan was better known as the TVS chairman who helped build one of India’s largest two-wheeler companies than as a central figure in the Tata Group’s boardroom politics. That changed on Sept 17, when the 73-year-old industrialist backed N Chandrasekaran’s reappointment as Tata Sons chairman — de-

spite a directive from the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust seeking to restrain him from voting.

Srinivasan’s decision put him at the centre of an escalating Tata power struggle, exposing a split between the Trusts and their own nominee on the Tata Sons board.

Highly qualified

The grandson of the TVS Group founder TV Sundaram Iyengar, Srinivasan studied engineering at the College of Engineering, Guindy and management at Purdue University. He has received a Doctor of Management by Purdue University and a Doctor of Science by University of Warwick and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur.

Under his leadership,

TVS Motor grew into a major two- and three-wheeler maker. Quality management was a defining feature of Srinivasan’s tenure. TVS Motor’s brakes business won the Deming



Prize in 1998, while Srinivasan received the Ishikawa-Kano Award in 2012. In January 2020, Srinivasan received the Padma Bhushan, India’s third-highest civilian award. In 2022, he was also appointed as a non-official director on the Reserve Bank of India’s

Central Board. In 2025, Venu Srinivasan stepped away from day-to-day leadership, handing the operational reins to his son Sudarshan Venu. At present, he is the chairman emeritus of TVS Motor and the non-executive chairman of TVS Holdings.

Srinivasan is a board member of both Tata Sons and Tata Trusts. Srinivasan has been on the Tata Sons board since 2016 and is one of the longest-serving member of the Tata Sons board. He is also the vice-chairman of the Sir Ratan Tata Trust (SRTT) and has also served as a trustee of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT). Venu Srinivasan was reappointed as an SDTT trustee last year.

At the Tata Sons board

meeting on Sept 17, four directors, including Srinivasan, backed the reappointment of Natarajan Chandrasekaran as the chairman. The board also backed plans to list Tata Sons. Noel Tata was the only director who voted against both Chandrasekaran’s reappointment and Tata Sons listing.

Day before the meeting, the SDTT tried to prevent Srinivasan from voting after he hinted at supporting Tata Sons listing. Venu Srinivasan rejected the directive, saying that his responsibilities as a director required him to act in the company’s interests instead of following the position of one shareholder. Later, Tata Trusts challenged Chandrasekaran’s reappointment, calling it “illegal” and a “legal nullity”.

GLIMPSES OF IPEPCIL'S 47TH AGM

