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The Indian IT industry is set to hire over 1 lakh people this year, expected to grow to USD 167 billion

The Indian IT sector is set for a massive growth in the coming time and in 2018-19, it is slated to hire over 1 lakh people to deal with its 8 per cent growth rate. The growth rate will help the industry reach a valuation of USD 167 billion in 2018, Law and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said last week, explaining the need for skilled employees in IT. The computer and IT sector has become an indispensable sector as we go through the technology age. Overall, the IT-BPO industry size would be adding USD 14-16 billion.

British Columbia invites skilled Indians to join thriving tech industry

British Columbia, the Canadian province that is a leader in technology and has one of the fastest growing tech ecosystems in the world, is looking at a shortfall of 30,000 skilled individuals to fill tech-related jobs, with India as an important catchment area for recruiting immigrant talent. "India, the Philippines and Nigeria are the countries we are looking for tapping talent in the Information Technology (IT) sector," says Patrick Mackenzie, CEO of the Immigrant Employment Council (IEC) of British Columbia, the southwestern province in Canada which accounts for more than 10,000 companies and approximately \$29 billion (Canadian dollars) in revenue.

Government to begin undergrad apprenticeship degree courses

The muted response to its flagship apprenticeship programme – National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme – has prompted the government to introduce undergraduate

apprenticeship degree courses in the country along with the traditional undergraduate courses in commerce, science and humanities. The government is hoping that the first-of-its-kind initiative will give a big boost to 'Make in India' programme with more trained and employable workforce available to meet the industry demand. The ministry of human resource development has agreed to introduce undergraduate courses in apprenticeship after several rounds of high-level deliberations with the stakeholder ministries

AirAsia India increases workforce to 2,000

AirAsia India today said it has increased its workforce to 2,000, as the no-frills carrier is set to spread its wings overseas from later this year. Talent recruitment has been one of the key focus areas for the airline since last year, and it will continue to grow to gear up for rapid expansion, AirAsia India said in a statement today. The Bengaluru-based airline's former managing director and chief executive officer, Amar Abrol, had earlier said that the carrier was aiming a three-fold rise in headcount by 2020.

Digitalisation is not about taking away jobs: Siemens's Roland Busch

German conglomerate Siemens AG, a leading supplier of systems for power generation and transmission as well as medical diagnosis, saw its revenue from digital technologies touch €5.2 billion in fiscal 2017, a 20 percent increase year-over-year. Of this, €4 billion was from software and the remaining from digital services. "Digitalisation has a real purpose: Of lifting productivity to the next level, making better use of your assets which have a huge demand in the market... it's about personalisation," says Roland Busch, chief technology officer and member of the managing board of Siemens AG. "Digitalisation sits at the core of our strategy and investments too. It cuts across all industries that we are serving, in different shades."

Govt to help workers laid-off by telcos: Secy

Concerned at the job losses in the telecom sector, the government has begun helping the affected employees get alternative employment, and retrain and redeploy them, a top bureaucrat has said. Some estimates peg the number of job losses in the sector, which has been passing through choppy waters after the launch of the aggressive offerings by the deep-pocketed Reliance Jio, at over 90,000. "The efforts are on at three levels. First of all, we have to ensure that people at the lower levels, who are working at the retail outlets...we have to ensure that their futures are sustained," telecom secretary Aruna Sundararajan told reporters on the sidelines of an event here late last evening. The first focus is to stabilise the sector, she said, adding that this work is being done primarily through the new telecom policy, which is currently undergoing public consultations before its finalisation next month.



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