# Cooperative Banks implement differ IT-driven reforms to tackle cybersecurity concerns

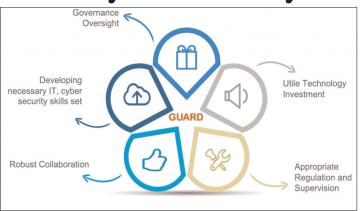
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Home Minister Amit Shah, who is also the Minister of Cooperation, today highlightdifferent initiatives taken by the Government for the modernization of Coopera-

Home Minister Shah informed Rajya Sabha in a writputerization of PACS project, all the functional PACS are brought onto an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) based Common National Software, linking them with NABARD through State Cooperative Banks (StCBs) and District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs).

"This common ERP software is provided to all the PACS in the project, across the country, to capture data on all functionalities of PACS, both credit and non-credit.

The ERP-based common national software enhances



the efficiency of PACS operations through a Common Accounting System (CAS) and Management Information System (MIS)," the Minister

He highlighted that an umbrella organization–National Urban Co-operative Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC)-- is established for urban co-operative banks to drive digitization by leveraging collective strengths, collaboration, and

innovation in the digital era.
Highlighting the steps taken, Minister Shah pointed out that NABARD has implemented a dedicated Cyber Security, IT Examination & Evaluation (CSITE) Unit since 2020 (with own and external specialists totaling 10 personnel) to them in strengthening their cyber-security posture, issued a Comprehensive Cyber Security Framework for Rural Cooperative Banks (RCBs) on 06.02.2020.

The Minister added that to address the growing concerns around cybersecurity in the cooperative banking sector, the Government has introduced a 'Comprehensive Cyber Insurance Policy' for Rural Cooperative Banks (RCBs) and Regional Rural Banks

ahead for safeguarding the crucial data of RCBs, which are vulnerable to cyber at-

The minister also added that NABARD facilitated the first-ever cyber insurance for 193 RCBs and RRBs in FY

# IndianOil and Air India Sign MoU for Supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel

Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for Inter-

poration Limited and Air . India today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the supply of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), marking a major step towards a greener future for Indian aviation. This MoU outlines the shared commitment of both Parties to promote the adoption of low-carbon fuels in aviation, support global decarbonization goals, and contribute to the transition toward more sustainable air transport operations.

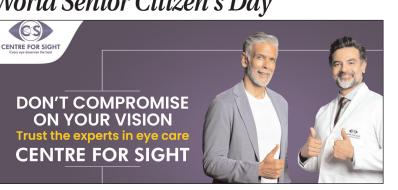
The MoU was signed by Shri Shailesh Dhar, Executive Director (Aviation), IndianOil, and Shri P. Balaji, Group Head - Governance, Regulatory, Compliance (GRC) and Corporate Af-Compliance fairs, Air India, in the presence of Shri A S Saĥney, Chairman, IndianOil and Shri Campbell Wilson, CEO, Air India. This collab-



tional sustainability and future. The Corporation lifecycle carbon emissior has become the first Indian company to receive ISCC standards. CORSIA certification for SAF production at its Panipat Refinery. The certification granted under ICAO's

A. S. Sahney, Chairman IndianOil, said "The sign ing of this MoU with Air In dia represents a strategic step in India's transition to

# Centre for Sight and Milind Soman Urge India to Prioritize Eye Health on World Senior Citizen's Day



On World Senior Citizen's Day, Centre for Sight, India's leading network of super-specialty eye hospitals, is calling attention to the urgent need for timely intervention in age-related eye diseases. With over 140 million Indians above the age of 60, nearly one in three faces visual impairment, a challenge that threatens both independence and quality of life. Globally, 80 percent of blindness is considered avoidable. Yet myths and delayed care continue to cost seniors their sight. Cataract, the leading cause of blindness in India, can now be corrected through advanced bladeless, robotic laser surgery performed as a same-day procedure. Glaucoma, often known as the "silent thief of sight," advances without early symptoms, while diabetic retinopathy and retinal diseases are

To raise awareness, Centre for Sight nas partnered with fitness icon Milind Soman, who embodies active ageing and holistic wellness. The campaign reminds families that overall health is incomplete without regular eye checkups. "Êye health defines dignity, confidence, and independence in old age said Dr. Mahipal S. Sachdev, Chairman & Medical Director, Centre for Sight Group of Eye Hospitals. "No one should accept poor vision as an inevitable part of ageing, because with today's technology and expertise, they don't have to.

robotic laser Femto-second cataract surgery now offers patients greater safety, speed, and precision. Combined with advanced intraocular lenses (IOLs), many seniors are able to regain clear vision and reduce dependence on glasses, enhancing their ability to lead active lives. Centre for Sight emphasizes that responsibility for elder care extends beyond medicines and nutrition. Regular eye check-ups can prevent blindness and preserve independence. Early signs such as blurred vision, dull colors, halos at night, or difficulty reading should never be ignored.

About Centre for Sight, Established in 1996, Centre for Sight has grown into one of India's largest networks of super-specialty eye hospitals. With over 85 centers, more than 350 doctors trained at premier institutes, and 12 lakh patients served annually, the network provides advanced, ethical, and patient-first eye care. Its specialties span cataract surgery, glaucoma, retinal diseases, cornea atric ophthalmology, oculoplasty, and eye trauma care. The guiding philosophy remains simple: Every eye de-

#### Hunar Online Courses Hosts India's Biggest Online Graduation Ceremony of 10,000+ Women stonlinegraduationceremonywith

Hunar Online Courses, a skilltech platform to empower women by helping them learn new skills and become financially independent, hosted India's biggest-ever virtual graduationceremony for 10,000+ Hunar students from 28 states across the country - a celebration to mark the skill of Indian homemakers, young girls and working women as certified!

The online graduation ceremony was witnessed by 19,000+ viewers across the nation. Audience members showed their immense support and appreciation through 6,000+ comments and 14,000+ likes. Many women even began their journey of learning with Hunar, inspired by the success of the graduating women.

On the graduation day, Hunar presented various awards, honours andoffered business start-up funds to their graduating students to fur-

#### **Mangal Electrical Industries Ltd successfully** closes Anchor Book,

receives over 2.5 times bids

Mangal Electrical Industries Limited (MEL), a rapidly growing company engaged in the processing of transformer components such as Cold-Rolled Grain Oriented (CRGO) Steel, Amorphous Materials and Integrated Circuit Breakers (ICB) as well as transformer manufacturing and providing comprehensive EPC services, has announced the successful closing of its Anchor Book. The ?120 crore anchor portion received an overwhelming response from investors and was subscribed more than 2.5 times. The Anchor Book saw participation from several marquee investors including Abakkus AIF, Sundaram AIF, Miegy Fund), LMR Partners (Societe Generale - ODI) and FinAvenue Growth Fund, among other domestic and for-



ther their futures. The event also had a special message from Actor, Entrepreneurand Fitness Influencer, Shilpa Shetty Kundra, who has also been an investorand partner of Hunar Online Courses for 3

In her message to the graduating students, she said, "Congratula-tions to each and every one of my

10,000 students who have turned their talent into a certified skill and earned nation-wide recognition. Shilpa also announced scholarships & start-up funds to Hunar's

NishthaYogesh, Founder and CEO, Hunar Online Courses said, "We never thought that one day we wouldbehostingthecountry'slargetestament of fulfilling Hunar's mission to help Indian women star their entrepreneurial journey and achieve financial independence Throughout the entirety of our students' academic journeys, our ex pert faculty and staff have support ed them to achieve their full poten tial. We will continue to help Indiar women start their entrepreneurial journey by honing their skills in a field of their interest, and all from

morethan10,000students! This is a

Fashion legend and a Hunar mentor, Neeta Lulla, also attended the event to support and to witness said, "I am amazed to see these tal ented women gain certification and recognition for their skill. As their mentor, I feel proud and privileged that I was able to help them reach this milestone of success.

#### HCLTech brings flagship TechBee Program to Indore, empowering high school graduates for careers in technology ust a few months

INDORE: HCLTech, a leading global technology company, plans to offer its Tech-Bee Early Career Program to high school graduates in Indore and give them the opportunity to build careers in the technology industry. TechBee is a transformative initiative designed for high school graduates. It offers a unique 'earn while you learn' model that blends hands-on technology training with access to higher ed-The program equips

students with industry-relevancement, laying the foundation for global careers in technology.

The program is set to introduce specialized tracks in Generative AI and Cybersecurity, developed in collaboration with premier educational institutions

These initiatives are designed to expand access to high-quality technology careers across India. TechBee graduates are

already making impactful contributions in advanced areas like AI and cloud computing, serving HCLTech's

With stipends provided early in the training journey, participants can begin supporting their families within

of joining. "TechBee is nore than a skilling initiativeit's a launchpad

ambitious youth to build meaningful careers in tech," said Subbara-Senior Vice President, HCLTech. "Strategic

partnerships with institu-tions such as BITS Pilani, IIT Guwahati, Sastra University, Amity University Online, II-IT Kottayam and IIM Sirmaur allow trainees to purand fostering financial independence. TechBee continues to serve as a

strong catalyst for inclusion attracting a diverse group of participants, including a significant number of first generation learners and women, well above industry benchmarks. The pro gram is closely aligned with state government initiatives and supports the vision of India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

HCLTech is a global technology company, home to more than 223,000 people across 60 countries, delivering industry-leading capa AI, powered by a broad portfolio of technology services and products.

## Vikram Solar's IPO Opens Amid Strong Financials and Robust Growth



New Delhi: Vikram Solar, a major player in India's renewable energy sector, has launched its highly anticipated Initial Public Offering (IPO), aiming to raise up to Rs 2,079.37 crore. The IPO comprises a fresh issue of shares worth Rs 1,500 crore and an Offer for Sale (OFS) of 1,74,50,882 equity shares by its promoters.

This move is a significant step for the company as it seeks to expand its manufacturing capacity and strengthen its market posi**IPO Issue Size Breakdown** 

The following table provides a detailed breakdown of the IPO's issue size based on its price band:

**Price Band** Fresh Issue OFS (1.74.50,882 shares) **Total Issue Size** Lower Band (@Rs 315) Rs 1,500 crore Rs 549.70 crore Rs 2,049.70 croreUpper Band (@Rs 332) Rs 1,500 crore Rs 579.37 crore Rs 2,079.37 crore

The company's public offering is structured through a book-building process. Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIBs) can be allocated a maximum of 50% of the net offer, while Non-Institutional Bidders will be allocated at least 15%, and Retail Individual Bidders at least 35%. This allocation strategy aims to ensure a broad participation from various investor categories.

The company's robust financial performance highlights its strong growth trajectory. In the fiscal year 2025, Vikram Solar's revenue from operations saw a significant increase of 36.34%, jumping from Rs 2,510.99 crore in FY2024 to Rs 3,423.45

This growth was primarily driven by a surge in module sales in the domestic market. Similarly, the company's profit after tax soared by 75.41%, from Rs 79.72 crore in Fiscal 2024 to Rs 139.83 crore in Fiscal 2025.

The IPO is managed by a consortium of reputable book-running lead managers, including JM Financial Limited, Nuvama Wealth Management Limited, and UBS Securities India Private Limited, among others. MUFG Intime India Private Limited is serving as the registrar for the issue.

### Cambridge June 2025 exam results show soaring demand for international education

As world navigates





June 2025 exam series grew by

ments in technology, manages the growing impact of climate change, and faces geopolitical shifts, more students and families in India are turning to an international education. Cambridge International Education (Cambridge) has released the results of its June 2025 exam series to over 680,000 students worldwide - a 9% increase over last year - reflecting this accelerating education trend toward global readiness. Linked to the increased number of students, the number of exam entries has risen again this June to nearly 1.7 million globally - a 7% increase on last year. In India, total entries for the students across 252 schools in the country have received their Cambridge IGCSE and O Level results There were over 21,600 exam en tries in the June 2025 series, mark ing a 7% growth compared to June 2024. The most popular subjects were First Language English Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology, reflecting strong learner interest in core academic

Câmbridge International AS & A Level results were released on 12 August to more than 5300 students in 230 schools in India, opening doors to top universities and fu

## HDFC Bank Invests in BharatGPT Creator CoRover

Mumbai: HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector bank, today announced that it has invested in-CoRover, a leading conversational AI company. CoRover has created BharatGPT -apioneering, sovereign, and enterprise-grade Large Language Model (LLM). CoRover,

which has a user base of 1 billion and is trusted by over 25,000 enterprises and developers, develops conversational AI agents, AI Assistants (VideoBot, VoiceBot, ChatBot), and Telephony AI solutions. These solutions are powered by BharatGPT, a multilingual, multimodal, and domain-adaptable

LLM built entirely in India, for India. Arup Rakshit, Group Head Treasury, HDFC Bank said, "Development of BharatGPT, whichenables exchange of information in multiple Indianlanguages for a diverse country like India, set apart CoRoverfor us. We value the expertise of CoRover, catering to the unique vernacular requirements. We are privileged to play a meaning-ful role in the IndiaAI Startups Global Accelerator

Programme through CoRover. Ankush Sabharwal, Founder & CEO of CoRover



said, "We are honoured to have the trust and support of HDFC Bank, along with other investors, as we expand the reach and impact of BharatGPT. This partnership signals a shared commitment to building AI that is sovereign, secure, inclusive, and capable of

scaling across India's most critical sectors. CoRover acknowledges the pivotal role of the Government policy push and initiatives like IndiaAI Mission, for presenting opportunities likethe IndiaAI Startups Global, a prestigious international acceleration programme in partnership with Station F, Paris and HEC Paris. CoRover's proprietary platform enables enterprises to rapidly deploy intelligent conversational AI agents across voice, video, and chat integrated with BharatGPT's deep language understanding, dialectal diversity, and contextual accuracy. The company's recent launch of BharatGPT Mini allows AI to function on low-end devices and without internet connectivity (Telephony AI), dramatically expanding accessibility in infrastructure-

limited environments.

# Make this festive season special for your pets with Amazon's Everyday Store

Bengaluru: With the festive season kicking in, pet parents are increasingly looking for ways to include their furry friends in the celebrations-whether it's dressing them up in festive outfits, indulging them with special treats, or giving them new toys. They are seeking smarter, unique and more thoughtful products to care for their furry

and feathered family members. With an expansive and thoughtfully curated selection of pet care essentials, Amazon's Everyday Essentials offerings are helping pet parents across the country discover unique, problem-solving products that address everyday challenges. Think dog sunglasses for sun protection, bird diapers for indoor hygiene, interactive feeding tools, pet raincoats for monsoon walksor even festive kurtas designed especially for dogs-explore quirky finds from top brands like Purepet, Royal Canin, Food Puppies, Vastramay,

Kennel Kitchen and more, with up to 40% off.Get these products deliveredright to your doorstep - across metros, towns, and even remote pin codes. Customers can also enjoy additional savings with Amazon Pay and Prime Members get faster delivery, making every pet purchase

smarter and more rewarding.
"We are seeing pet care evolve from a niche category to a meaningful part of household shopping, "said Nishant Raman - Director, Everyday Essentials, Amazon India. "Customers today are more intentional in the choices they make for their pets, seeking solutions that are not only functional but also tailored to everyday routines. Our 'Unique Finds' selection is helping surface products that solve very specific needs, the kind customers often don't know exist until they find them.

With the festive season coming up, we're focused on making relevant products easier to discover while continuing to offer the value trust and convenience our cus tomers expect.

So, whether you're solving for a real need or simply looking to treat your pet to something new, below is range of finds that make everyday pet care easier, safer, and a lot more

fun - all available on Amazon.in. About Amazon.in, The Amazon.in marketplace is operated by Amazon Seller Services Private Ltd, an affiliate of Amazon.com, Inc. (NASDAQ: AMZN).

Amazon.in seeks to build the most customer-centric online destination for customers to find and discover virtually anything they want to buy online by giving them

more of what they want - vast selection, low prices, fast and reliable delivery, and a trusted and convenient experience; and provide sellers with a world-class e-commerce













