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City's highly educated youth who overspeed on career track skid into insanity

20% of the patients of the Hospital for Mental Health are erstwhile achievers; some are even doctors

Nikunj Soni, Ahmedabad

Ambition, competition and tension are driving the highly educated professionals of the city to the doors of mental asylums. If psychiatrists are to be believed, some 20% of the total inmates of the Hospital for Mental Health (HMH) are educated. And apparently a number of these patients belong to the medical fraternity

ambition overload

ahead in the rat race and lack of social and family support are just few of the factors pushing them to insanity and other disorders.

According to Dr Ajay Chauhan, senior psychiatrist and superintendent of the HMH there has been an increase in professionals seeking help for mental illness.

"Earlier we had very few cases of educated professionals seeking psychiatric help. But for the last couple of years, the number of such people coming to us has definitely gone up," said Chauhan.

The patients at HMH include seven doctors (four of them medical students), 20 engineers, a lawyer and two assistant scientists working with a reputed organisation.

He said those working in marketing and the IT sector are also reporting mental problems.

Chauhan said the main problem with such patients is that they are yet to believe that they suffer from mental illness. That feeling among patients is all too common. In fact, they hardly ever notice when their drive to succeed degenerates into dangerous obsessiveness.

"We have to treat such patients very tactfully because though they are mentally ill, they are usually unable to accept it," said Chauhan. He said at times the patients are in the advance stages of illness when they come for medical help.

"In such case we have admit them or they may end up harming themselves or their family members," said Chauhan.

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Maddening statistics

The pressure to be constantly ahead in the rat race, unbearable stress, and the lack of social and family support, are few of the factors pushing the highly educated to insanity

The patients at HMH include 3 doctors; 4 medical students; 20 engineers; a lawyer; and two assistant scientists working with a reputable organisation



Doctors say people's achievements often fall short of the goals they set for themselves to stay ahead in the race

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Anthrax may be stalking Gir lions



Jumana Shah, Ahmedabad

Gir lions have always had to watch their step to avoid poachers, but the detection of a fatal cattle disease near their preserve has the forest department hoping that the lions would watch their diet too.

Incidence of anthrax, the disease in question, has been discovered in Bagdana village of the Bhavnagar district. With cattle often falling prey to the lions, officials are worried about the disease spreading up the food chain. Though the forest department is exerting to control the disease, officials said they were helpless as far as the culinary preference of lions and leopards are concerned. Officials said a few lions were being moved to the interiors of the sanctuary to keep them away from cattle.

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England goes to races, on a high horse



A racing enthusiast is excited on the first day of Royal Ascot — held in south England — on Tuesday. The annual British race is a parade of horses, hats and high society. —AFP

A'bad loses 8 air links as plane fuel cost takes off

Airlines say that the cost of aviation turbine fuel accounts for more than 53% of their running costs Gujarat charges 30% ATF tax, the highest in the country

Sandeep Bhardwaj, Ahmedabad

The rising price of aviation fuel is likely to ground an increasing number of Amdavadi jet-setters who like to swoosh over humble trains. At least eight flights have been yanked out of the Ahmedabad airport over the past two months, putting it in the league of airports squeezed hardest by the increase in the cost of aviation turbine fuel (ATF).

The eighth air-link was lost last week when JetLite discontinued its Ahmedabad-Jaipur flight.

The Ahmedabad airport offers connections to 11 cities in India, through eight domestic airlines and an average daily flight count of 44. Therefore, the loss of eight flights will certainly disrupt air-travel plans. Towards the beginning of 2008, Ahmedabad was all set to become one of the busiest aviation hubs in India.

Losing height

A'bad has experienced a decline in the number of flights in the past few months, & passenger volume has diminished. Average load factor for many airlines has gone down by 8% to 15%



Flying away from Gujarat

In 2007, the city airport recorded a growth of 32.4% in aircraft movement and 20.8% in passenger traffic. In fact, Ahmedabad's aircraft movement growth was 25% higher than the national average. At that point, the city connected 17 cities, and transferred more than 4,800 passengers every day.

The aviation industry blames the decline on skyrocketing ATF prices and the subsequent rise in the price of tickets. Most airlines have

back on tracks!

"Ahmedabad was affected more than some of the other airports because aviation in the city had been picking up over the past two years," said an industry source. "Airlines

Scrapped flights

Jet Airways	A'bad-Delhi
JetLite	A'bad- Jaipur
Spicejet	A'bad-Goa
Spicejet	A'bad- B'lore
GoAir	A'bad-Hyd
GoAir	A'bad-Mum
Kingfisher	A'bad-Surat
Kingfisher	A'bad-Kandla

Cong may risk Left support to push nuke deal through

Arati R. Jerath, New Delhi

All indications on the eve of the ninth round of UPA-Left consultations on the Indo-US nuclear deal suggest that Wednesday's meeting will end in another stalemate. But it's not the end of the story yet.

At least two highly placed government sources told DNA that the deal can still be done in as late as September this year, provided two conditions are met. One, the UPA has to take a political call to let go of its government because the Left will almost cer-

Russia backs pact

Russian ambassador Vyacheslav I Trubnikov said on Tuesday that the nuclear deal will be good for India as well as for the world. If the deal is not signed now, it will only mean unnecessary delay.

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tainly withdraw support - as CPI(M) general secretary Prakash Karat has said repeatedly. Two, the Bush administration has to throw its full weight behind India and

rush the deal through the remaining formalities before the American presidential election timetable kicks in and the US Congress goes into recess. The sources described both as "difficult" but not "impossible". According to the Congress party's political calculations, the UPA will have to part ways with the Left before the Lok Sabha polls. September is a reasonable month to do the inevitable. The general election can be scheduled for February-March 2009, which is just a couple of months before they are due. Turn to p16

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BJP MLAs to hasten development work

Sensing early Lok Sabha polls, the state unit of BJP has gone in poll preparation mode much before the party MPs could even spell out itinerary for touring their constituencies.

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Jaiswal, Sharma top seeds

Two paddlers from Bhavnagar Jignesh Jaiswal & Sapna Sharma got the top seeding in the men's and women's section respectively for the first Open Gujarat Major Ranking Table Tennis tournament.

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A city firm has translated an open source software into state language, a first-

Gujarati made easy, for your website

Amit Arora, Ahmedabad

A group of Ahmedabad tech gurus has established an IT milestone by translating an open source software — a programme that can be edited, refined, and used free of charge — from English to Gujarati. The translation of the software, Drupal, apparently represents the first such attempt involving an Indian language.

The achievement of young IT professionals headed by Roshan Shah, of Ahmedabad-based Gloscon Solutions, has the potential to change internet usage in the state. The translation can make running sites in Gujarati easy because one would not have to download fonts, pdf or other heavy files. According to Shah, the head of Gloscon, Drupal is a content management system (CMS) which will make it possible to type content in English and have the software translate it into Gujarati.

Gujarati Drupal makes updating a website so easy that companies would not

How will software help Gui

Drupal is an open source content management system that anyone can download, refine, and use free of charge

Nike, FedEx, Sony BMG, Warner Brothers Records, & BBC are some of the companies that use Drupal Gujarati Drupal automatically translates English content

The software can make it easy to run sites in Gujarati because one would not have to download fonts or heavy pdf files

need IT professionals to carry out that task. Even junior employees can upload information, including audio and video files, Shah said. He said the Gujarati Drupal could boost state government's e-governance programmes. "When you use Drupal CMS, you can get rid of your designer and webmaster," Shah said. "One



Group that won in translation

of the best features of Drupal is its ability to handle localisation seamlessly." The software comes with a customised dictionary, making it possible to update the software's Gujarati vocabulary. According to industry experts, the local-language IT market, though still evolving, is growing at the rate of 80% (CAGR).

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