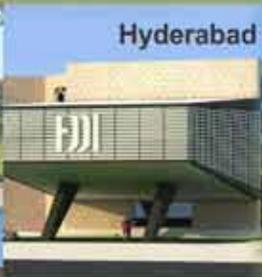




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Smart shoe with Wi-Fi, charger, display

Virgin America, Eleven Inc. and SearchnDesign in Milan, Italy have collectively created Virgin American First Class shoe.

The unique wearable is inspired by Virgin America's First Class amenities and comes with features such as



built-in Wi-Fi connectivity, moodlighting, a video display and a smartphone charger.

The company is auctioning the one and only pair on Ebay and the current bid stands at \$ 8,700 (approximately Rs. 5,80,000).

The shoes are hand crafted in Milan, Italy and are made of Italian white leather. The shoes are powered by a rechargeable battery with up to 3 hours of battery life.

The proceeds will be donated to Soles4Souls, a non-profit charity committed to fighting poverty through the distribution of shoes and clothing.



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The shoes will be delivered in a custom-made plexi glass display case along with LED lighting.

(Source: The Asian Age)

National Skill Development plan to be ready by 2017 March

Having accorded top priority to skill development, the government now aims to impart skills to around 40 crore people by 2022 for which it will formulate a national plan by March next year.



According to government sources, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship plans to activate and strengthen State Skill Development Missions and forge industry linkages with special focus on promoting apprenticeship and leveraging Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Sources said as part of its endeavour to promote skill development and take it to the grassroots, the Ministry intends to promote international linkages and collaborations.



The Ministry wants to set up multi-skill iconic training centres as model skill centres in every district of the country through soft loan support provided by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

At present, a huge gap exists between the demand and supply for skilled manpower, with industry facing a shortage even as skilled people are not getting adequate employment opportunities.

“The Ministry aims to skill around 40 crore people by 2022. It also plans to formulate a National Skill Plan by March 2017 with focus on flagship programmes and key growth areas,” said a top government official.

“As per estimates by the Ministry, there is an additional skilled manpower requirement of 12.68 crore by 2022 and going as per current trends only about 6.9 crore individuals can be trained,” sources said.

The Skill Development Ministry will also require additional thousands of crores of rupees to bridge the gap over the next few years, some of which would be provided by the Centre and the State governments.

Hon’ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi has accorded top priority to skilling and set up a separate Ministry for Skill Development

on November 9, 2014. He has entrusted the task to Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy, who earlier held the Civil Aviation portfolio.

(Source: The Statesman)

Exports up 4.62% in Sept; trade deficit at 9-mth high

After two months of consecutive decline, exports went up by 4.62 per cent to \$22.9 billion in September.

Sectors which helped the outbound shipments revive include engineering (6.51 per cent), gems and jewellery (22.42 per cent), handicrafts (23 per cent), textiles (12.62 per cent) and chemicals (6 per cent).

However, the country’s imports contracted by 2.54 per cent to \$31.22 billion, leaving a trade deficit of \$8.33 billion in the month under review. The trade gap is, however, the highest in the last nine months. It was \$11.66 billion in December 2015. In September 2015, the trade gap was \$10.16 billion.

Reacting to the data, Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) said, “If this trend continues, we can achieve \$280 billion or even more in exports in the current fiscal.”

The support given by the Government will be more visible in the exports



figure in coming months as exporters have factored them in their prices to increase competitiveness, it said in a statement.

During April-September this fiscal, exports dipped by 1.74 per cent to \$131.4 billion. Imports too contracted by 13.77 per cent to \$174.4 billion, leaving a trade deficit of \$43 billion.

Exports of petroleum goods, however, dipped 1.43 per cent to \$2.55 billion in September.

Oil imports during the month grew by 3.13 per cent to \$6.88 billion.

Non-oil imports, on the other hand, shrank by 4 per cent to \$24.33 billion.

The export sector which recorded negative growth includes rice, tobacco, cashew, leather, cotton yarn and man-made yarn.

Non-petroleum exports in September increased by 5.44 per cent to \$20.33 billion, the Commerce Ministry data showed.

It said that the growth in exports have fallen for USA, EU, China but Japan exhibited positive growth for July 2016 over the corresponding period of previous year.

Further, it said services exports in August grew by 4.74 per cent to \$13.38 billion.

The net export of services for April-August 2016-17 was estimated at \$26.9 billion,

which is lower than net export of \$28.17 billion in the same period last year, it added.

Since December 2014, exports fell for the straight 18 months till May 2016 due to weak global demand and slide in oil prices. Shipments witnessed growth only in June this year thereafter again entered into negative zone in July and August.

(Source: The Pioneer)

Women are now ditching high heels for trainers

Figures show that more women bought trainers than high heels for the first time ever this year. About 37% of UK women, who have bought shoes in the last year bought trainers, compared to 33% of those, who bought heels, according to analysts Mintel.



The figures represent a significant shift from last year, when 35% bought trainers and the remaining bought high heels.

Women aged between 35 to 44 are driving the trend away from heels, with 48% in this age group buying trainers in the past year - compared to 30% who bought heels.



Senior fashion analyst at Mintel Tamara Sender said: "For the first time ever sales of trainers have overtaken high heels. The UK sportswear market has seen strong growth in the last year and there has been a trend for consumers to integrate sports clothing into their daily wardrobes, meaning trainers have also become more popular among women, overtaking heels to become the second favourite item of footwear after flat shoes.

Athletic footwear is increasingly being used for everyday non-sporting activities showing that trainers are now more likely to be used for non-sports use.

Women aged between 35 to 44 have become the main trainer buyers proving the trend is no longer limited to younger consumers."

A shoe brand estimates that footwear sales will increase 5.4% this year to reach 10.5 billion Euros, up from 10 billion Euros last year.

(Source: Daily Mirror; The Times of India)

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2	PCP+TeCP+TCP ISO 17070:2006	5000
	Any two of above -do-	3000
	Any one of above -do-	1800
3	Cr-6 BS/EN/ ISO 17075 : 2007	1000
4	Formaldehyde ISO/TS/17226 : 2003	1000
5	pH IS 582	350
6	Moisture Content -do-	350
7	Solvent Extractable Matter -do-	1000
8	Cr2O3 Content -do-	1000
9	Ash Content -do-	350
10	Plasticizer Content SATRA CM 45	1200
11	Water Soluble Matter IS 582	500
12	Heavy Metals DIN/EN/ISO 105E04:Aug 1996	3450
13	Any one metal EN 1122 : 2002	1000
14	Lead content IS:12254	800
15	Free fatty acid content SATRA TM 346	500
16	Nickel Free DIN EN 12471	1800
17	Cr-6 after aging BS/EN/ ISO 17075 : 2007	1600
18	Bielistin test In house-	500
19	PCB Solvent Extraction/GCMS/GCECD	5000
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21	TBT+DBT+MBT ISO 17353:2004	7500
	Any two	6000
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23	Disper dyes carcin -do-	4500
24	Dioxins Solvent Extraction/GCMS/GCECD	6800
25	Furans -do-	6800
26	Pesticides Solvent Extraction/GCMS	5600
27	Solvent analysis by GCMS GCMS/HS /HS	4000
28	Phthalates Solvent Extraction/GCMS	4000
29	Chlorinated Organic Carriers -do-	5200
30	N-Nitroamines BS EN 12868	6300
31	Odour Test SNV 195651	1400
32	Chloroalkanes Solvent Extraction/GCMS	6500
33	Dimethyl Formamide -do-	2600
34	Blue colorants navy Solvent Extraction/GCMS/LCMS	9000
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