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Somnath flags off electric heavy trucks at JNPA



Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Shri. Anand Singh, flagging off a fleet of 50 electric heavy trucks at the Somnath Port. The trucks are part of a fleet of 50 electric heavy trucks at the Somnath Port. The trucks are part of a fleet of 50 electric heavy trucks at the Somnath Port.

Busch to cut 13,000 jobs to bring down costs

Germany's Robert Busch will cut 13,000 jobs at the world's top auto supplier to bring down costs. The company is aiming to cut costs and improve efficiency. The company is aiming to cut costs and improve efficiency.

'Focus on Swadeshi will help spur Indian innovation but the journey will be long'

NEW ERA. Zoho doubling down on R&D in cloud infra, platforms, AI and applications, says official

Sudhu Haribharan
Chennai



At the end of the day, it's not just about Made-in-India. These products need to be good, scalable, secure, and provide enough value to customers for them to get adopted.

PRAVAL SINGH
VP Marketing and Customer Experience, Zoho



"movement" is more than just being Swadeshi and addressing the aspect of building and innovating in India. The increased focus on Swadeshi software will encourage more companies to come up with innovative solutions to serve local needs," he added.

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location from us," he added. Zoho has 55 business apps and over 130 million users globally. From creating its own enterprise LLM, web browser, proprietary scripting language and even setting up its own data centre, Zoho believes in making all the pieces fit in-house to hold control of privacy and security.

MESSAGING APP

Earlier, Zoho's messaging app, launched in beta back in 2021 at a time when WhatsApp's privacy stance came into question by users. The app however has not been marketed heavily by Zoho over the years.

"WhatsApp is already available for download and use by users. Currently we are working on the infrastructure and usability aspects of the application and there are an ongoing effort in proving the value customers needs from a communication application that they can trust with privacy at the core," Singh said. Even as social media users declare their

support to Indian tech products, analysts note that automation alone may not be enough to reduce dependence on global products.

"In case of social messaging apps, the biggest challenge for any Indian product to displace WhatsApp would be the network effects," Vikas Chawla, Co-founder, Social Lead, said. "It takes time for any new app to become a part of the social fabric and integral to daily conversations of users," he added. Nitesh Shah, Head of digital experience at agency Windchimes, believes that many Indian software products are on par with or even better than Microsoft, Google, etc. but it is essential they are compatible and integrate-able with global clients to work on them seamlessly. "If that is satisfied, it is easier to be self-reliant on enterprise software," he said.

Zoho's Singh agrees that large-sized businesses tend to choose certain apps and migrate to new systems in a phased manner.

'India's logistics cost at 7.97% of GDP in FY24'

Our Bureau
New Delhi



India's logistics cost is estimated at 7.97 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) and 9.09 per cent of non-services output in 2023-24, according to a Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) report.

"The estimate derived for the previous five years show that the pace of growth in the logistics cost is gradually slowing down compared with the pace of growth in non-services output. This may be attributed to several initiatives such as PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, Dedicated Freight Corridors, Bharatmala Pariyojana, Sagarmala Project, Integrated Check Posts, development of the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) and Logistics Efficiency Enhancement Programme (LEAP)," the report noted.

The aggregate logistics cost is estimated at ₹4.01 lakh crore at current prices (2021-24), derived from secondary data sources including the SEZ, NAS, and RBI Balance of Payments (BoP) statements, it added.

The report provides a comprehensive framework by capturing logistics costs across different transport modes, product categories, and firm sizes. It also presents estimates of freight cost per tonne-kilometre and highlights the role of multi-modality in enhancing efficiency.

VITAL DEVELOPMENT
The development is important as until now, logistics costs in India were often misperceived, with commonly cited figures of 13-14 per cent of GDP derived from external studies or partial datasets, officials pointed out.

The report, prepared in collaboration with research body NCAER, provides a

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"Air transportation is the most expensive, albeit the fastest, mode of freight transportation, averaging ₹72 per tonne per km, which largely limits its use to high-value, time-sensitive commodities," the report added.

There are significant gaps in estimating logistics cost as a percentage of GDP, the report pointed out. "An alternative metric can be used to measure logistics costs as a percentage of the value of product or in terms of per tonne per km. This metric can better incorporate the above-mentioned variations, and thus capture logistics costs holistically," it said.

bl's Iconic Changemakers of 2018 win Gates Foundation honour

PT Anjali Datta
Mumbai

The Gates Foundation has listed three Indian doctors, including Abhay and Rani Bang as 2018's Changemakers of the Year. The doctor couple was recognised for their community-based work on childhood pneumonia and maternal health.

Founders of SEARCH (Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health), the couple received



FROM THE FILES: Dr. Rani and Dr. Abhay Bang receiving the 2018 Changemaker award from the Gates Foundation and Corporate Affairs Minister Anurag Jaiswal.

global recognition from the Gates Foundation for the "pioneering community-based health care in India," a

note from the Foundation said. "At one time, there were 12 million child deaths every

year. Now it has come down to less than 3 million. And in this, probably a small contribution was whatever we did in Gadchiroli (Maharashtra)," Dr. Abhay Bang said.

The couple's son Dr. Anand received the award recently on behalf of his parents at an event in New York, on his father's 75th birthday. While research papers make people in the research community aware of the work being done, awards put a spotlight on work for a different audience, he said, on the recognition of their work.

FOCUS NOW ON NCDs

In the field of health, the world has many more challenges, he said, pointing to non-communicable diseases (NCDs). "When we face this NCD, then one realises that child mortality was relatively easier... NCD is an even tougher problem. So that is our new horizon," he said.

The Bangs have always done up solutions for health problems from the community — as they did with alcohol and tobacco, by listening to the women of Gadchiroli. "We are trying to find out solutions for NCD for the rural and tribal

people... from within the community only," he added. The organisation is also creating young changemakers on the ground, through Nirman, run by their younger son Anurag, who was part of its first batch in 2006, he said.

Other Gateskeepers Champions recognised by the Gates Foundation included David Rockham (UK) for advocating for child health and education; and Kyrill Mousiga Rirungi (Uganda) for championing youth-centred policies and equitable health access across Africa, among others.

+ TVS establishes global CoE in Italy with new acquisition

Our Bureau
Chennai

TVS Motor Company has established its Global Centre of Excellence (CoE) for design and engineering in Bologna, Italy with the decision to acquire 100 per cent ownership of Engines Engineering S.p.A., an Italian automotive design and engineering powerhouse known for advanced prototyping, innovation in high-performance motorcycles, and deep experience in MotoGP racing.

The company in an announcement to the stock exchange said the cost of acquisition is €3.05 per share, amounting to a total consideration of €30.50 million in acquire 10,00,000 equity shares (100 per cent).

The CoE is designed as a concept-to-product innovation hub integrating Engines



Sudarshan Venk, Chairman, TVS Motor Company

Engineering's expertise with TVS Motor's global R&D capabilities. "By uniting diverse engineering teams and expanding access to global talent pools, the CoE will significantly enhance the company's speed to market, product differentiation and technological leadership," a statement said.

NEW CAPABILITIES
The centre will add new capabilities to Norton motorcycles, the company's classic

British marque, supporting its ambition to craft modern, luxury motorcycles with cutting-edge performance and design, it added. Sudarshan Venk, Chairman, TVS Motor Company, said, "The new Italian global CoE marks another milestone in strengthening our capabilities. By combining the creativity and racing expertise of Engines Engineering with our engineering and design strengths, we are expanding our ability to deliver premium, connected, and electric vehicles that set new global benchmarks."

The company said that with this initiative, TVS Motor will be able to reduce product development cycles, enhance design flexibility

Bartronics India to invest ₹30 crore in Huel Lifesciences for 15% stake

Our Bureau
Hyderabad

Bartronics India Ltd (BIL) is investing up to ₹30 crore in Huel Lifesciences, a molecular diagnostics innovator to acquire a 15 per cent equity stake.

BIL will also have an option to increase its equity stake. Hyderabad-based Huel Lifesciences is an additional 15 per cent. Huel Lifesciences is a women-led private enterprise operating from a state-of-the-art facility in Hyderabad with regulatory approvals from the Europe and US.

It had developed over 100 validated diagnostic

tests in cancer, autoimmune resistance, viral threats, genetic disorders and cancer, according to a release.

Ashok Leyland kicks off China tie-up with battery-making goal

Bloomberg

Ashok Leyland Ltd, flagship of the conglomerate led by the billionaire Hinduja family, is banking on China's fast-rising battery maker CALB Group Co to help in its ambition of gradually mastering the technology behind lithium-ion cells.

The company, which signed a 20-year agreement with CALB earlier this month, will start with importing cells from its Chinese partner and learn the process of assembling them into packs, Ashok Leyland's Chief Executive Officer Sheng Agarwal said. The automaker will gradually seek the capability to design and manufacture lithium-ion batteries domestically, he added.

The firm, as part of its plan to invest more than ₹5,000 crore over the next five years to invest in 10 years to manufacture next-generation batteries for everything from cars to grids.

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