

N1. Workshop on capacity building to track missing children held

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Officials of the National Informatics Centre (NIC) conducted a capacity building programme for Police, Women Development and Child Welfare (WD&CW) and the Juvenile Welfare Department officials on tracking missing children in the State.

NIC officer Chandrashekar explained about the portal, trackthemissingchild.gov.in, operated by the Ministry of Women and Child Welfare department, at the AP Police Headquarters at Mangalagiri on Tuesday.

Crime Investigation Department (CID) Additional Director-General Amit Garg, while explaining the importance of the portal, directed the police officers to upload the details of missing children reported in all police stations.

CID DIG L. Kalidas Venkata Ranga Rao said the information uploaded on the web portal would be integrated with the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS).

WD&CW Special Commissioner H. Arun Kumar said the Project Directors, District Child Protection Officers (DCPOs) and the Integrated Child Protected Scheme (ICPS) staff should ensure that information on rescued child was uploaded on trackthemissingchild.gov.in. “Managements of all Child Care Institutions (CCIs) should promptly update information on children staying with them,” Mr. Arun Kumar said.

Juvenile Welfare Joint Director B.D.V. Prasada Murthy said the portal would help the police to trace the child through the unique feature of 'Facial Recognition System' (FRS).

CID Additional SP K.G.V. Saritha said the participants in the workshop would train the Special Juvenile Police Officers (SJPOs), across the State. The coordination meeting-cum-workshop would help to trace missing children. District Probation Officers, police, DCPOs and other officers attended the programme.

News Source:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/andhra-pradesh/workshop-on-capacity-building-to-track-missing-children-held/article28067404.ece>

N2. Making career choice easy for students

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Special programmes for Civil Services aspirants and aptitude tests for students are among the Directorate of Higher Secondary Education's career guidance and counselling-related plan proposals for this year.

The department already has the 'We Help' programme to reduce exam stress among students and it started 'focus point' centres for supporting and educating them on higher study options while applying for Plus One courses.

Tapping into a renewed interest in the Civil Services among young students, the career guidance cell plans to conduct an orientation programme for select higher secondary students. It will be held in association with the Kerala State Civil Service Academy or with the support of experts in the field of Civil Services coaching.

A four-day residential programme will be part of the orientation. Interactions with achievers will be another highlight. A preliminary selection examination will be conducted in each district for Civil Services aspirants studying in Plus Two.

Along with that, all the participants will be given a basic orientation. Twenty-five students who have scored high marks in the preliminary exams will be selected from each district for the workshop. One workshop will comprise 25 students each from two districts.

The directorate had initiated a project last year for setting up a comprehensive aptitude test to steer students towards the right career path. The tool developed with the support of the National Informatics Centre will be administered in 100 schools during the first phase implementation of the programme this year.

Teachers, especially career guides of higher secondary schools, will be updated with new trends in every field of education.

News Source: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/making-career-choice-easy-for-students/article28066001.ece>

N3. Activist flags hidden costs for online RTI pleas filed in state

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He wrote about the launch of the RTI Online portal, designed and developed by the *National Informatics Centre* (NIC), for all central ministries and departments.

If you want to file an online Right to Information (RTI) application to the government of Maharashtra, be prepared to pay a little extra. A Nagpur-based doctor, Indrajit Khandekar, has raised concerns about the state portal charging anywhere between Rs 5 to Rs 10 more than the central government's portal for online RTI applications, just because it does not use the mandated State Bank of India (SBI) payment gateway.

Dr. Khandekar, a professor from the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences, Sewagram, claims that while filing an RTI application online in Maharashtra, the applicant is charged more than the standard Rs 10 fee depending on which mode of payment they use. If they pick net banking, the Mahaonline payment gateway charges around Rs 21.80 and when one pays through debit card, there is a charge of Rs 15.90. The charge goes in the kitty of the Mahaonline company, which manages the portal on behalf of the state government.

To the state government

Khandekar has also brought this to the notice of the state government, by writing to them about the issue around three weeks ago. He's yet to receive a response. In the letter he sent, he also attached screenshots of the payment gateway, which he claims also violates a notification sent by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) directing all the state secretaries to opt for SBI gateway. Khandekar has urged the state government to use the SBI gateway like the central government so that applicants are not charged any additional amount for filing RTIs.

Speaking to mid-day, Khandekar said, "I have sent a letter to the General Administration Department (GAD) of the Maharashtra government to bring these discrepancies to their notice. I have also urged the government to not cause further inconvenience to the common public by violating the directives of the DoPT, which were issued in December 2013, clearly asking state chief secretaries to opt for the SBI gateway for online RTI applications."

The directives Khandekar is talking about were given in a December 3, 2013 letter (mid-day has a copy) addressed to state secretaries by Dr. S K Sarkar, secretary, DoPT. He wrote about the launch of the RTI Online portal, designed and developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), for all central ministries and departments. The letter further stated, "It is requested that the feasibility of implementing online RTI in your state on similar lines may be explored. NIC has been requested to provide technical support to the state governments who desire to replicate the web portal for online filing of RTI applications on the state level."

Why use the pvt gateway?

Speaking about how he learnt of the discrepancies, Khandekar said, "I have been seeking information under RTI regarding various public health-related issues and on government policies and circulars from the state and central government. Due to my schedule, it is not possible for me to physically make the applications, which is why I've been opting for the online method. I have been analysing the fee variations accordingly." For a recent RTI application he filed to the state transport department, Khandekar claims he had to pay Rs 34. Khandekar had tried to seek answers from GAD earlier as well and the matter-of-fact

response he got was: "For online RTI applications in Maharashtra, payment gateway is provided by Mahaonline Pvt Limited, which charges around R5 for portal charges and service tax."

However, the Centre is not paying the SBI any such fee for its payment facility. This was revealed in a RTI response on June 17, 2017 received by medical student Mohamed Khader Meeran, which stated that the central government paid no amount whatsoever to SBI for availing the payment gateway facility. The response also stated that SBI is currently not providing its payment gateway facility to RTI portals of any state government. Khandekar questioned why the Maharashtra government picked a private payment gateway instead of SBI's free of charge facility.

News Source: <https://www.mid-day.com/articles/activist-flags-hidden-costs-for-online-rti-pleas-filed-in-state/21179154>

M1. HDFC to train 2500 VLEs under CSC in U'khand

Daily Pioneer-June 19 , 2019

The VLEs are part of Common Service Centre (CSCs), a National e-Governance plan under Ministry of *Electronics and Information Technology*. HDFC has ...

M2. US asks India not to supply American products to Huawei, says report

CNBCTV18- June 19 , 2019

The MEA has approached the Department of Telecom (DoT), Niti Aayog, Ministry of *Electronics and Information Technology*, Department of Commerce and the ...

M3. डेटा स्थानीयकरण नियमों को लेकर कंपनियों की ...

नवभारत टाइम्स- June 18 , 2019

बैठक में मौजूद कंपनियों ने रिजर्व बैंक की ओर से जारी डेटा भंडारण जरूरतों और प्रसंस्करण से जुड़े दिशानिर्देशों को ... इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स एवं सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के सचिव अजय प्रकाश साहनी ने ई - कॉमर्स कंपनियों को आश्वासन दिया है ...

M4. वीजा, मास्टरकार्ड को मिल सकती है लोकल डाटा सर्वर ...

अमर उजाला- June 18 , 2019

डेडलाइन बीत जाने के बावजूद अभी तक नियम लागू नहीं कर सकी वीजा और मास्टरकार्ड के प्रतिनिधियों ने वाणिज्य मंत्री के ... इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स एवं सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के सचिव अजय कुमार साहनी ने ई-कॉमर्स कंपनियों को आश्वासन दिया है ...

C1. Police fingerprint system gets tech boost

Times of India-- June 19 , 2019

... and registration of fingerprints, jointly developed by NEC Technologies India (NECTI) and *Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)*..

C2. Delhi Metro smart card to have automatic recharge facility by July 2019

Metro Rail News- June 18 , 2019

... just have to charge them at the counter. *CDAC* has been given a task by the urban affair ministry in order to come up with specifications for these new cards.

CS1. Public cloud revenue in India likely to grow 24% this year: Gartner

Business Standard- June 19 , 2019

Public cloud services revenue in *India* is projected to total \$2.4 billion in 2019, ... is also prompting an increase in targeted *cyber attacks* on *Indian* organisations.

CS2. What general counsels need to do to prepare for a cyber breach

Financial Express – June 19 , 2019

The data economy will further amplify the vulnerabilities of data, and expose businesses, governments and individual consumers to cyber threats.

O1. MEA seeks DoT's stand on Huawei

Gadgets Now- June 18 , 2019

MEA has sought the clarification from telecom secretary *Aruna Sundararajan* so that inputs can be “factored into the preparatory material to be sent to the PMO,” ...

O2. Airtel, Voda Idea set to challenge any DoT penalty over Pol issue

Economic Times- June 19 , 2019

Trai had previously stood by its recommendations of penalties — Rs 1,050 crore each on Airtel and Vodafone India and Rs 950 crore on Idea Cellular — after ...

O3. Fingerprint messages to ensure traceability: Government to WhatsApp

Economic Times – June 19 , 2019

India is the largest market for WhatsApp with 350-400 million people using the messaging application. The company is running a pilot for its payments business based on the [Unified Payments Interface](#) (UPI) but is yet to receive government approval for a full-fledged such business.