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IPEPCIL urges MEA-approved HRAs to be part of G2G agreement for overseas placement of Indian personnel

MUMBAI placements of Indian Traditional Sectoral Fra-Personnel, since the Reg- ternity and their experulatory Act 1983 came tise has been contributed into force, is handled a pivotal role in the secby the Government-Ap- tor, should not be sideproved Agencies. The HRA Fraternity created a large consistent growth of deexpatriate abroad, particularly in the sector is the authenthe GCC Region. More tically proven track of than 90pc of the Indian the traditional sectoral origin workforce out of fraternity of the Governapproximately 92 lakhs ment approved HRAs. at GCC is the contribu- Government should aption of Government-ap- preciate and recognise proved HRAs, says the the deep-rooted experauthentic data in place tise, knowledge and skills with the Regulatory Au- which have been instru- nario, the opportunities thority.

So, historically the suc-sector over a period cess of this sector is the of time to convert it a efforts and expertise of great success by the govthe HRAs, thus to create ernment approved HRA such a huge NRI popu- Fraternity. lation today, so that the Indian Personnel Exnational exchequer en- port Promotion Council joys it in multiple ways (IPEPCIL) advocates and the dependent popu- for a collaborative aplation of the expatriates proach that leverages as well. Therefore, when traditional sectoral playadvocating for a shift ers, so that the emerging to G2G Engagements in potential opportunities Human Resources Place- can be explored with

: Overseas ments abroad, wherein Recruitment lined and neglected.

The achievements and population veloping and nurturing mental in shaping the

in India are so enjoy it both the strength of the



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the partnership between the stakeholders and the traditionally acclaimed government approved recruitment agencies.

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ciated in it with a shift spirits and enthusiasm towards G2G Engage- of Private HRAs. It is ments as it is tradition- essential that the policy ally the job of Private framework to streamline HRAs and their exper- to support Private HRAs tise on it with the strat- while making G2G enegies to explore global gagements and incorpotrends and to maximise rate them and avoid any the benefits of collabo- kind of discrimination ration with the Foreign within the Regulatory Employers. Government norms, so as to create a policies are to align level playing field with with the Private HRAs an aim to fostering Inas well for the stability novative and inclusive and sustainable growth growth within the secand developments in the tor. We would like to sector. Restricting and highlight the importance discriminating the pri- of maintaining strong vate HRAs like "Wom- ties with the traditional en under the age of 30 sectoral fraternity for Years" and Nurses Re- the continued success cruitment etc and G2G and advancement of the Agreement to some spe- sector, as emphasised and to tap the opportu- cific countries for the by IPEPCIL president nities and to mitigate the placement of Indian na- VS Abdulkareem.

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For safe emigration

he recent roundtable discussion arranged by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) -India, in partnership with the Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), on the "Safe, orderly and regular migration of Indian women workers to ECR countries" in New Delhi underlines the need to further streamline and safeguard the emigration of women workers below the age of 30. This event brought together key government and non-government stakeholders, academicians, subject matter experts and HR agencies onto a single platform. This meet provided a plank to cultivate informed discourse, solicit diverse perspectives and collectively review the policy's operating environment along with existing challengpotential solutions in its implementaes and Editorial tion.

Given the implications of existing policies on the migration and mobility of women migrants, labour markets and migrant protection, the roundtable provided a platform to cultivate informed discourse, solicit opinions and collectively review the policy's operating environment along with existing challenges and potential solutions in its implementation.

Established in 1951, IOM is part of the UN System and stands as the leading intergovernmental organisation in the field of migration. With 175 member countries, a further eight nations holding observer status and offices in 171 countries, IOM is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. It does so by providing support to migrants across the world, developing effective responses to the shifting dynamics of migration and providing advice on migration policy and practice. IOM collaborates with governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental partners to improve the resilience of people

On the other side, Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) is responsible for all aspects of external relations. Territorial divisions deal with bilateral political and economic work while functional divisions look after policy planning, multilateral organisations, regional groupings, legal matters, disarmament, protocol, consular, Indian diaspora, press and publicity, administration and other aspects on the move, particularly those in situations of vulnerability. Thus, the two establishments together are doing a great job for the smooth and safe emigration of people, particularly women. By bringing together other players such as human resources agencies, state government and non-governmental agencies, a formidable force can be created to monitor as well as prevent the misuse of emigration (people leaving their own country and migrating to other countries). Indians emigrate to various parts of the globe and our NRIs and PIOs are a greatest strength today. Some years back, the government introduced the eMigrate system. eMigrate projet is a transformational initiative of MEA aimed at making emigration process easy, organised and humane through this e-governance platform. This helped prevent bogus recruitments by unscrupulous elements fleecing the innocent jobseekers. Now, without licence no recruitment agency can function. Offices of Protector of Emigrants (in states) and Protector General of Emigrants (centre) have done a commendable job in educating job aspirants and preventing illegal recruitments. Our missions abroad as well foreign governments are of immense help in our motto of safe emigration.

EMIGRATION

DENIES REPORTS OF SCALING DOWN Saudi Arabia says NEOM megaproject will go ahead as planned before

RIYADH: Saudi Arabia's original plan to have 1.5 don't want to deliver economy minister reject- million people living in these projects at the cost ed recent reports that The Line by 2030 was of importing too much the kingdom's \$1.5 tril- slashed to three lakh. lion NEOM megaprojects, a futuristic desert back of plans, at least in ing these projects in a development on the Red the medium-term, comes manner that meets these Sea coast, is scaling back amid reported concerns priorities, delivers these some of its plans. "All over finances for NEOM, projects and has the opprojects are moving full which is part of the king- timal healthy impact for steam ahead," Faisal Al dom's broader Vision our economy and the ... Ibrahim told CNBC's Dan 2030 initiative to diversi-healthy non-oil growth Murphy Economic Forum's spe- oil. Saudi Arabia's sovercial meeting.

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against our own interest. The purported scaling We will continue deliver-

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Still, the minister that "for

NEOM bags SAR 10 bn financing facility

RIYADH: NEOM announced it has secured a new Revolving Credit Facility (RCF) worth SAR 10 billion. It represents another milestone for NEOM as it progresses with the development of major projects and will be used to support **NEOM's** short-term financing requirements.

The RCF, which follows a Murabaha structure, reflects a continuation of NEOM's strategy to diversify its sources of funding.

Nadhmi Al-Nasr, CEO, NEOM, said: "As NEOM continues to gather pace, this new credit facility, backed by Saudi Arabia's leading financial institu-



tions, is a natural fit within our wider strategy for funding. We continue to explore a variety of funding sources as we deliver transformational infrastructure assets while supporting the wider Vision 2030 programme. NEOM is among the largest projects in the world today, and we value the partnership we have with our relationship banks in facilitating access to a range of flexible fi-

nancing options as we deliver on our ambition."

LIPSYNCH

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

— Nelson Mandela

The new RCF follows on from the SAR 23 billion agreement signed by NEOM and their partners to finance the NEOM Green Hydrogen Company. It also follows last year's SAR 3 billion debt financing arranged to partially fund NEOM's development of Sindalah, the luxury island destination set to welcome visitors this year.

The transaction was targeted at Saudi relationship banks and the facility saw strong interest, with nine banks participating. The mandated lead arrangers are Saudi National Bank, Riyad Bank and Saudi Awwal Bank. The other participant banks are Al Rajhi Banking and Investment Corporation, Alinma Bank, Arab National Bank, Bank Albilad, Saudi Investment Bank and Bank AlJazira.

thing unprecedented and not yet approved NEOM's intended scale is continuwe're doing something budget for 2024, accord- ing as planned. There is unprecedented and we ing to Bloomberg's re- no change in scale." "It will deliver something port. Al Ibrahim stressed is a long-term project that's unprecedented", that the projects would that's modular in dethe minister declared. had emerged in Western cation that decisions were there to be delivered for media outlets that The being made for "optimal specific impact in specif-Line project, a planned economic impact." glass-walled city meant to stretch for 105 miles the market, we see more ported timeline and scale across the desert by 2030, interest from the inves- changes would send to would be a length of just tors and we'll always private investors, Al Ibra-1.5 miles by that time — prioritise to where we can him said that decisions a reduction of 98.6pc . optimise for optimal eco- would be made to suit

In early April, reports plan, but with the qualifi- of the mega projects are

Citing anonymous sourc- nomic impact," he said. the needs and returns of es with knowledge of the "Today the economy in the projects, and that all matter, the initial report the kingdom is grow- the developments within by Bloomberg said that ing faster, but we don't NEOM are seeing growthe Saudi government's want to overheat it. We ing investor interest.

"We set out to do some- lic Investment Fund, has NEOM, the projects, the be delivered according to sign," he said. "The rest ic sectors." Asked what

"We see feedback from kind of a message the re-

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Heavy rains: can employer deduct employee's salary for absence?

e work in a mainland Dubai company and stay in Sharjah. We were unable to report to the office because of the rains. Can my company deduct my salary for being unable to report to work during the heavy rains and subsequent floods that happened recently?

Pursuant to your queries, it is assumed that the nature of your work requires your physical presence in the workplace/office of your employer. Therefore, the provisions of Federal Decree Law No. 33 of 2021 Regulating Employment Relations in the UAE and Cabinet Resolution No. 1 of 2022 on the Implementation of Federal Decree Law No. 33 of 2021 Regarding the Regulation of Employment Relations are applicable.

In the UAE, during unstable weather or when a forecast is issued by the National Meteorology Center (NCM), the Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation (MoHRE) may advise employers to opt for remote working options or grant employees paid leaves. This is in accordance n with Article 36 of the Cabinet Resolution No. 1 of 2022, which states: "Subject to the provisions of the Employment Law and this Resolution:

1. In extraordinary emergency situations, as determined by a Cabinet Resolution, work measures that are commensurate with the circumstances of those cases may be applied, taking into account the interests of all the parties to the employment relationship. Such measures shall include without being limited to the following:

inet Resolution No. 1 of 2022, which states, "Subject to the provisions of Article 17 of the Employment Law:

1. The period spent by the employee commuting between his place of residence and the workplace shall be counted within the working hours in the following cases:

a) any delay to the employee in transit in case of bad weather and in response to the warning of the National Centre of Meteorology regarding weather changes and fluctuations."

Moreover, if there are reasons beyond the employer's control (force majeure circumstances such as heavy rain, emergency situations) that render them unable to have regular operations, the employer may inform the employee and assure payment of salary for such period and days. This is in accordance with Article 17(2) of the Cabinet Resolution No. 1 of 2022, which states, "Subject to the provisions of Article 26 of the Employment Law

• If the failure to enable the employee to perform his work is due to circumstances beyond the employer's control, the employer shall inform the employee thereof along with guaranteeing the payment of his salary."

Based on the aforementioned provisions of law, as you are not able to

Emirates to hire pilots at higher pay

OVERSEAS NEWS AND EMPLOYMENT

DUBAI: Dubai's flag- **Recruitment Drive** carrier, Emirates, ship announced ment policies.

recruits who will be fly- year. ing the Airbus A350s craft.

Emirates has employed over 4,400 pilots, and in 2023, the airline recruited over 420 pilots through its recruitment programmes – Direct Entry Captains, Accelerated Command, and First Officers. "Pilots at the airline receive a competitive taxfree salary, are eligible for profit share, and are provided spacious villas in gated communities, education allowance, and excellent life, medical and dental cover," said Emirates. "They also have access to a world-class provident fund and receive regular and complimentary financial advice," the statement added.

The airline confirmed significant plans to rev up its pilot changes to pilot recruit- recruitment drive as it prepares to start taking These include higher delivery of its 65 A350s salaries, new roles, and a on order from mid-year radical change to eligi- and its mix of 205 777-9s bility, the airline said in and 777-8s in 2025. Emira statement issued on ates said its recruitment World Pilots' Day. Emir- team will host roadshows ates also increased the in more than 26 cities in base salary for the new over 18 countries this

"The changes to eligiand A380s in the airline's bility criteria and salafleet. Emirates is also of- ry packages represent a fering enhanced salary step forward in its compackages for First Offi- mitment to attracting cers with experience of the best talent globally over 4,000 flying hours and ensuring a perfect on the modern Airbus customer experience on fly-by-wire or Boeing air- every single journey," an airline spokesperson said.

FOREX RATES As on 2nd May, 2024 (In rupees)						
Currency	Buying	Selling				
US Dollar	84.16	83.26				
Euro	90.17	89.26				
Australian Dollar	55.28	54.36				
Japanese Yen	0.58	0.53				
Canadian Dollar	61.52	60.62				
Singapore Dollar	62.17	61.19				
Swedish krona	8.64	6.85				
UAE Dirham	23.20	22.58				
Swiss Franc	92.18	90.38				
British Pound	105.37	104.42				
New Zealand Dollar	50.20	48.99				
Thai Baht	2.36	2.16				
Hong Kong Dollar	11.64	10.33				
Saudi Arabian Riyal	22.97	22.02				
Bahraini Dinar	229.41	215.41				
Chinese Yuan	12.43	10.63				
Danish Krone	12.49	11.49				
Kuwaiti Dinar	277.08	261.08				
Malaysian Ringgit	18.61	17.16				
Omani Rial	222.78	210.78				
Qatari Riyal	23.68	21.43				
South African Rand	4.94	4.10				



- a. Applying the remote work system.
- b. Granting the employee paid leave
- c. Granting the employee unpaid leave.
- d. Reducing the employee's salary.

Furthermore, an employer may consider accommodating an employee if the latter reports late to work due to unstable weather. This is in accordance with Article 15(1)(a) of the Cab-

travel to your office and work due to genuine reasons which were beyond your control, your employer SHOULD NOT DEDUCT YOUR SALARY.

However, as an employee, you must inform your employer about your situation by providing photos and document evidence to your employer, to show the reasons why you were not able to travel to work. It may be due to heavy rains or water logging in the locality where you reside. If your employer deducts your salary for not coming to work due to the recent heavy rain and water-logging situation, you may file a complaint against your employer with the MoHRE.

Can my wife do part-time job?

My wife is under my sponsorship and has "housewife" under profession. She's been offered a part-time position by a company. Can she work?

In 2018, the UAE's Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation (MoHRE) implemented the Ministerial Decree No (31) of 2018 Concerning the Introduction of Part-Time Employment Contracts. By the provisions of the MD 31/2018, entities in the UAE were permitted to recruit skilled employees under a part-time contract system.

Under the provisions of clause (a) of Article 4 of MD 31/2018, a person may work part-time only after obtaining the necessary work permit from MoHRE. The said clause (a) of Article 4 reads:

"A worker under this System:

(a) May work for another employer only after obtaining a work permit from the Ministry."

Under the provisions of Article 9 A of MD31/2018: "Part Time Employment" is to be governed by the same rules, controls and penalties applicable to the conclusion, renewal and termination of ordinary employment contracts with or without a fixed term. The said Article 9 A, reads: "Part Time Employment shall be governed by the same rules, controls and penalties applicable to the conclusion, renewal and termination of ordinary employment contracts with or without a fixed term."

Furthermore, following clarifications issued by the UAE Government portal, persons living in the UAE on a visa (sponsored by a spouse or another family member) can take up part-time work after getting a permit from the MoHRE, with a "no-objection certificate" or NOC from the sponsor of the visa.

Therefore, in response to your questions, your wife may work in the part-time position, provided she is first issued a part-time work permit by the MoHRE. Moreover, it may be noted that for issuing the parttime work permit for your wife, MoHRE shall also require an NOC from you, among other documents.

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SKILL UPGRADATION

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(Cont. from page-1) exciting career opportu- sponsible for supervising everything here. nities.

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Comprised businesses sectors such as Sommelier (Wine Server), employees need to have? Professionalism: (Show- flexibly to changing sitrestaurants, theme parks, travel, tourism, event (someone who clears and tality industry, you must recognising and respect- Teamwork (The so called etc., this sector focuses gage Porter, Maintenance and specialised technical ies is another hospitali- work is established in a your goal is to find a ca- and few more. (Assistant ty skills can help you to oversee large groups of mon goal or purpose. ests, you can learn about the different jobs in hospitality industry and get a training programme food and beverage, travel rience. and tourism, events and services etc creates evergreen jobs parts). across various sectors of CUSTOMER the hospitality industry.

Server, Guest various dealers during the game), skills that hospitality guests).

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sector is a broad segment Sales Manager; Market-likelihood of success in a key skill in any custom- their next visits. Thereviding services and ex- Entertainer, Flight atten- on how committed you are fessionals must be able working in hospitality). periences to customers. dant, Travel Agent, Casino to customer satisfaction. to dedicate themselves to This sector offers many Host (A casino host is re- Customer satisfaction is solving a problem, de- unpredictable and inevispite challenges and frus- table events are common and organising the casino What are the essential trating feedback from in hospitality jobs. So you

To succeed in the hospi- ing professionalism by uations.

Service a rewarding career path guest satisfaction). Pa- should be able to follow industry. The hospitality Agent, Bartender, Chef, for you to pursue. Your tience (Being patient is a up with them and ensure within the service indus- ing Executive, Tour Guide, career or job in the hos- er service or hospitality fore, problem solving is try that focuses on pro- Head Chef, Cruise Ship pitality industry depends position. Hospitality pro- one of the central parts of

Flexibility (Unexpected, need to be able to respond

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or practical experience in jor hospitality jobs for tivecompany culture, even own priority). any one of them. The fol- fresher and internship in jobs that are not fo-

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or entertainment, ancil- opportunities and train- host them. Having hos- **Empathy**: (Being able to and organisations lary services or support ing information will be pitality skills allows you understand the feelings of complete projects that are altogether provided in the upcoming to have good interperson- others with empathy and time-sensitive and require al communication with compassion is essential diverse skills and experi-**SERVICE** others and organise your to succeed in any field. ences. Complex tasks can SKILLS: Customer sat- activities to help meet the These skills are essential be completed faster with What are the major jobs isfaction is everything needs of others. Hospital- for identifying the un- better teamwork. Its conavailable in the Hospi- here. If you have excel- ity skills are essential for derlying issues guests temporary relevance lies customer service working anywhere vis- are facing and resolving in the fact that it is pos-Hotel Manager, Restau- skills, you can excel in itors expect their needs them in the most appro- sible to reach new stan-Banquet Manager, Front job you choose. Working hotel. Here are those es- faced by guests and solv- teamwork) Attention to detail (At- sure their satisfaction is HOSPITALITY INDUS-Park Manager, Hotel re- ing, but if you are pas- tention to detail means a part of the hospitality TRY AND HOTEL INceptionist, Housekeeping sionate about improving that every little element industry that should be DUSTRY-- Close Bud-

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India saved \$13bn, thanks to Russian crude

study by ICRA, the rating agency.

of the largest energy consumers ICRA. globally, has significantly increased Ukraine in 2022. The share of crude from Russia in March 2024, commonths of the fiscal year 2024 from the commerce ministry, the coun- cal year 2024, from about 23pc \$13.25 billion.

the past two years, according to a oil import bill amounting to \$5.1 2024. The reason behind Russia be- savings during the latter period. billion in FY2023 and \$7.9 billion coming the top supplier to India is Nevertheless, the rating agen- in 11M FY2024, thereby compress- its offer of discounted crude. After and the UAE were India's tradicy's report also highlights a de- ing India's current account defi- Western countries shunned Russian tional crude oil suppliers. Accordcreasing trend in the discount on cit (CAD)/GDP ratio by 15-22 bps crude, India and China emerged as ing to Feb 2024 data from the crude year-on-year. India, being one in FY2023-24," reads the study of the largest beneficiaries. Industry ministry of commerce, India im-

sia since the latter's invasion of million barrels of crude oil per day petroleum imported from Russia pared with 1.27 million barrels discounts relative to price signifi- ed in Feb 2024. Overall, India's oil

\$5 per barrel in 2024.

NEW DELHI: India has saved a mere two per cent in the fiscal try imported \$3.61 billion worth of in April-August to an average of around \$13 billion by importing year 2022. "ICRA estimates this crude oil from Russia in Feb 2024, around eight per cent in Sept-Feb, discounted crude oil from Russia in to have led to savings in India's following \$4.47 billion in Jan resulting in a notable decline in

Previously, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, estimates suggest the discount on ported \$2.6 billion worth of crude According to energy cargo track- Russian crude oil was over \$30 per oil from Saudi Arabia, placing it its imports of crude oil from Rus- er Vortexa, India received 1.36 barrel in 2022, but has fallen below in second position. The third position was filled by Iraq, with \$2.24ICRA reports that the monthly billion worth of crude oil importsurged to around 36pc in the 11 per day in Feb 2024. According to cantly narrowed throughout fis- import bill for Feb 2024 stood at