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# OVERCROWDING, NEGLIGENCE BLAMED FOR THE MISHAP Kuwait fire kills 49 workers, mostly Indians Indian embassy's emergency number: 965-65505246.

**KUWAIT CITY:** death toll in the tragic fire that engulfed a workers' building in Mangaf area has reached 49, the Interior Ministry said adding that strict measures will be taken against building owners who violate the law. Criminal evidence department personnel are currently working identifying the victims on site and revealing the istry added.

ceived a report of a fire construction workers. at... exactly 6:00 am gaf area," Major Gener- ing

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Indian Ambassador to Kuwait Adarsh Swaika visiting the injured in the hospital.

(0300 GMT) in the Man- showed soot blackenal Eid Al-Owaihan, head the six-storey building of the interior ministry's which housed 196 work-General Department of ers, according to infor-Criminal Evidence, said mation given to the minat the site. "As for the ister by their employer.

cause of the fire, the min-behind me, the number the General Fire Depart-the world's oil reserves. has exceeded 49 so far."- ment, the victims suffo-"Unfortunately, we re- Most of the victims were cated from the spreading Images from the scene out on the ground floor.

> the exterior of victims have not been announced but the Indian married a second wife. children ambassador, when contacted by a TV channel, , said he was at the hospital visiting survivors. S. Jaishankar posted on X that he was "deeply shocked by the news" and offered "deepest condolences to the families of those who tragically lost their lives". The building's owner has been detained in an investigation Interior Minister Sheikh Fahd Al-Yousef said as he visited the scene.

> > Any properties found to have violated safety regulations will be evacuated immediately, he warned."We will work to address theissue of labour and neovercrowding "We will detain the owner of the property where Mission the worst seen in Kuwait, ies. which borders Iraq and



The ill-fated building, that caught fire in Kuwait, which killed 49 people.

Nusra al-Enezi threw In 2009, as many as 57 petrol on the tent and set people died when a Ku- it alight as people celesmoke after the fire broke waiti woman, apparently brated inside. She was seeking revenge, set fire hanged in 2017 for the The nationalities of the to a tent at a wedding crime, whose victims inparty when her husband cluded many women and

## **Modi condoles Kuwait tragedy**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a post on X offered condolences to the families of those killed in the fire. "The fire mishap in Kuwait City is saddening. My thoughts are with all those who have lost their near and dear ones. I pray that the injured recover at the earliest" the prime minister said and added that the Indian embassy is closely monitoring the situation and working with the Kuwaiti authorities to assist the affected.

## into potential negligence, Kerala Health Minister leaves for Kuwait

tia payment of Rs 5 lakh of the dead and injured. to those killed in the Kuwait fire tragedy.

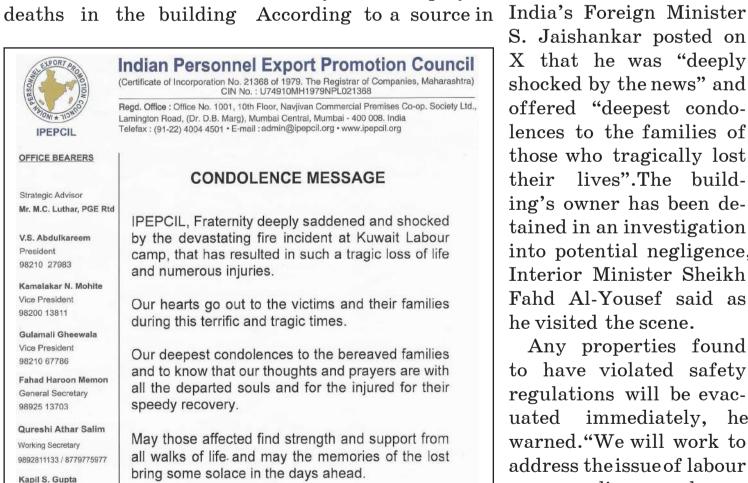
The government glect," the minister said. sending Health Minister Veena George and State Director the fire broke out until evan Babu to coordinate legal procedures are com- the rescue efforts and to pleted."The blaze is one of bring back the dead bod-

The Cabinet announced Saudi Arabia and sits on that two prominent busi-

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Yusuf Ali and Ravi Pillai The Kerala government will donate Rs 5 lakh and has announced an ex-gra- Rs 2 lakh to the families

### **HOLIDAY NOTICE**

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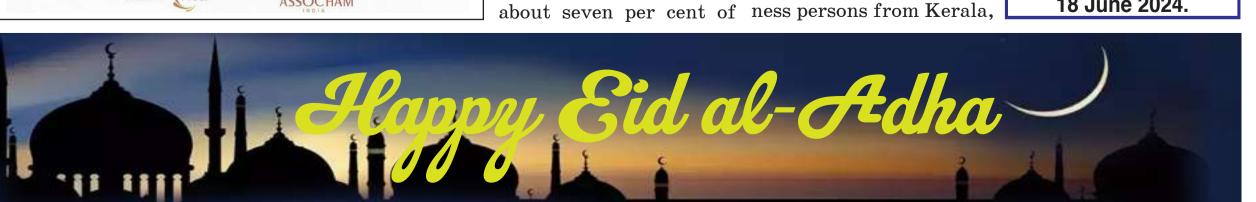
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# Avoidable fiery deaths

t is very unfortunate that as may as 49 emigrants, mostly Indians, had a fiery death when blaze en-Lgulfed a building housing workers in Kuwait's Mangaf area on Wednesday morning. The building in which the fire occurred was used to house workers and there was a large number of workers living there. Dozens were rescued, but unfortunately there were many deaths as a result of asphyxiation. There are also reports that this building belonging to an Indian.

Oil-rich Kuwait has large numbers of foreign workers, many of them from South and Southeast Asia, particularly India, and mostly working in construction or service industries. According to a source in the General Fire Department, the victims suffocated rising smoke after the fire broke out wanathan on the ground floor.

This sad incident once again brings into sharp focus the poor accommodation for workers in many countries. Time and again, the local media have warned against cramming too many workers into housing accommodation in the Gulf, but nobody took this warning seriously. The Kuwaiti health ministry said about 43 people were hospitalised immediately. Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Fahad Al-Yousuf Al-Sabah has ordered police to apprehend the owner of the Mangaf building where accident occurred. Also action is taken against the management of the company responsible for the workers who live in the building pending the end of the criminal evidence personnel's examination of the scene.

The building had reportedly had nearly 160 people living in it, who are workers of the same company. The minister himself said: "What happened today is a result of the greed of company and building owners,". Sheikh Fahad added that he gave orders to Kuwait Municipality and the Public Authority for Manpower to launch immediate action to address similar violations where large number of workers are crammed into one residential building, and make sure that all safety requirements are in place in order to prevent similar incidents in the future.

In a timely action, Minister of Public Works and Municipality Dr Noura Al-Mashaan has suspended administrators at Al-Ahmadi Municipal branch pending investigations into the fire that engulfed the building in Mangaf area. In a statement, Dr Al-Mashaan affirmed that she instructed the municipality to open a full investigation into the matter. On his part, Director General of Kuwait Municipality Saud Al-Dabbous expressed deep condolences to the families of the victims, affirming that an investigation was launched to determine the cause of the blaze

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The Indian embassy in Kuwait has issued a helpline number. The emergency helpline number is +965-65505246.

#### LIPSYNCH

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

- Franklin D. Roosevelt



Kuwait's Deputy Primier, Defence and Interior Minister Sheikh Fahad Al-Yousef Al-Sabah visits the scene of the blaze.



Some of the Kuwait fire tragedy victims identified are (from left): Shamir, Stephen, Ranjith, Kunjukelu, Akash, Murleedharan Nair, Saju Varghese, Lucose, Sajan George and Oomman.

# **Kuwait fire tragedy: Survivors** recount their chilling tales

KUWAIT CITY: 4.30am. I was sound ing. asleep, only to be woken nappan Mangaf city, in Kuwait's the third floor. southern Ahmadi goverto 49 people.

adjoining rooms. There back. He was sleeping

"It were around 160 people on the first floor and esmust have been around in the six-storey build- caped by breaking open

by the sudden commo-gulfed the entire build-building is ablaze. Three tion. There was a lot of ing. I think the firestart- or four of us together smoke around and I was ed on the ground floor. broke open the glass winconfused. People were At first, we couldn't un-dow and jumped to the running panic-stricken, derstand what was hap-ground floor. We were many seemed to be chok-pening. Many people fortunate to escape with ing. We chose not to go were running, Some were our lives," he told a TV out and remained in our breathless. There was a channel. room. Only when the fire lot of sound and confuofficials came calling, did sion. A few went to the what came to the aid of we open the door," re- main hall and couldn't 29-year-old Rajendran counts 55-year-old Chin- return. We chose not to Maridurai, from Thenka-Viswanathan go out, till officials came si. He and his roommates, who had a miraculous searching for us," said who were on the third escape from the fire in Chinnappan, who was on floor, switched off the

norate, that killed close who works as a techni- asleep on the third floor. cian, was taken to hospi- I think it was those who Sharing their harrow-tal and later moved into a had got up for morning ing experience, many friend's room. Santhosh prayer who called us. are yet to come out of Kumar Gait is still in We could hear the comthe shock of losing their a daze. The 39-year-old motion and saw a thick friends and colleagues from Nepal had joined as cloud of smoke all around who were asleep in the a storekeeper a month us. Some tried to escape.

a window pane. "I heard "Thick smoke en- many shouts that the

Presence of mind is air conditioner and re-The Chennai native, mained inside. "We were

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# Kuwait fire tragedy: Survivors....

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Many fell unconscious. Some remained inside after locking their rooms. Two jumped from the fourth floor and lost their lives. We switched off the air conditioner and broke the glass to let in outside air. Since the door was locked, we were not affected," said Rajendran.

The survivors are unaware of what set off the fire, which as per reports was caused by leaking gas cylinders.

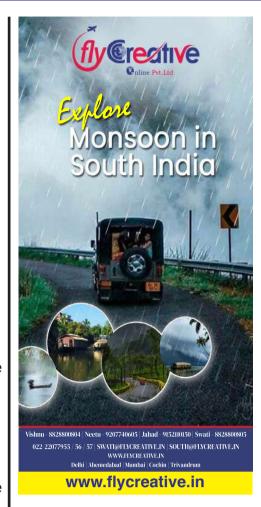
Most of the people living in the six-storey building were sleeping when a gas cylinder belonging to an Egyptian living on the ground floor burst, engulfing

black smoke. As per sources, around 25 of the CM Vijayan's appeal deceased are Keralites. Since many of the bodies were charred beyond recognition, their identity can only be confirmed by DNA tests. The Kuwaiti government has issued strict directives against releasing the names of the deceased until proceedings are completed.

Kasaragod were among the 49 people who lost their lives in the fire that ripped through a Trikaripur, both residing in the building's la-

the apartment in thick bour camp, were killed in the blaze.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijavan has written to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar urging him to direct the Indian embassy to get in touch with the Kuwait government to coordinate relief and rescue operations in the fire incident at Mangaf Two persons from in the Gulf country. "It is reported that a number of Indians, including some from Kerala, have lost their lives or sucsix-storey building in cumbed to serious inju-Kuwait. K Renjith (34) ries in this unfortunaate from Chengala and P incident," the chief min-Kunhikelu (58) from ister said in his letter. The fire had broken out at a camp known as



NBTC camp in southern Mangaf district. According to reports, over 40 people have been killed in the fire that broke out on Wednesday morning.

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# Kuwait fire: bodies of 15 Keralites identified

Krishna of Dharmadom in Kannur, Noohu of 29, from Karvalloor village.

KUWAIT CITY: Akash of Pandalam in Koottayi in Malappuram, Bahuleyan of Pula-Pathanamthitta, Muraleedharan Nair of Vazha- manthol in Malappuram and Sreehari Prasad muttom in Pathanamthitta, Saju Varghese of of Changanassery in Kottayam. Two more in-Konni in Pathanamthitta, Stephen Abraham of dividuals from Kollam have been identified Pampady in Kottayam, Lukose of Velichikkal, among the 40 Indian nationals who tragical-Sajan George of Punalur in Kollam, Kelu Pon-ly lost their lives in a fire that engulfed a muleri of Thrikkari pur in Kasaragod, Renjith six-story building in Kuwait on Wednesday. of Cherkala in Kasaragod, Thomas Ummach- The deceased are Lukos, also known as Sabu, an of Thiruvalla in Pathanamthitta, Viswas from Dichanalloor village and Sajan George,



MoS for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh arrives to oversee assistance to Indians injured in a fire incident and to ensure early repatriation of mortal remains of those killed, in Kuwait.

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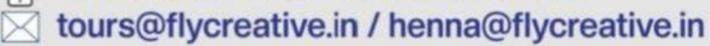




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# Can sellers refuse to replace 'unsafe' items

four days. I took the shoes back within the specified time limit." to the shop hoping they'll give legal? How can I address it?

"Defect: A lack of quality, UAEConsumer Protection Law. quantity, or efficiency or a difconsumer.

whole or in part of benefiting Regulation of this Law." there from, provided that the Malaction of the consumer."

### Warranty period

also state this in an invoice or resion No. 66 of 2023 Concerning the Executive Regulation of the 2023"), which states: "The supplier shall give the consumer a warranty document, either sepathe invoice, as the case may be."

Additionally, it is the obligation of a supplier of a product to maintenance, replace the for this situation.

**recently bought a pair of** product, or refund its monetary skating shoes for my daugh- value, and commit to after-sales Lter but it broke only within service as regards the sold Goods,

me a replacement but they only stands the product supplied to ments get together to play in the tee, and the management entity repaired it. The pair sold to me the consumer is defective or mal-common area. The games do not to comply with the statute, the was obviously faulty and unsafe functioning, it needs to be report- involve balls or toys and the kids master community declaration, for my daughter, but they refused ed to the UAE Ministry of Econ-mostly colour, play cards or just and the building management to give me a replacement. Is this omy (MOEC) and make necessary talk. These interactions are usu-regulation." Article 1 of the Federal Law product(s) from the market. The ing management has sent out an the common areas of a proper-No. 15 of 2020 on Consumer Pro-supplier also needs to make the email to some tenants, saying ty in Dubai is the responsibility tection (the "UAE Consumer Pro- necessary arrangements to replace, the practice is illegal. Is it true? of the management company of tection Law") defines the terms repair or refund the price to a con- What are our legal rights? Can the building, which is governed "Defect" and "Malfunction" relat-sumer. This is in accordance with they physically stop the children by the Real Estate Regulatory ed products or services as below: Article 11 and Article 12 of the from getting together and inter- Authority of Dubai. This is in

Article 11 of the UAE Consum-"Malfunction: Everything that and of the manner to prevent the

Article 12 of the UAE Consumof the Good or Service -- "In the lowing: event that a malfunction is found arate document. The seller can fund its price, or re-perform the ternal walls." service without charge, in accorceipt. This is in accordance with dance with what is specified by pant or a tenant of an apartment violates the planning, construc-Article 6(2) of the Cabinet Deci-the Implementing Regulation of to abide by the building manage-tion and land use regulations in this Law."

Federal Law No. 15 of 2020 Con-provisions of law, if you feel that Article 16(a) of the Dubai Joint-provisions of law, your neighcerning the Consumer Protection the skating shoes sold by the seller ly Owned Real Property Law. bours' children should abide by (the "Cabinet Decision No. 66 of are defective, you may claim a re- The provisions of the laws are as the building management regplacement for the same. Since the below: Article 6(b) of the Dubai ulations related to the use of seller has not agreed to provide Jointly Owned Real Property common areas. This may also you with a replacement, then you Law. rately from the invoice or within may report the same to MOEC and in accordance with Article 10 (1) Concerning the Executive Regushall implement all warranties, Protection (the Cabinet Decision to that occupant." provide the required spare parts No. 66 of 2023), are also applicable

# Is it illegal for kids to play in common areas of apartments?

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ference in the external shape, size, er Protection Law: Obligations of mon areas of a building are de- Property Law. or components of a product or the Supplier of the Goods and Ser-fined in Article 2 of Law No. 6 of service resulting from an error vice upon discovering the Defect. 2019 Concerning Ownership of ance by tenants of the apartin its design, manufacture, pro- "In the event that the supplier Jointly Owned Real Property in ment related to the general use duction or provision to the condiscovers a defect or danger in the Emirate of Dubai (the "Dubai of common areas of an apartsumer, which may lead to harm the products or service that would Jointly Owned Real Property ment building, the building or deprive him, in whole or in harm the consumer when using it Law") as "Common parts: The management may serve notice part, of benefiting there from, or benefiting therefrom, the Sup- parts of jointly owned real prop- to any violations and repeatprovided that the defect has not plier shall immediately inform erty, as shown on the site plan, ed violations by tenants, which resulted from the action of the the Ministry or the Competent designated for common use by the may attract eviction of tenants Authority of potential damages owners and occupants of units." before the expiry of the tenan-

Further, common areas of a cy contract. This is in accoraffects the product after its pro-same. Also, he shall immediately building may include thresholds, dance with Article 25 (1) (f) of duction or the service after its recall the same and announce that halls and entrances. This is in Law No. 33 of 2008 Amending provision, which may lead to harm such products are hazardous, as accordance with Article 7 (a)(2) Law No. 26 of 2007 Regulatthe consumer or deprive him in determined by the Implementing of the Dubai Jointly Owned Real ing the Relationship between Property Law, which states ":The Landlords and Tenants in the common parts of a building in- Emirate of Dubai, which states, function has not resulted from the er Protection Law: Malfunction clude, without limitation, the fol- "A landlord may request evic-

In the UAE, the seller needs to in the products or service, the sup- on the site plan, thresholds, halls, lease contract where the tenant mention the warranty period of plier shall repair or replace the parking aisles, entrances, emer- uses the real property for a purthe product being sold in a sep- same, return the products and re- gency exits; and windows in ex- pose other than that for which

> ment regulations. This is in ac- force in the emirate." Based on the aforementioned cordance with Article 6(b) and

file a consumer complaint against obligation towards the developer, cupants in the building and the the seller. Federal Law No. 15 of the owner, the occupants of oth-building management or other 2020 on Consumer Protection and er units, and the owners' commit-occupants of the building may implement the warranty. This is Cabinet Decision No. 66 of 2023 tee with the master community approach the Dubai Police to file declaration, statute and building a complaint against the parents of the UAE Consumer Protection lation of the Federal Law No. 15 management regulation to the ex- of the children who are involved Law, which states: "The supplier of 2020 Concerning the Consumer tent that their provisions apply in playing card games or hav-

Jointly Owned Real Property your building apartment.

e stay in a multi-sto- Law: "An owner may lease out apartment in his unit, provided that he and the Dubai, with no parks tenant remain under an obliga-

Further, the management of accordance with Article 18(3) of In the emirate of Dubai com- the Dubai Jointly Owned Real

In the event of non-complition of the tenant from the real Uunless otherwise indicated property before expiry of the it is leased, or otherwise uses the It is the obligation of an occu-real property in a manner that

Based on the aforementioned cause a nuisance to building "An occupant shall be under an management and/or other ocing verbal communication in Article 16 (a) of the Dubai the common areas of the floor in

## SKILL UPGRADATION

## CAREER CHOICE MEETS OPPORTUNI

It is a time when we welcome the results of various exams. At this time, parents are most interested and trying to discuss their children's career choices. Of course, whether it is 10th level or 12th level or degree level, it is the most appropriate time for the parents to discuss and take a decision on the Career Choice of the children. It is also best not to jump to a decision or imitate others. What to say to parents is that if you don't have clear control or planning over your children's career choice, than leave it to their own taste. Below are some points that both parents and children can consider.

he new generation is facing strong competition in the field of study and job market. A right combination of education, experience and skills are required to withstand in a competitive job market where the number of individuals lookfor employment exceeds the number of available position. Being competitive in tomarket is important! Being competitive in the job market means an edge over others in terms of qualifications, skills and experiences. Therefore, it is necessary to make sure that the field chosen for the career is according to the interest and offers job opportunities.

# tors to consider

ten influenced by various internal and exter- be frowned upon. For cost of investment. So, nal factors that shape instance, career in med- most important thing their choices. Personal icine or engineering is is to have a good and values, beliefs, and as- perceived as prestigious clear career choice at pirations significantly and financially stable. the initial stage so that wards career paths that lead young people to the chosen profession bring fulfillment, satis- choose these paths even and achieve great sucgoals. For Example, one elsewhere. Gender roles Factors influencing caty and self-expression choices. Certain promay be drawn to ca- fessions in some soci- is essential to ensure a reers in art or design. who prioritises helping towards work. Each person has of abilities. Those skills can either be tailored to reer is so important? a particular job field or can excel.

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tions and goals greatly find students confused career paths.

External also shape the deci- to be a hasty or wrong sions young individ-decision. Making your Choice of career-fac- their careers. Certain important at this stage. Young people are of- regarded in many soci- can lead to loss of time, guide youngsters to- This social pressure can it allows one to excel in faction and long-term if their true interests lie cess. who values creativi- can also impact career reer choice

influence career deci- or unaware of their casions. This can be in- reer path, even after strumental in finding having completed their contentment and sat-graduation. They walk isfaction in the cho- helplessly with their sen path. Career paths degrees because they are also used by young are not given a clear people to achieve specif-vision of what they • ic aspirations. Wheth- are supposed to do. A er it involves financial characteristic of career · financial goals success, positively im-choosing nowadays is • pacting society or pur- that after completing suing a passion project, schooling one choosthese aspirations shape es a stream based on • the direction of their their best performance during that period. In • factors most cases, it turns out uals make regarding career choice wisely is professions are highly Wrong career choice eties, while others may change of subject and

As Career Choosing eties may be considered successful and enrich-Similarly, an individual more suitable for men ing work life, it is ador women. Some occu- visable to choose one's others might gravitate pations in some societ- career on the basis of professions ies may be considered his / her interest in in healthcare or social more suitable for men a particular area. But, or women. This leads to here are some factors to a different combination limited career options. consider for the career Why choosing right ca-selection process but these can be influential Choosing a career is factors only and should can be tailored. There- an important step in not be the criterion for fore, it is imperative to a student's life. This Career Choosing. FACrecognise these inherent is something that will TORS found through qualities and allow the have a decisive impact study and observation youth to deploy them in on their careers. Choos- are Affordability (of career paths where they ing a career profile fees or other expensshould be suitable for es), Influence of family Realising one's own the career one wants members, teachers, and talents and aptitudes to pursue and build a friends, Job accessibilienables young people strong foundation for ty, Job security, Parto decide on career op- future life. Nowadays ents' Desire/Parental

ary, Professional pres- ration? tige, Personal interests, Professional sion, talents and skills

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- options
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- opportunities.

can serve as an inspi- Career Planning)

Career counseling is develop- the process of helping ment opportunities, Peer a person understands Persuasion, Past Per- himself about career, formance(10th / 12th education and career School), Potential trends. We all need ca-Placements, Personality reer guidance at some Driven and Self-effica- point in our lives. cy. In addition to these It helps us gain infactors, there are follow- sights about ourselves, ing crucial things to our career and what consider while choosing we can do to improve a career. These are pas- it. Through the right guidance of a Career values Counseling, it is possible that, we can gain insights about ourselves, our career and what we can do to improve it. Career counseling and helps in dealing with a variety of issues educational costs and like low concentration, poor time management, resources at home trust issues with famiand school learning ly, parent-child discord etc. (To Be Continued: How career counseling Career Counseling &

### **IPEPCIL - ADVISORY** BEWARE OF UNSCRUPULOUS AGENTS FOR OVERSEAS JOBS

Seeking employment abroad can be an exiting opportunity, but it also comes with risks if the intended job-seekers go through unauthorised agencies / personnel.

Unscrupulous agents / persons may exploit these job-seekers through social media advertisements and channels, leading to financial losses, unsafe working conditions, fraudulent activities or even human trafficking. Therefore, it is crucial to stay informed and CAUTIOUS among the overseas job aspirants. Job-seekers are advised to protect themselves by following means:

- 1) Verify credentials of the recruitment agency / persons. Ensure that, the recruitment agency / persons are licensed by the Ministry of External Affairs, OE, PRO-TECTOR GENERAL OF EMIGRANTS, Government of India.
- 2) Avoid any upfront payment in case asked for.
- 3) Seek legal advice through trusted advisors or Regional Protector of Emigrants Offices.
- 4) Do not enter any dealings with lack of physical office or any credibility of the advertisers without referring their websites.
- 5) Do not deal with the unscrupulous agencies who are inconsistent or give evasive answers to your questions.
- 6) Reporting Fraud:

If you suspect that an agent / person is doing fraudulent activities related to overseas recruitment / employment, report it to the nearest POE Office, police station etc. etc; your report can help to prevent others from falling victims to scams.

Your safety and well-being are paramount, by staying vigilant and informed,you can avoid falling prey to unscrupulous agents and ensure a secure legitimate path towards overseas employment.---- VS Abdulkareem (President, **Indian Personnel Export Promotion Council – IPEPCIL).**